



Meeting Minutes

**Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, 2010

Student Union Memorial Center Room – Kiva Room

- I. **Call to Order by Chair Elma Delic at 6:12 pm.**
  
- II. **Roll Call of Members and Welcome of Guests**
  - a. Northern District
    - i. NAU
      1. Chase Hunt - present
      2. Blaise Caudill - present
      3. Sheena Kauppila present
      4. Kate Murphy – on the call
      5. Lauren Talkington - present
    - ii. NAU Yuma – no directors
  - b. Central District
    - i. ASU Downtown
      1. Christian Vasquez - present
      2. Abby Wischnia – present
    - ii. ASU Polytechnic
      1. Dominick Hernandez – not present (proxy given to Victoria Nuciforo)
      2. Victoria Nuciforo – present
    - iii. ASU Tempe
      1. Jacob Goulding – not present (proxy given to Michael Wong)
      2. Michael Wong – present
      3. Abby Henderson – present
    - iv. ASU West
      1. Daniel Hatch – present
      2. Joshua Tucker – present
    - v. GPSA
      1. Kelley Stewart - present

2. Conrad Ottey – present
- c. Southern District
  - i. UA
    1. Emily Fritze – present
    2. Emily Connally – present
    3. Taylor Bell – present
    4. Dan Fitzgibbon – present
    5. Ken Strocsher – present
  - ii. UA South
    1. Andres Gabaldon – present
    2. David Jones – not present (proxy given to Andres Gabladon)
- d. Board Chair Elma Delic - present
- e. Staff
  - i. Robyn Nebrich, Executive Director
  - ii. Alicia Cybulski, Office Manager
  - iii. David Martinez II, Government Affairs Director
  - iv. Kirby Weatherford, Organizing Director
  - v. Ashley Wilcox, ASU Downtown Organizer
  - vi. Amy Williams, ASU Tempe Campus Organizer
  - vii. Sean Assad, ASA Fellow
- f. Guests
  - i. Reed Nelson
  - ii. James Allen
  - iii. Brittany Steinke
  - iv. Andres Cano – student regent finalist

**III. Call to the audience – there is none**

**IV. Oath of Office - there is none**

**V. Approval of Agenda**

- a. Additions
  - i. Elma D. moves to approve addition of executive director time request under new business
  - ii. Daniel H. seconds
  - iii. Motion approve unanimously.
- b. Strikes
  - i. Dan F. moves to strike the foundation from new business.
  - ii. Christian V. seconds
  - iii. Motion approved unanimously
- c. Agenda is approved with changes.

**VI. Approval of the November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 Minutes**

- a. Chase H. moves to approve the minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> 2010 meeting.
- b. Christian V. seconds
- c. Motion approved unanimously with no abstentions.
- d. The minutes from the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting are approved.

**VII. Officer Reports**

- a. Chair
  - i. Strategic plan – surveys went out to UA and ASU and we have had over 5,000 responses with a lot of great feedback: tuition and financial aid as top 2 priorities. Working with NAU to get their input on the strategic plan. Should have it down by the end of January and launch it to regents, faculty, and administration.
  - ii. Met with President Crow to update about ASA. Will be meeting with President Tom Anderes on the strategic plan.
  - iii. Working with Dan F. on the foundation.
- b. Vice Chair
  - i. Working on the survey at NAU, hasn't gone out yet. Working with the Dean of Students to send it out.
  - ii. Enjoying no snow
- c. Secretary
  - i. Website has been updated
- d. Treasurer
  - i. Most of what have been doing will be discussed in finance.
  - ii. Foundation for AZ students – pretty positive feedback from alumni, faculty, and administration.

