

ASSOCIATED STUDENTS FINANCE BOARD MINUTES

November 24th , 2008

Flying A Room

University Center

4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Sarah Dasko
Dan Plotkin
Tina Samson
Pratish Patel
David Preciado
Bee Sliff
Gloria Schindler
Hassan Naveed
Paige Blatt
Jackie Lee
Desi Fairly
Serena Wang
Donald Byers
Darshan Grover
Steven Wolfson
Josue Aparicio
Stephanie Fitch
Kelsey Fisher

Absent: none.

Advisor: Brian O'Donnell

ACCEPTANCE OF EXCUSED ABSENCES AND TARDIES:

Sarah: Jamie Silverstein for Bee, Cindy Lopez to leave at 4:50, Hassan late,
Desi has to be gone 5:15-6:15

MC Motion to excuse absences and people being tardy and proxies (Dan)(Stephanie)
MCC Motion passed by consent

(Hassan recognized at 4:05)

(Josue recognized at 4:52)

(Gabriela Murillo- proxy for Kevin Higuchi, 5:00)

ACCEPTANCE OF PROXIES:

Done.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Sarah: Would like to welcome Kelsey Fisher, our new FB member.

Cindy: I'm Cindy Lopez, and I'll be filling in for Aaron Jones as an advisor for FB.

Desi: This is Paige's last meeting for the year, she's going abroad for the next two quarters. I guess we should clap.

PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

ADVISOR'S REPORT:

Cindy: Something that FB should consider, AS Recycling will do recycling at any event free of charge, should put that as part of the FB workshop.

Brian: Just a reminder, the upstairs of the AS Main Office will be recarpeted during winter break, all the drawers and desks need to be moved out, boxes will be provided for that. Would like to add to the agenda that the AS Web development team doesn't know if the dollar sign is the official FB logo, so you should vote on that today.

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:

Sarah: Would like to add under new business items 4-8, which includes Students for Educational Equality, Law and Society Journal, Alpha Phi Alpha, Student Veterans @ UCSB, AS President, Sigma Chi Omega, and under action items, the recognition of an official FB logo.

MC Motion to amend the agenda as stated above (Tina)(Gloria)

MCC Motion passed by consent

MC Motion to accept the agenda as amended (Pratish)(Paige)

MCC Motion passed by consent

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

MC Motion to accept the Finance Board minutes from November 17th, 2008
(Pratish)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. AS Recycling- \$3,283.60- Sarah

Tina: I'm outreach coordinator for AS Recycling, we provide free recycling services.

We're having a huge event next quarter, Recyclemania, which is a recycling competition against all of the universities in the nation. Our mission is to try to cut waste on campus

by reducing, reusing, and recycling. The money we're requesting will be for awareness. Competition will be from January 18 to March 28, 2009, where the amount of waste and recycling will be measured everyday, and a ratio of waste and recycling done by each person will be created, and at the end of the contest the school with the lowest ratio will win. We're asking for money because right now the rest of our budget has been allocated to a new full time staff member, the renting of a trailer for our office, and we have 26 employees. The money will go towards informational meetings for those who want to work on posters and those who are interested in the committee, also Nexus ads are vital for getting this publicized, and we also want to work on getting aluminum water bottles created.

2. AS Qcomm- \$15,000.00- Sarah

Harold: I'm part of the Western Regional planning committee, Qcomm has already allocated all of their money as of last year's budget planning. We're hosting the 19th annual Western Regionals conference, the theme will be "Cultivating from the roots up: Learn it, live it, love it". The total expenses for this will be \$68,200, which is the smallest estimate for putting this on. We've already gotten some money from income from Qcomm, Chancellor Yang, \$875 from TBTN, \$300 from different departments on campus, KCSB might be funding the speakers and performers, and about a third will be paid for by student registration fees. We're asking for \$10,000 for programming (performances, etc) and \$5,000 for logistics (rooms, media, security for events). Our goal is to educate all communities so that they can be empowered, and to address the issues involved in the hate crimes in IV and prevent more in the future.

3. Gaucho Cinema-\$340.00- Dan

Jeff: Thank you for funding our event yesterday. We're requesting money for a screening of Humboldt County, which hasn't been shown in Santa Barbara yet. Will be on December 5, at both 7 and 10pm. The screening part is already taken care of with Magic Lantern funding, and we have IV Theater booked, it's just we need money for the directors, who are coming down to discuss the film, and we're requesting money to pay for their travel, hotel, food and fee. We expect about 200 people to show up.

4. Students for Educational Equality- \$45.00- Desi

Speaker: We're requesting our \$250 start up funds to pay for a DVD.

Sarah: There's been some miscommunication. You don't have to present for your \$250 start up fee, just contact me and I'll make sure that you're actually registered.

