



ASA Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 8th, 2011

4:30pm

Arizona State University – Tempe Campus

Memorial Union: Coconino Room

Conference call-information: (424) 203-8400

Access Code: 561091#

I. Call to Order by Elma Delic at 4:37 pm

II. Roll Call of Members & Welcome of Guests

A. Northern District

1. NAU

a) Chase Hunt - on the call, and proxy to Sheena K. if necessary

b) Blaise Caudill - present

c) Kate Murphy - present

d) Lauren Talkington – on the call

e) Sheena Kauppila – present

2. NAU Yuma

B. Central District

1. ASU Polytechnic

a) Dominick Hernandez - present

b) Victoria Nuciforo - present

2. ASU Tempe - USG

a) Jacob Goulding – not present, proxy to Michael W.

b) Michael Wong - present

c) Abby Henderson - present

3. ASU West

a) Daniel Hatch – not present

b) Joshua Tucker – not present

4. GPSA

a) Kelley Stewart – not present, proxy to Rhian S.

b) Rhian – present

- 5. ASU Downtown
 - a) Christian Vasquez – present
 - b) Abby Wischnia - present
- C. Southern District
 - 1. UA
 - a) Emily Fritze – present on the call
 - b) Dan Fitzgibbon – present
 - c) Taylor Bell – present
 - d) Daniel Hernandez – not present
 - e) Emily Connally – not present
 - f) Andres Gabaldon – not present, proxy to Elma D.
 - g) David Jones – not present, proxy to Elma D.
- D. Chair – Elma Delic - present
- E. Regents
 - 1. Regent Jennifer Ginther – present
 - 2. Regent Billy Holmes – present
- F. Staff
 - 1. Robyn Nebrich, Executive Director – present
 - 2. Alicia Cybulski, Office Manager – present
 - 3. Kirby Weatherford, Organizing Director – present
 - 4. Amy Williams, ASU Tempe Organizer
- G. Welcome of Guests
 - 1. Ashley Provost – ASA advocacy intern
 - 2. David Gibson – ASA advocacy intern
 - 3. Vanessa Shaw - ASA advocacy intern

4. Jaclyn Weeman - ASA advocacy intern
5. James Baumer – USG Chief of Staff
6. Ken Clark – Arizona Competitive District Coalition

III. Call to the Audience

A. Ken Clark – AZ Competitive District Coalition, chair

1. Roberta Voss is the other co-chair as the Republican counterpart
2. Most important issue this year, in his opinion. The landscape of the state for the next 10 years.
3. Census every year and redraw every political district will be restricted every year.
4. Mission to educate public about redistricting and promote competitive districts.
5. Added all up, 46% of voters don't have a voice past the primary.
6. Can improve the situation by having new districts
7. Tools to get the public more involved. The independent redistricting commission's goal is to get a more competitive map
8. Software that we want to have and have the public access it: Redistrict America. Having this will make it more competitive and set the agenda early.
9. We believe that 10 for legislative districts and 4 congressional districts can be drawn to be competitive
10. Running a contest to meet the 6 redistricting criteria laid out by the commission.
 - a) Comply with Voting Rights Act – Voting rights district
 - b) Equal population
 - c) Geographically compact and contiguous
 - d) Respect communities of interest
 - e) Respect geographical boundaries

f) Competitive

11. Unless you're involved, someone else will do it for you.

12. Would radically reshape the districts, the question is the polling sites at each district, it would shift funding for the polling sites down to the county

a) How could we transfer financial costs?

(1) The counties would absorb that, which is all downhill

13. Why are the ones who have to say they're competitive? Isn't it already a statewide focus?

a) 100 people at the town hall, there are thousands who are involved.

b) We see the enthusiasm of incumbents dampen when they need to protect their seats.

c) You have to balance these interests.

14. Who is the software for?

a) It'll be for everyone when it's finished. We need your help finishing it, publicizing it and being part of it.