**VIII. Campus, Student Regent, and Staff Reports**

- a. Northern
  - i. NAU
    - 1. Currently in the reading week.
    - 2. Preparing for next semester
      - a. Snowjack express starting next semester – rides to and from Snowbowl for NAU Students. Also selling day passes on campus.
      - b. Equality week – raise awareness about women's and GLBT issues. In February – Having No H8 photos and



4. Working to get Dan Savage of the It Gets Better Project to come to campus.
5. Continuing work with ASU Against Cuts to Education (ACE), letting students know about proposed cuts to the university and what they can do about it. Specifically, providing legislative contacts and resources to help build broad-based coalitions of non-traditional allies that support education.
6. Working on a new "Rack 'n Ride" bike system at the Tempe campus. This would involve bike rentals available at multiple kiosks across campus with just the swipe of a Sun Card. Students would be able to return bikes at any of the kiosks.
7. The Faculty Senate's Student-Faculty Policy Committee rejected the Class Registration Reform package on a 6-5 vote. We are bringing up the bill for reconsideration and targeting each senator with lobbying efforts. We also plan on resurrecting the syllabus disclosure component through piecemeal implementation by academic college. A meeting has been scheduled with VP Rund to discuss our efforts further.
8. Our Daley Park cleanup initiative has taken off. Due to a shortfall in the City of Tempe's budget, they are no longer able to fund cleanup of city parks. USG has started a coalition on campus to clean up Daley Park on a monthly basis and has adopted the park in perpetuity.
9. We had four students with USG attending the Rock the Capitol social at 4:30 today to mix and mingle with legislators and begin to build those personal relationships that are cornerstone to lobbying.
10. We hosted Dr. Crow for a student town hall on the Tempe campus yesterday.
11. We are still working on getting better guest parking options available on campus, getting a myASU tab and monthly e-mail updates sent out to Tempe students from USG, redesigning the USG website, promoting financial aid clinics, and working on the SRC and Health Center expansions.

iv. ASU West

1. Interns worked hard and will be continuing.
2. Voter contact event was very successful after the election to get people engaged for next semester.

3. Have a lot of visibility on campus against the potential tuition increase.
  4. Streamed the AZ Ace at the west campus meeting.
  5. Worked on revising the constitution.
- v. GPSA – no report at this time
- c. Southern District
- i. UA
    1. Worked a lot with Elma and GPSC on student input on fees. Have drafts of a fee statement for the Senate to pass to approve. Working to define “Proper Input” - UA specific. Have had good feedback from the admin.
    2. Had our tuition retreat with President Shelton and the provost. Very informative on background of university tuition and we looked at several scenarios. Had a robust conversation about tuition, fees, and the overall view of the university.
    3. Working on our tuition fee strategy so see how to get student input.
    4. Textbooks – have been working with the bookstore to target areas that don't submit their books on time.
    5. Looking into implementing a new position for policy and research like the ASA fellowship on the President's team.
    6. Honor's college fee- a lot of students have dropped out due to the fee. Having conversations regarding the fee and the future of the college.
    7. Attending the bowl game in San Antonio
    8. New iPhone application for ASUA.
    9. Sustainability – have a grad student focused on working on this program.
    10. Pride Alliance – working to raise awareness about bullying.
    11. GPSC
      - a. Conducted survey to get feeling on fees and tuition.
      - b. Gave a report on the initial findings to faculty senate.
      - c. 1700 students responded, 20% of the grad student population and received responses from all colleges.
      - d. Students want no new fees
      - e. Unbundle fees to increase transparency
      - f. Fees should be set in relation to usefulness.
      - g. Fees should be voted on by the student body.
      - h. Have a copy of the survey for ASUA to use.

- i. Members of GPSC meeting with accreditation to provide input.
      - j. Ways to increase money to grad students and increase diversity.
    - ii. UA South
      - 1. Participate in Sierra Vista's 50<sup>th</sup> parade – had a float in the parade.
      - 2. Change our bylaws for the student government.
  - d. Student Regents
    - i. Have Regent events at this time and Elma D. apologizes on their behalf.
    - ii. Working with Billy on tuition discussion.
    - iii. Jen has been working on CCN.
  - e. ASA Staff
    - i. Thank ASU for hosting a really great process for the next student regent. Really well done with a paper cut and 6 person interviews. The three finalists to be submitted to the governor are:
      - 1. Andres Cano
      - 2. Ben Henderson
      - 3. Erin Hertzog
    - ii. Attended the executive director conference
      - 1. Talked with other SSA Executive Directors, other states are facing similar situations as we are with our state and the budget.
      - 2. Have to cut \$900 million - Washington – looking at cutting financial aid.
      - 3. Had a conversation with the Minnesota Executive Directors to keep them in the loop.
      - 4. Restructure USSA – looking at restructuring USSA: hiring an operations manager (ED) and possibly also restructuring the board.
    - iii. Had a successful Alumni Advisory Council meeting
      - 1. Had great feedback from alumni who were able to participate.
      - 2. Liked the legislative priorities and the focus on veterans.
      - 3. Talked about the need to build strong coalitions and build relationships.

