



### **Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009  
6:00pm  
Old Main Conference Room  
University of Arizona

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Meeting called to order at 6:13 pm by Chair Brad Busse
- II. Roll call and welcome of guests
  - a. Northern
    - i. Kathleen Templin - present
    - ii. Christian Kolesar – on the phone
    - iii. Lauren Talkington- present
    - iv. Tony Pena – on the phone
    - v. Troy Campbell – not present
    - vi. Brad Busse – present
  - b. Central
    - i. Tania Mendes – present
    - ii. Christina Rocks – present
    - iii. Matt McCoy – present
    - iv. Larry Jones – not present
    - v. Justin Boren – not present
    - vi. Kelley Stewart – present
    - vii. Brendan O’Kelly – on the phone
    - viii. Ben Henderson – present
    - ix. Rudi O’Keefe-Zelman – on the phone
    - x. Andrew Clark – on the phone
    - xi. Daniel Hatch – present
  - c. Southern
    - i. Chris Nagata – present
    - ii. Elma Delic – present
    - iii. Nicole Pasteur – present
    - iv. Billy Holmes – present
    - v. Bryan Korth – present
  - d. Guests
    - i. Daniel Hernandez – ASA Fellow

- ii. Abby Wischnia – ASA Fellow
  - iii. Beth Wischnia – Associated Students of ASU Downtown Vice President
  - iv. Christian Vasquez – United States Student Association
- III. Call to the Audience
- IV. Approval of Agenda
  - a. A vote to approve the agenda for the current meeting.
  - b. Elma Delic moves to approve the agenda.
  - c. Matt McCoy seconds
  - d. No Discussion
  - e. Motion passes
- V. Approval of the October 30<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes
  - a. A vote to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2009 meeting.
  - b. Elma Delic moves to approve the October 30<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.
  - c. Billy Holmes seconds
  - d. No discussion
  - e. Motion passes
- VI. Officer Reports
  - a. Chair
    - i. Have been working on the executive director hiring process this past month, which will be discussed further in the agenda. Will be moving forward on other agenda items.
  - b. Vice Chair
    - i. Have been working with the Alumni Advisory Council and setting up their meeting and lunch, which will be Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us or call in. It's really important to come and hear from our alumni.
  - c. Secretary
    - i. Have been working on the communications plan. The discussion of the communications director has been pushed to the backburner until the executive director hiring has been complete. Working to ensure the website is updated and our meeting minutes are posted in a timely manner.
  - d. Treasurer
    - i. The audit for fiscal year 2009 went well. We should see the official report in early 2010. The audit for the next year has been scheduled for early August, so right as the fiscal year closes which should make our audit happening in a timely manner.
- VII. Campus, student regent, and staff reports
  - a. Campus
    - i. NAU
      - 1. Have been working on the Associated Students at NAU fee. We sent out an initial survey to the student body that 2,000 students took. We can go back and use that student input to craft the fee and bring it forwards. There have also been a lot of interviews for our Senate.
    - ii. ASU Downtown

1. Have been working on the textbook campaign. The Senate passed a resolution supporting affordable textbooks. Have also been working with the Council of Presidents on the facilities fee.
- iii. GPSA
1. We elected a new president of the assembly, Ryan Polansky. Are negotiating the facilities fee, there is no clear support of the fee. There was also a survey sent out to graduate students regarding firearms on campus and the vast majority is not in favor and we are seeing where we go to next with this.
- iv. Polytechnic
1. We have been working on the textbook campaign. This has been the most successful year so far. Pleased with the intern involvement in student government. Will be working on planning for the spring semester.
- v. Undergraduate Student Government
1. There was an open forum with President Crow yesterday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Have also been working on the textbook campaigns and the facilities fee. Working on new programming such as making laptops available for students on a per semester basis.
- vi. West
1. Working on the facilities fee and fee distribution. We are considering buying a textbook press like the UA has. Had a successful meeting with Robyn on campus and are looking to have 50 professors sign pledges to help keep the costs of textbooks down.
- vii. U of A
1. Interns have been working really hard and getting letters of commitment from professors to have textbooks for two years to participate in the rental program. Our Get InTuition event went well to celebrate and plan for next semester. Proud of the student regent selection process. Fray concert a success and getting ready for next year's elections. Got to talk with new president of UA south. Looking forward to getting him involved.
- viii. Student Regents
1. NA
- ix. Staff
1. The audit went very smooth they were in for a day and a half. Pleased with new procedures and policies. Continue to implement any recommendations. Audit scheduled. After consulting with Ben, sent a memo and a copy of our FY08 audit to ABOR.
  2. We have 912 followers on Twitter (need 1000 by the end of the month to hit our goal). Facebook 967 fans on Facebook, and we have surpassed our goal of 500 fans on it. Website continues to be a work in progress and continue to improve. There has been a lot of positive feedback from people on the site.

