



Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting

Friday, April 30th, 2010

Arizona Students' Association Central Office

99 E. Virginia Ave. Phoenix, 85004

I. Call to order at 1:13 pm by Chair Elma Delic

II. Roll call and welcome of guests

- a. Northern
 - i. Kathleen Templin – present via teleconference
 - ii. Christian Kolesar – present
 - iii. Tony Pena – present
 - iv. Lauren Talkington – present
 - v. Troy Campbell – present
- b. Central
 - i. Tania Mendes – absent, no proxy given
 - ii. Matt McCoy – present
 - iii. Larry Jones – present
 - iv. Justin Boren – absent, no proxy given
 - v. Kelley Stewart – present via teleconference
 - vi. Brendan O'Kelly – absent, proxy to Ben Henderson
 - vii. Rudi O'Keefe-Zelman – present
 - viii. Ben Henderson – present
 - ix. Andrew Clark - absent, no proxy given
 - x. Daniel Hatch, absent, no proxy given
- c. Southern
 - i. Chris Nagata – present via teleconference
 - ii. Nicole Pasteur – present via teleconference
 - iii. Billy Holmes – present
 - iv. Steve Otero – present
 - v. David Lopez-Negrete – absent, proxy to Elma Delic
 - vi. Andres Gabaldón – present
 - vii. Holly Haygens – present
- d. Chair
 - i. Elma Delic – present
- e. Regents
 - i. Ross Meyer – not present
 - ii. Jennifer Ginther – not present

- f. Staff
 - i. Robyn Nebrich, Interim Executive Director – present
 - ii. Erin Hertzog, Government Affairs Director – present
 - iii. Alicia Cybulski, Office Manager – present
- g. Guests
 - i. Chase Hunt – ASNAU President Elect
 - ii. Amanda Ballard – ASNAU Vice President of Student Affairs elect
 - iii. Blaise Caudill – NAU ASA Director for 2010-2011
 - iv. Kate Murphy – NAU ASA Director for 2010-2011
 - v. Josh Tucker – ASU West ASA Director for 2010-2011
 - vi. Christian Vasquez – ASASUD President Elect
 - vii. Abby Wischnia – ASU Downtown ASA Director for 2010-2011
 - viii. Beth Wischnia – ASASUD Director of Public Relations
 - ix. Conrad Ottey - GPSA Vice-President of External Affairs Elect
 - x. Daniel Hernandez – Co-Chair of ASA’s Yes on 100 Committee

III. Call to the Audience

No one wished to address the Board during call to the audience.

IV. Approval of agenda

- a. Elma Delic moves to approve the agenda with the addition of “Yes on 100 committee report” under ad-hoc committee reports.
- b. Tony Pena seconds
- c. Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions
- d. The agenda is approved

V. Approval of the March 10, 2010 minutes

- a. Motion to approve the minutes from the March 10th 2010 meeting at the University of Arizona
- b. Christian Kolesar moves to approve the minutes from the March 10th 2010 meeting
- c. Matt McCoy seconds
- d. Motion passes unanimously, no abstentions
- e. The minutes from the March 10, 2010 meeting are approved

VI. Officer reports

- a. Chair
 - i. We secured an early polling place at the UA for the Prop. 100 special election.
 - ii. We have been busy with the Proposition 100 campaign
 - iii. I had my first meeting with the committee for the Lumina Grant, which was more of an informative meeting.
 - iv. I also sit on the Expect More Arizona advisory committee which launched its “Vote 4 Education” campaign to help elect people who prioritize education.
- b. Vice Chair

- i. There was an alumni advisory council meeting for policy, and it was really productive. The conversations ranged from proposition 100, to relationships with the regents, to legislative policy.
 - c. Secretary
 - i. I have been taking minutes, and wanted to mention that we have great interns from NAU whom are joining the board next year.
 - d. Treasurer
 - i. Have been working on the budget which will be discussed in New Business