## **IX. Committee Reports**

- a. Standing Committees
  - i. Executive Committee

1. Fee statement – emailed really rough draft of the internal document which will be discussed.
  2. Planning the ASA winter board retreat – bring forth ideas want to address.
  3. Working at integrating the IA chair into the exec committee, that's what a lot of state student associations do across the county. Keeping Christian as Chair, aware of what's going on and keeping the bylaw change
  4. Tuition and fee retreat to be held after Friday's Regents meetings.
  5. Thanking ASU for the great student regent selection process – former regent Ed Hermes.
- ii. Finance
1. Second CD with Bank of America is now open.
  2. Working on the foundation and getting it set up.
  3. Discussing staff salaries and bonuses
  4. Budget looks good.
- iii. Internal Affairs
1. Had the email vote regarding salaries which passed.
  2. Had the Executive Director's contract and salary pass.
- iv. Legislative
1. Most of our time has been on CCN
    - a. Today the Regents had academic affairs meeting to recommend implementation plan for a shared numbering system.
    - b. Report was pretty flawed with no ASA input.
    - c. Sent out full report as well as the executive summary on the benefits of common course numbering versus virtual numbering.
    - d. Committee -Recommended implementing a virtual number system which doesn't address the issue. But also include a pilot program for shared numbering. Only deals with the universities.
    - e. ASA will be involved in the process but unsure how it will move forward. Dialogue is still going for the full board.
    - f. Pressure will be to table so we can work in the future to fully implement the common course numbering to save taxpayers and students money.
  2. Updates from the ASA fellow and new GAD intern
    - a. Fellow Sean Assad



- iv. Emily F. – at UA we're fortunate – for mandatory fees, we've had some good models to go about student input as well as not so good. So we can see what works. If you want any information on models that have existed, let us know.
  - v. Abby H. – like the fee statement. Have an honor's fee as well and they could do more things if it weren't for fees.
  - vi. Ken S. – worked along with ED and EF regarding the fees and fully support. Personally dropped out due to the honor's college fee. Statement addresses it well.
  - vii. Dan F. – because there are ways some departments will go about getting input, but it's not a good way to get it. Have Presidents of student council sign off “student input” important to have statement to unify what adequate student input is.
  - viii. Taylor B. – appreciate that the statement is reasonable and well thought out. More feasible than being fully hard line.
  - ix. Lauren T. – At NAU, they have students who work for the college for their input. Drive home the fact we need student input.
  - x. Daniel H. – looks great, want fees in tuition so we can see how much tuition is,. Like the oversight.
  - xi. Josh T. – our stance from the senate fee – for “non-tuition type costs” only fees for. Transparency where it is and where it's going, and more student control.
  - xii. Michael W. – concerned about the dates: they're a bit late for some students. Why we want to have the fee process, as fees increase, less affordability. So this later date may affect students planning ability. Registration for classes opens up in March.
- b. Foundation for Arizona Students
- i. In the meeting materials, there is the first draft of the articles of incorporation – not bylaws. This will be an organization that will come into being without getting into the operating specifics.
  - ii. Elma, Robyn, Alicia, and Dan attended a training on starting a non-profit.
    - 1. Assembled from articles that were presented as well as an example from the corporation commission website as well as our own articles.
  - iii. Most important article 4 – the statement of affairs – giving a basic understanding about what it can do.
  - iv. Article 6 – board composition
    - 1. No fewer than 3 and no larger than 7 – variable amount came from the time it may take to get the full 7. We can get it started earlier based on the variable numbers.