3. The governor's office was pleased with how smooth the student regent selection process was.
- x. USSA report by Christian Vasquez
  1. Teresa organized a DREAM week of action with help from myself and Mamie.
  2. Have organized showings of the documentary "Underground Undergrads" approximately 200 students were able to see it and have a discussion. There were interest cards and tabling taking place. It contributed to the already positive image ASA has in USSA.
  3. Have been looking at Staff contracts and also working with Tommy Le from UC Santa Cruz to organize Leg Con.
  4. Have been organizing the state student association summit that happens the day before Leg Con. I have been working on the agenda for that so if there's anything you want on it or any questions about the report please let me know.  
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## VIII. Committee Reports

### a. Standing Committees

#### i. Executive

1. We have had a lot of conversations regarding the executive director process as well as many other issues to be discussed further on in the agenda.

#### ii. Finance

1. The issue campaign distribution process has been used for the first time, which is very exciting.

#### iii. Internal Affairs

1. We have been working on the hiring process which will be brought up later.

#### iv. Legislative Affairs

1. There are three different bills to push forward.
2. We have confirmation that the legislator who previously championed work study is supportive again. This is something that truly benefits students and had some support. Athena Salman is working on the issue overview and working the legislator's office before session.
3. Vote - outlines partnership between polling stations and voter registration, and work with the board of regents on introducing it. Daniel Hernandez is in charge of coordinating that. In the drafting phase.
4. Common course numbering - ensures that the core curriculum classes are numbered the same to ensure transferability. Need students who have had a problem with this: such as students who

haven't had a class transfer or have had to take an additional class.  
We need at least one or two examples.

5. Fellows have been awesome with all the work they are doing.

- b. Ad-hoc Committees
    - i. Textbooks
      - 1. Ken wasn't able to attend the meeting – more ways to engage the faculty. UA had the Faculty Senate endorse the work we are doing. People are getting more into the rental programs on campuses. We have been approached about getting in the national Make Textbooks Affordable campaign again, which will be discussed at a later time.
    - ii. DREAM Act
      - 1. No update at this time
    - iii. Shared Governance
      - 1. No update at this time
    - iv. Ballot Feasibility
      - 1. There have been a lot of productive meetings that have taken place.
    - v. Graduate Student Workgroup
      - 1. No update at this time
- IX. Executive Session
- a. Chris Nagata moves to proceed into executive session.
  - b. Matt McCoy seconds
  - c. Motion passes to proceed into executive session.
- X. New Business
- a. Motion to move into new business
    - i. Christina Rocks moves to move into New Business and add the hiring process on the agenda.
    - ii. Tania Mendes seconds.
    - iii. Motion passes to move into New Business and add the hiring process on the agenda.
  - b. Hiring process
    - i. Chris Nagata moves to hire Robyn Nebrich as the interim executive director on December 18, 2009. In January, we will convene to establish a hiring process to last until April 30, 2010 so that the new executive director will be transitioned in during the month of May. The salary of the interim executive director is to be the base salary of the position of Executive Director. By January 1, 2010, Robyn is to appoint/hire an interim Organizing Director, which will have the base salary for the position of Organizing Director. Serena and Robyn will prepare the transition documents for the transition.
    - ii. Christina Rocks Seconds
    - iii. Discussion