VII. Campus, Student Regent and Staff reports

- a. Northern
 - i. NAU
 - 1. Deciding how to deal with the ASNAU fee. Getting ready for Chase Hunt to take over. Currently in reading week, so it's hard to organize too much on campus.
- b. Central
 - i. Downtown
 - 1. Elections have been finalized as well as appointments of officers
 - ii. Polytechnic
 - 1. Concentrating on Proposition 100. We worked with RHA on a successful event.
 - 2. We had 80 people fill out a vote by mail request
 - iii. Tempe
 - 1. 250 people used the on campus polling place as of Thursday, which is almost triple the numbers as the public library.
 - 2. Transitioning the new board members.
 - iv. West – no report given
 - v. GPSA – no report given
- c. Southern
 - i. UA
 - 1. Last night, we had the ASUA banquet where we recognized Sean Assad as the intern of the year.
 - 2. Working on securing early polling place for the UA for the Proposition 100 Special Election.
 - 3. State of the Student address was presented – really interesting opportunity to share the perspective of the students from the lens of the student
 - 4. Grassroots campaigning has been continuing for Prop. 100
 - 5. Calling legislators to secure votes for ASA vote bill
 - ii. UA South
 - 1. Hiring new officers which will be done by the end of May

2. We are hosting an end of semester event
 3. Talking about Proposition 100
 4. Working on securing a congressional or senatorial debate for the fall
 5. Attended safety meeting to discuss different campus
 6. We are working on working with new student council members from the Douglas and Tucson campuses
- iii. GPSC
1. We officially transitioned to the new administration where Emily Connelly will serve as the new president.
- d. Student Regents
- i. Regent Ginther sent in a report: they are working with legislative committee to secure voting rights for both student regents on committees, because right now it's difficult for one person to get to everything.
- e. Staff
- i. Board of Regents
 1. The April/May meeting starts today and goes through tomorrow
 2. Open session starts at 10 am tomorrow where they will be discussion working through a 2.5% reduction of salaries
 3. Academic Affairs Committee
 - a. Disestablishment of programs – tough questions and graduate students will be drafting a letter formalizing their concerns.
 4. Search for the next president
 - a. Narrowed to 2 people
 - i. David Young – from ASU
 - ii. Tom Anderes from Wisconsin
 - b. Making selection and wrap up Joel Sideman's term by the end of June.
 - ii. Training
 1. Alicia Cybulski and I will attend a Fraud prevention workshop next week presented by the firm which performs our audits
 - iii. Finance committee met with bookkeeper on Friday, April 23rd
 - iv. Legislative
 1. Common Course Numbering
 - a. Passed through committees and the chambers unanimously
 - b. Gave ASA tremendous credibility at the capitol
 - c. Very few amendments
 - d. Governor already committed to signing it.
 2. Vote bill

- a. Worked hard to address the common stereotype that all college students are liberal
- b. Worked with Matt McCoy to help work with students and present their views to key legislators
 - i. Senator Linda Gray – made it one of her pet bills
 - ii. Senator Braswell – Matt McCoy helped build relationship with him
- c. With the legislative session ending abruptly, we worked to get it on the agenda for both House and Senate
- d. Senate
 - i. Only 2 Senators voted no
 - ii. Pure grassroots action changed everything
- e. House
 - i. The Speaker tried to make sure it didn't get on the agenda.
 - ii. Sent out texts and made phone calls and emails, over 100 in an hour
 - iii. Finally came up, and it ended up passing 34-23 with 3 not voting.
 - iv. Thanks to Ben Henderson who whipped Rep. McComish's vote

VIII. Committee reports

- a. Standing
 - i. Executive
 - 1. strategic planning which is on the agenda
 - ii. Finance committee
 - 1. looking at overall budget which will be discussed later.
 - 2. We have carry forward funds and the committee recommended reallocating \$2000 to staff training
 - 3. Investment manager
 - a. sent out our RFP to 15 companies and had only 4 responses.
 - b. Researched investment management and met with an investment manager to give advice and he wouldn't hire any of them.
 - i. One was an unknown company
 - ii. the others it looked like they were pretty basic.
 - c. We discussed the rationale behind the reserves and decided it didn't really make sense at this time.
 - d. But it was recommended to look into cds, something more secure.

4. We've come a long way and the budget makes sense.
- iii. Internal Affairs – no report
- iv. Legislative
 1. approved legislator and student advocates of the year.
- b. Ad-Hoc
 - i. Textbooks – no report
 - ii. DREAM Act – no report
 - iii. Shared Governance – no report
 - iv. Arizona Voter for Higher Education – no report
 - v. Graduate student workgroup
 1. Good number of participants on the call that took place this week
 2. If anyone is interested in the chair, we will be sending out requests for nominations and a date for the next meeting.
 3. The makeup of the committee is still in progress
 - vi. Yes on 100
 1. UA –moving to recruiting for early polling place
 2. Opening the same day as inauguration
 3. Great to work with co-chairs
 4. Things have been going pretty well, and there's still Get Out the Vote (GOTV) work to be done.
 5. Working with the community.