2. Who sits on the board –originally revolved around that students are on the board, but that's not how other foundations work.
  - a. Foundations exists to bring in money
  - b. Working on grants and fundraising.
3. Recommend to have one student, elected by the board as well as the executive director.
4. What's the best way to go about appointed the directors for the initial board.
  - a. For other boards, that's for another time.
  - b. Initial 7 – from financial affairs – looking at fundraising processes which is in our bylaws, then for final approval from the full board. If it's under a different committee bring about a reeducation process
  - c. Josh T - should each district help out in some way?
  - d. With the alumni associations it would be a great place to start.
  - e. Working with people who are familiar and have some sort of ASA relationship.
  - f. Lauren T. – working to get another community member to balance out the board.
  - g. Blaise C.– don't want to limit to only ASA ties as there are great people elsewhere
  - h. Taylor B. – can't give legal advice – articles of incorporation look great, and the only thing ASA can do is look at the directors, so important to think about the ties. Maybe move towards finance.
  - i. Michael W. – is there a section on the process for the board members.
  - j. Josh T. – same caution for the student regents, so use potentially the same process
  - k. The Articles and appointments will move back to finance
- v. Process: Go to the Arizona Corporation of Commission first and then to the federal level to get 501(c)(3) status.

**XI. Old business**

- a. Bylaw change to make the Graduate Student Affairs committee a standing committee
  - i. Elma D. moves to adopt the bylaw change making the Graduate Student Affairs committee a standing committee

- ii. Michael W. seconds
- iii. Vote – unanimously passes with no abstentions.
- iv. Bylaws are change to make the Graduate Student Affairs committee a standing committee.

## **XII. New Business**

### ~~a. Foundation for Arizona Students~~

### b. Washington DC Summit

- i. Highlight the savings of the DC Summit, there is no registration fee and we can stay at a less expensive hotel. Work on national priorities strategic to ASA
- ii. Individual student governments can send students to USSA's Leg Con if they desire.
- iii. Elma D. moves to adopt the DC summit proposal
- iv. Dan F. seconds
- v. Discussion
  - 1. Each district can choose to send a certain number, we have so much set aside.
  - 2. MSUSA uses the quad rate
  - 3. We can shape our own policy.
  - 4. A certain number is covered by ASA, then others can be sponsored by campus.
  - 5. Legislative affairs – voted to send one from Northern and one from Southern, with 2 from central.
  - 6. Staff set up the meetings.
  - 7. More for people who have already had a lot of basic trainings. Will be two days of lobbying and meeting with other groups such as the department of education.
  - 8. If it's cheaper, we can send more.
  - 9. Motion passes unanimously.
- vi. The DC summit proposal is passed.

### c. Winter Board Retreat Dates

- i. January 13, 14, 15
  - 1. NAU may not be able to attend
  - 2. Tomorrow, Elma D. will send out other dates and respond
  - 3. Try to schedule as early of, as the legislature is in session before. We need to have unified decisions with the legislators. Will be moving things around to make every attempt to be there.
  - 4. Elma D. moves to table the vote on Winter Retreat dates.
  - 5. Josh T. seconds

6. Motion passes unanimously with no abstentions
  7. The dates for the Winter Retreat are tabled.
- d. Executive director vacation dates
- i. Request Dec 28<sup>th</sup> – Jan 11<sup>th</sup> off as mandated by our policies.
  - ii. Have every confidence David M. can handle the first day of session.
  - iii. Daniel moves to approve the vacation days for the executive director.
  - iv. Christian V. seconds
  - v. Motion unanimously no abstentions
  - vi. The executive director's vacation is approved.

**XIII. Executive Session**

- a. Personnel Updates

**XIV. Announcements**

**XV. Adjournments**

- a. Elma D. moves to adjourn the meeting.
- b. Abby H. seconds
- c. Meeting is adjourned at 8:03 pm.