1. We will have to talk with the original applicants and let them know we have reopened the process.
  2. Kelley Stewart – we should let them know with a letter and have a plan before beginning anything.
  3. Motion passes to hire Robyn Nebrich as interim executive director on December 18<sup>th</sup>.
- c. Motion to add holiday bonuses on the agenda
- i. Lauren Talkington moves to include the holiday bonuses for staff onto the agenda in new business.
  - ii. Elma Delic seconds.
  - iii. Motion approved to add holiday bonuses on the agenda.
- d. Holiday Bonuses
- i. Kelley Stewart moves to approve the holiday bonuses for 3% of the employee's current salary for those employees who have been with the organization for at least a year and here when they are distributed.
  - ii. Chris Nagata seconds.
  - iii. Motion passes to approve a holiday bonus of 3% of the employees annual salary for those with the organization at least a year.
  - iv. Lauren Talkington moves to approve the holiday bonuses of 1.5% of the employee's current salary for those employees who have been with the organization for less than a year and here when they are distributed.
  - v. Tania Mendes seconds.
  - vi. Motion passes to approve the holiday bonuses of 1.5% of the employee's current salary for those employees with the organization less than a year.
  - vii. Lauren Talkington moves that any holiday bonuses go out at the earliest possible date depending on the payroll company.
  - viii. Christina Rocks seconds.
  - ix. Motion passes to have the holiday bonuses go out at the earliest possible date depending on the payroll company.
  - x. Kelley Stewart moves for the Internal Affairs committee to clarify the policy in writing (email) by January 15, 2010 the policy for holiday bonuses.
  - xi. Chris Nagata seconds
  - xii. Motion passes to for the Internal Affairs Committee to clarify the policy for holiday bonuses by January 15, 2010.

XI. Discussion Items

- a. Motion to move into discussion items
  - i. Daniel Hatch moves to move into discussion items.
  - ii. Kathleen Templin seconds.
  - iii. Motion passes

iv. Southwest Student Leadership Conference

1. The committee has debriefed the conference and has these three questions for the board to consider:
  - a. Realistically speaking, is the annual Southwest Student Leadership Conference a goal for ASA?
  - b. Should planning for the conference begin to take place in spring?
  - c. How can you we clearly delineate roles between those of the host campus, the committee, and the board of directors?
2. Discussion
  - a. Kelley Stewart—the conference is a priority.
  - b. Matt McCoy-- went very well this year, the open spaces went very well; the interns got a lot out of it. Helping bring in new leaders is a definite priority of the organization.
  - c. Brad Busse-- students need a place where we can come to receive trainings to be better leaders, organizers and create social change on campus. This is why the SWSLC was created, and still should be a 100% priority for ASA. We are getting our name out there; we're running issues, showcasing state. I do think the planning should start sooner. It's unrealistic to ask for out of state unless you start earlier. We should have bid proposals at the Jan meeting. If the campus knows earlier it'll better the conference. There is a lot of room to grow.
  - d. Matt McCoy-- echo that we should start forming the committee and organizing early.
  - e. Elma Delic—we should ensure that there is a really good transition for the new board.
3. Chris Nagata moves that bids be delivered to the executive committee and the board awards a bid at our January meeting and pending that, we should appoint
4. Daniel Hatch seconds.
5. Motion passes that bids be delivered to the executive committee and the board will award a bid at our January meeting.

XII. New Business

- a. Motion to move into new business
  - i. Matt McCoy moves into new business
  - ii. Daniel Hatch seconds
  - iii. Motion passes
- b. Tuition Committee
  - i. Point of information: it's just a discussion and beginning to have the conversation. Gives us the opportunity to start to have conversations on where we want to go. The workgroup was set up to suggest policy.
  - ii. Chris Nagata: There were two student proposals that asked to define affordability and use it as a price ceiling that would be the high point of

tuition. The second is to establish what amount of debt is appropriate to come out of college with.

- iii. Redefine financial aid to exclude jobs and loans. Gift aid is more accurate in determining aid.
- iv. Proposal from the UA: to adjust the college of medicine's tuition
  - v. ASU: to price tuition for students who take 100% online class and price it at 65% of the tuition.
- vi. Additional proposal by ABOR: determine if there's a funding gap between tuition and aid, based on the 2020 model. What the affordability measure and how do you adjust to fill in that gap?
- vii. This then goes to the council of presidents and then ABOR in March maybe.
- viii. We pushed to have graduate data exposed. Currently, there is very little being done to show whether grad students can afford the market level in tuition.
- ix. Predictability: limited conversation regarding it.
  - x. Thank you for the members who served and for all your hard work.
  - xi. Recommend for the tuition conversation to continue Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> and will have teleconference.

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment

- a. Lauren Talkington moves to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Matt McCoy seconds.
- c. Motion passes to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 pm, Wednesday December 2, 2009.