15. What happens after the software is completed

a) Free for anyone to use

16. What happens after proposals are submitted?

a) Our process – private contest to meet 6 criteria. Put a panel of judges together to award and present to the commission.

b) Commission has their own process –

(1) Urging large stakeholder groups to come together to present maps.

(2) DOJ is going to favor a set with a large set of stakeholders.

17. What happens to prevent people from drawing maps with non competitive districts?

- a) People can use it however they need
- b) But with the publicizing of other maps, one can make the case for the highly public districts.

18. What about your organization?

- a) We are part of the Arizona Advocacy Network, who is our fiscal agent. Our advisory group has League of Women Voters, Fairvote.org, League of Conservation Voters, the Arizona Education Association, the AARP, and Republicans for Environmental Protection

IV. Oath of Office – there was none

V. Approval of Agenda

A. Elma D. - Per bylaws – agenda has to be published a week before the meeting to provide students the transparency. If you have additions, please get them to me when I send out the agenda for comments.

B. Elma D. moves to strike from new business the discussion of the March 8th workgroup and replace it with the exception to the financial policies. .

1. Dan F. seconds

2. Discussion

- a) Do we want to discuss it now or can we discuss it during the discussion.

(1) Under discussion

3. Motion – passed unanimously with no abstentions.

C. Dominick H. moves to discuss the editing the ASA core mission statement to include quality in addition to accessibility and affordability.

1. Rhian S. Seconds

2. Discussion

- a) Christian V. – recommends going through Internal Affairs first.

- b) Dan F. – seconds Christian's comments, as we would be able to flesh things out more.

- c) Rhian S. – no harm in telling so everyone is aware before it goes in committee.
- d) Dominick H. – will route it through IA, but wanted to use the time for all of us to come together.
- e) Abby H. – if you see something that is sent out, be on the calls
- f) Sheena K. – first time I'm seeing it and I would rather have time to look things over before discussing it at the meeting.
- g) Michael W. I'm not comfortable with publicly discussing it before having it go through committee and fully looking into it.

3. Vote

- a) By acclamation, the motion fails and it's not added to the agenda.

D. Dominick H. moves to add transparency with meeting minutes and getting recordings of the meetings to discussion items.

- 1. Christian V. seconds and says that any action would have to go through committee prior to having the full board take action.
- 2. Dominick – I know that the board meetings are recorded and it would be helpful to have access to the recordings. We're all human and oftentimes I don't remember what was said at a meeting a month ago.
- 3. Robyn N. – when this was brought to my attention I approved the purchase of a new recorder that has a USB hookup which we can email out as a file.
- 4. Elma D. calls for a roll call vote, and it's not preexisting so proxies don't count as per bylaws.
 - a) Northern
 - (1) Chase (on the phone) – nay
 - (2) Blaise - nay
 - (3) Sheena - nay
 - (4) Kate - nay

- (5) Lauren nay
- b) Central
 - (1) Dominick – aye
 - (2) Victoria – aye
 - (3) Michael – aye
 - (4) Abby H. - aye
 - (5) Christian – aye
 - (6) Abby W. – aye
 - (7) Rhian - aye
- c) Southern
 - (1) Emily F. – aye
 - (2) Dan F. - abstain
 - (3) Taylor B. abstain
 - (4) Elma D. – aye
- d) Motion fails
- 5. Elma D. moves to approve the agenda.
 - a) Michael W. seconds
 - b) Motion passes with all but one voting yes. Dominick H. voted nay.

- VI. Approval of the February 16th, 2011 minutes
 - A. Elma D. moves to approve the minutes
 - B. Dan F. seconds
 - C. Discussion –

1. Dominick – Reason we brought up the discussion of the minutes, is that a couple of sections that were missing. Can't remember off of memory what happened. So hoping to get a recording, so the recorder is being downloaded.
2. Robyn - New recorder is being ordered that can be downloaded. If there's anything, please bring it up to our attention and it'll get taken care of.
3. Motion passes with Dominick H. and Taylor voting nay, and one abstention, Victoria N.

