## Global Gaucho Commission MinutesASsquare_logo.tif

## Associated Students

DATE: April 3rd, 2020

LOCATION: Minutes/Actions recorded by: Sicheng Wang

**CALL TO ORDER:** 17:00 by Charles K Neumann, IC

**A. MEETING BUSINESS**

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Name** | **Note:**  | **Name** | **Note:** |
| Hanrui Feng  | Present | Daniel Gao |  |
| Feiyang He |  | Ailin Huang |  |
| Vivian Lee |  | Wenjing Li |  |
| Harry Liu | Present | Eric Moon |  |
| Charles K. Neumann  | Present | Tiffany Tang  | Present |
| Hongyou Wang  | Present | Sicheng Wang  | Present |
| Zhuoyun Wang  |  | Chryss Yost | Present |
| Cecilia Zhang  | Present | Zuowei Zhang  |  |

1. **Acceptance of Excused Absences**
2. **Acceptance of Proxies**
3. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**
4. **Discussion Topic**

Recruitment and Retention

 Effective advertisement and circulation of the application form

 i.e. promoting the organization

 (Harry) The past accomplishments of the organization should be advertised;

 (Hanrui) May be done through social media posts

 (Tiffany) Members should reach out to potential candidates;

 (Chryss) OISS can help to promote, including distributing the application form;

 Timetable for officer selection

 Application should be distributed early;

Deadline should allow review and decision making before week 8 when all; officers need to be re-appointed (consider week 5-6);

 Fellows may state the interested positions and be interviewed otherwise

Election Awareness

 Voting rule under current situation

 Validation threshold for amendment/initiative/re-affirmation remains 20%

 Ensure that international students are well-informed as they vote

 i.e. knowing what they are voting on

 (Hanrui) We should inform the student body that the election will take place;

Hence to inform the ways to reach out

(Tiffany) Possibilities of having candidates introduce themselves to international students, and direct international students’ questions to the candidates?

(Charles) need to verify with AS Election Board on how this may be achieved; likely candidates can only reach out on their own

Create a doc on what need to be communicated in coming days

 Setting up a online Q&A forum

 Possibly distribute via student aroups

 Effect of remote instruction on the rate of participation

(Chryss) Current state of international student body, according to OISS survey

 ~60% remains in SB/IV

 ~15% elsewhere in US

 Rest are overseas

 Question: How can we ensure that people feel connected to the campus as they are away?

We should advocate for students currently out of US, especially regarding timezone issue - while recognizing the faculty is also adjusting to the situation and may not have realized the hardships of international students

(Charles) We should also consider possibility of delay in lifting of travel restriction

To make accomodation via urging providing Zoom, recorded lectures, or alternative session

 Advocation may be achieved through an open letter to the faculty

How to Spend the Money We Have

 $3\*10^4 unused as of now

 Consider:

Donate to medical responders, e.g. as PPE

Used for encouragement when we ask people to share their feelings/ photos under the situation

Make items stating “I’m in ….(elsewhere), but I’m still a Gaucho”

 Alternative ideas:

 (Tiffany)Participate to win merchandise in fall

 (Helen) Filming/photo with items that has the meaning of UCSB

 (Eric) This may support local businesses under this situation

(Tiffany) Singing in

1. **REMARKS**

(Eric) Everyone stay safe!

1. **ADJOURNMENT**

***MOTION/SECOND****: Harry Liu/ Eric Moon*

***Motion Language:*** *Motion to adjourn*

***ACTION****: Vote: 10:0 to CONSENT*