5. Law and Society Journal- \$1850.00- David

Speaker: We're in our 8th year of publication, we're an undergrad law journal, we take submissions from everyone on campus, from lots of different majors. This year we've already asked for money from the SB Bar Foundation, and our paper prices are covered, and we've also gotten donations from law firms and local businesses, but we're looking to expand. We're planning major events in January off campus. We're asking for advertising and publication costs for our publication, in the amount of \$1,850.00. I think that we're a good chance for all undergrads to get published and read at UCSB.

6. Alpha Phi Alpha- \$1448.65- Tina

Speaker: Last spring we put on a fundraiser for the Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington, but at the end of the year UCPD was tardy in drawing out money, and since our AS account had been put to zero as it was supposed to be, our OSL account was charged over the summer with the amount of \$1448.65. We were not notified, and I only noticed a few weeks ago. We're asking for a retroactive request, will be our one time exception.

7. Student Veterans at UCSB- \$108.00- Desi

Speaker: Our OSL account was charged, it was supposed to be taken out of the \$250 start up fund for last year, but it was debited out of our OSL account during the summer and we have a negative amount. We'd like to do another Ask a Vet event again this year, but we can't if we just take the \$108 out of our startup fund for this year. The \$108 was for a room rental, the media equipment, tables and chairs. We had about 75 people attend, we expect more this year. We would like to use our one time exception for a retroactive request.

8. AS President- \$5,529.46- Sarah

JP: I would like to initiate the campaign to fight the tax with these publications, which will be the first drop in what will be a big bucket. Part of the allocation will come from the Leg Council group project money, but for these preliminary expenditures I'd ask FB to fund it, and our Exec budget will be funding stuff later.

Darshan: How much do you have left in the AS Presidential budget?

JP: About \$6,000.

Darshan: Are any other Executive members chipping in as well?

JP: This is the first thing that we'd like to do. There will be a lot of stuff to do later. How often I come back to FB for money depends on what gets funding.

Hassan: Do you know where each student lives?

JP: We have the address of every student, and we'll be sending out the 18,000 to local students.

David: Have other groups been contacted for their help, because this issue affects so many, and we've only been fighting internally up to this point.

JP: For influence on the Coordinating committee on budget strategy, we need to show that we have a wide support, and now we're trying to work on getting to BCC and OSL groups.

David: You could save money for reaching the freshman by just stuffing all the PO boxes on campus.

Hassan: The effectiveness of postcards in IV might not work- they could go to the permanent residents, same with door hangers. How will you make sure these publications aren't wasted?

JP: You can get a lot of students' residences by just flyering up and down DP.

Speaker: I'm here representing Sigma Chi Omega, our organizing members turned in our request last week but it's not on the agenda tonight. We ask that we're put on the agenda because we have an event next Friday, and need to present to you all tonight.

MC Motion to suspend the orders of the day and go to the acceptance of the agenda (Dan)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to add Sigma Chi Omega project as New business item 9 (Pratish)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to reinstate the orders of the day (Pratish)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

9. Sigma Chi Omega

Speaker: We have an annual community service project, Project Santa, we have a member dressed up like Santa Claus, we create a holiday atmosphere for low income students, which includes gifts, gift wrapping, games and crafts.

Tina: What is preparation?

Speaker: That's cooking, gingerbread cookies, getting everything together, would include both food and supplies. It's only a rough estimate, with \$575 for gift wrapping and gifts for the kids.

Tina: We can't fund more than \$500 worth of food, and we can't fund gifts. Do you have a detailed breakdown of your budget?

Dan: What are the shirts for?

Speaker: We'd like to buy 50 shirts at \$10 each for members to wear on Black Friday in front of toy stores to ask for toy donations for gifts for the event. They haven't been ordered yet.

Tina: How did you fund this event in previous years?

Speaker: In the past members would buy their own shirts and presents, costs for the food and preparation would be split among the organizations, but we don't have any money.

MC Motion to hold a 5 minute break (Hassan)(Gloria)

MCC Motion passed by consent (recess at 5:02)

Meeting reconvened at 5:07

Administrative Assistant does role call- all present.

ALLOCATIONS:

1. AS Recycling

MC Motion to fund in full (David)(Hassan)

MCC Motion passed by consent

2. AS Qcomm

MC Motion to allocate in full from winter budget (Dan)(Hassan)

Darshan: This event is great, but we do need to look at the policy that if a BCC can come to us for more money than any other student group can request, that's giving them a precedence on the campus.

Hassan: Each BCC acts as an umbrella for a few of the same type of student organizations. I know Qcomm has 2 or 3 orgs associated with it.

MCC Motion passed by consent

3. Gaucho Cinema

MC Motion to allocate \$340 with the stipulation that they include travel into the contract (Pratish)(Gloria)

MCC Motion passed by consent

4. Students for Educational Equality

Sarah: There was just a miscommunication, I'll get them their \$250 start up fee.