IX. United States Student Association Report

- a. Great representation from Arizona at Leg Con where health care and the reconciliation bill with student aid reform attached, were passing that time

X. Executive session – There was nothing on the agenda so there was no need to go into executive session

XI. Discussion Items

- a. Strategic plan
 - i. Create a vision for the strategic plan, and have worked on visioning
 - ii. Work on a format for the plan based on our previous discussions.
 - iii. Things that are to be possibly included
 1. Want to see communication with community colleges
 - a. Maybe help establish a board
 - b. A lot of community colleges don't have established student governments to help develop leaders and student organizations
 2. Communications director
 - iv. General vision: Make public higher education a priority in Arizona
- b. Southwest Student Leadership Conference

- i. Work on making it Arizona focused and bringing together university and community college leaders in Arizona and maybe high school leaders.
- ii. Bids
 1. Create a bid process and have submitted in about a week

XII. New Business

- a. Southwest Student Leadership Conference
 - i. Bid process
 1. Elma Delic moves to create a bid process for bids to be submitted by Friday, May 7th at 5 pm to be sent out in an email to the board.
 2. Steve Otero seconds
 3. Motion passes unanimously with one abstention, Kelley Stewart
 4. An email announcing the bid process will be sent out for campuses to bid on hosting the conference
 - ii. Accepting the proposal
 1. Lauren Talkington moves to accept the proposal with inclusion of Gilbert-Chandler Community College as listed among the community colleges to outreach to
 2. Matt McCoy seconds the motion.
 3. Motion passes unanimously
 4. The Board will utilize the Southwest Student Leadership Conference to strengthen the student voice in Arizona with universities and community colleges
- b. 2010-2011 budget
 - i. We have drafted two budgets, one with the inclusion of the \$14,000 membership to the United States Student Association, and one without the membership but including the salary and benefits for a communication director.
 1. Try out one year with a communication director
 2. Campuses can still send students to Leg Con to
 - ii. The budgets also are formatted to match with our QuickBooks to better compare with our Profit and Loss Statements
 - iii. Vote on the FY2011 budget
 - iv. Billy Holmes moves to approve the budget without USSA membership and the inclusion of the communication director as a recommendation for next year's board. The board will also direct Robyn Nebrich to compile a cost-benefit analysis of USSA membership, what other State Student Associations pay, other campaigns that the funds could be used for, as well as information on the communications director

position. Robyn Nebrich will also negotiate a reduced dues rate with USSA to be capped at \$7,000.

1. Matt McCoy seconds
2. Roll call vote
 - a. Matt McCoy – yes
 - b. Larry Jones – nay
 - c. Tania Mendes – not present
 - d. Kelley Stewart – not voting
 - e. Brendan O’Kelly – yes
 - f. Ben Henderson – yes
 - g. Rudi O’Keefe-Zelman – yes
 - h. Andrew Clark – not present
 - i. Daniel Hatch – not present
 - j. Chris Nagata – yes
 - k. Nicole Pasteur – yes
 - l. Billy Holmes – yes
 - m. Elma Delic – yes
 - n. David Lopez-Negrete – yes
 - o. Steve Otero – yes
 - p. Andres Gabaldón – yes
 - q. Holly Haygens – yes
 - r. Kathleen Templin – yes
 - s. Lauren Talkington – yes
 - t. Christian Kolesar – yes
 - u. Tony Pena – yes
 - v. Troy Campbell – yes
3. Motion passes
4. The board recommends the budget for the next fiscal year to include salary, taxes, and benefits for a communication director and excluding membership to the United States Student Association. There will be a cost benefit analysis of membership, what other state student associations pay, as well as information on hiring a communication director, and how the money can be used on campaigns. The board also directs a negotiation for a reduced membership rate capped at \$7,000 for USSA

XIII. Announcements

- a. Presentation of campus awards
- b. Presentation of ASA Board of Directors Recognition
- c. Presentation of ASA Leadership Awards for Outstanding Student Advocates
- d. End of the year slideshow

XVI. Adjournment at 3:17 pm

- a. Tony Pena moves to adjourn the meeting
- b. Christian Kolesar seconds
- c. Motion passes unanimously
- d. Meeting is adjourned at 3:17 pm