5. Law and Society Journal

MC Motion to allocate \$1850 (Dan)(David)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

6. Alpha Phi Alpha

MC Motion to use one time exception to fund a retroactive request, on the basis that their account was exhausted before their received their bill for the CSO and UCPD

(Dan)(Stephanie)

Objection to consent

Hassan: I would like to point out that this wasn't their fault, and there are getting punished by having to use their exception for the year.

Paige: I don't agree, a one time exception is a privilege, not a reward, we're not supposed to encourage people to use it.

Dan: Agreed. We make the decision when we want to violate our bylaws.

Michael: You can't fund this request without their one time exception, if you don't I can guarantee it'll go to Judicial Council and be overturned.

Sarah: They are comfortable with using their one time exception, and they know what it is.

MCC Motion passed by consent.

7. Student Veterans

MC Motion to grant one time exception to fund a retroactive request, on the same basis as Alpha Phi Alpha (Pratish)(Paige)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

MC Motion to table the allocation for the President until the end of allocations, to make sure there is enough money in fall quarter (Paige)(Darshan)

MCC Motion passed by consent.

9. Sigma Chi Omega

MC Motion to allocate \$161.50, without gifts for bingo, toys or shirts, including 38.50 for any extra art supplies they need, for total of \$200(Paige)(Dan)

MCC Motion passed by consent

8. AS President

David: This is our biggest issue of the year, and there has been no outreach to student groups which is important, like Student Lobby has so much money devoted only to lobbying for issues. I feel uncomfortable with funding this, especially since they can just

stuff the on campus PO boxes themselves and not have to pay for mailing.

Dan: I'm frustrated with the process, but I'm hesitant that if we don't fund this their beginning efforts will be dashed.

MC Motion to allocate in full (Dan)(Paige)

Paige: Agreed, our money will be needed for more important things in this campaign later.

Jackie: Agree with David, inundating with paper isn't going to do the job, there hasn't been any outreach by JP to us or other student groups.

Darshan: I don't think local mailing is going to be effective, I would like these postcards sent to permanent addresses, so parents are alerted.

MC Motion to amend to make total funding \$1920.26, withdrawing the mailing fee of \$3609 (Darshan)(Hassan)

Dan: That is not friendly.

Vote to make amendment by Darshan fails (10-7-0)

Motion standing- allocate in full

Objection to call to question

Hassan: I would like to add my stipulation, that BCCs and other organizations must be involved in this process.

Dan: That is friendly.

Pratish: If this doesn't pass, I'm afraid it will show that we're not supporting getting the student body engaged in this tax issue.

Darshan objects to consent

Vote to vote fails (10-6-0)

Darshan: I don't like the idea that the Executive officers haven't exhausted their budget yet- if this issue was such an urgent matter, they should use up their budget first.

Jamie: I'm worried that on their publications there's no diversity- all flyers will say the same thing.

Dan: We could just send out a university wide email, would be cheaper.

MC Motion to amend to allocate \$1020.07 (Pratish)(Tina)

Dan: That is unfriendly.

Dan objects to call to question

Vote to Vote passes (13-4-1)

Dan objects to consent

MCC Motion to allocate \$1,920.47 passed by vote (13-4-0)

Tina: What account is this money going to?

Brian: We'll create a President's special projects category and put the money there, watch where it's spent.

ACTION ITEMS:

MC Motion to approve the dollar bill with Washington in a Gaucho hat for the FB logo (Dan)(Paige)

MCC Motion passed by consent

Sarah: We should decide on whether we want printing vs. digital agendas for next quarter.

Pratish: Where does money for paper come from?

Sarah: Comes from the main office, we pay for it.

BOARD/COMMITTEE REPORTS:

David: The Students of Color Conference, this weekend, went really well.

CHAIR REPORT:

Sarah: I will send the Excel spreadsheet for the end of the quarter. For the fact of security in our office, these were left in the FB office, copies of someone's checks. Do you have any idea what identity theft is? Be very careful about what you leave in the AS Main Office. There's definitely a problem- three student groups that I didn't get funding request for that turned them in- turn them in to me, I don't pick them up in Dan's box, get them to me or they aren't going to the agenda. Happy note, have nice winter break, first meeting of the quarter Jan 5th meeting. Here are the office hours for next quarter for me.

VICE CHAIR REPORT:

Dan: I'm proud of all of all of you like a parent is proud of his children, you are the best of the best and very replaceable. Good luck Paige.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT'S REPORT:

None.

ENDING REMARKS:

Paige: Will miss you all, hope your meetings are much shorter without me, proxy coming in, will be here in first meeting of Winter quarter since I'm not leaving until second week, will come back in May.

Sarah: I'm working this week at Q's, you can get in free, no cover.

Brian: Everyone did a great job this quarter, you worked efficiently, with only 6 one time exceptions and you didn't even use up all of your funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

MC Motion to adjourn (Dan)(Gloria)

MCC Motion passes by consent

The meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.