VII. Discussion Items

A. Arizona Board of Regents, March 8th Workgroup - Initial reactions to build consensus on what happened.

1. Dominick – question to the student regents, curious to know there has been rumors of the student voice being communicated to the regents, and I know there was no stance yet due to waiting on the numbers. Has anything been communicated from the student voice?
 - a) Regent Ginther - Still in limbo as we don't know actual numbers. It's always a good idea to contact the regents. Still a weird time while we wait.
2. Dominick H. - Have they been hearing student responses?
 - a) Regent Ginther - From the average student or what do you mean?
3. Dominick H. from student governments or groups?
 - a) Regent Ginther - They haven't yet heard from students, they've been dealing with policy. Today we delved more into numbers.
4. Rhian S. More interested in the regents' reaction to NAU's tuition policies? Every one of the legislators I met with, felt like it was a great innovation and very supportive of this issue. The regents seemed very upset at them, however.

a) Regent Ginther - Hesitate to speak for the regents. Some of them are concerned that it ties the hands of the universities in the unpredictable environment. Gave the go ahead when we were in a different place. Students are very much in support and we need to make sure they know the students are supportive and they knew the predictability and that it'll be mostly static. We have 3 different universities and NAU is different in their mission and how they attract students. Do we need to evaluate them in a different way? Is that something we need to consider?

5. Christian V. – yields

6. Michael W. moves to end discussion

a) Abby H. seconds

b) Michael W. withdraws the motion

7. Dominick H. – Chair Mariucci was talking to press publicly, saying tough financial times there needs to be a moderate increase and universities are cutting to the bone. I want to get ideas if that's the general consensus?

a) Regent Ginther - I don't think every regent is on board with that.

8. Dominick H. - Are some opposed to tuition increases?

a) Regent Ginther – Yes

9. Dominick H. - Is that the best direction?

a) Regent Ginther – this would be a good conversation and get it straight from their mouths. Certain regents think that tuition increases aren't always the answer and we need to look at a variety of different issues and how we move forward with that. It's not always to increase tuition and put it on the back of students.

10. Michael W. – Dr. Crow referred low cost options as “different points of access. Colleges at ASU, the online model. Is that the extent to what he was talking about or is his definition expansive?

a) Regent Ginther - More expansive, especially in regards to ASU Lake Havasu, for example, staying at home will reduce cost of attendance.

11. Michael W. Do you believe that it will be existing campuses?
- a) Regent Ginther – I honestly don't know
12. Michael W. - Given that the availability of programs is decreasing, and certain majors are only available on certain campuses? What is the intent of only making some majors available on certain locations
- a) Regent Ginther - See what is necessary for those areas. When we divide programs up on location, see how it impacts students.
13. Elma D. - Are the programs at West and Poly cheaper if the tuition is cheaper?
- a) Regent Ginther - Cost of instruction would be reduced at those. It's still something he's considering. Not sure if it costs less money.
14. Michael W. – one or 2 ABOR meetings back, they said the cost of education at West and Poly is 25-30 percent lower.
- a) Regent Ginther - We don't have the tuition numbers yet, are those disparities going to exist in the numbers. Or will they be phased in. Not sure yet
15. Robyn N.
- a) Agreement with the universities is that 100 mill cannot be made up in tuition. Wanted to look to see if reserves can be used to offset increases, not cuts.
- b) Look at benefit packages for faculty and staff.
- c) Direct the universities to preserved financial aid
- d) Under no circumstance will there be a surcharge
- e) Continue to excel low cost options.
- f) Decisions that we make are specific to the mission and the needs of each university.
16. Christian V. - Talk about the reserves because that was interesting, if ASU had reserves would the regents be interested?

a) Regent Ginther - Everyone has reserves, the amount is dependent on the university. How they use it to bridge the gap will be up to the

17. Taylor B. - Now that we're hearing higher numbers how is it shifted.

a) Regent Ginther - Only for the first 100 million.

18. Dominick

a) Question for NAU and UA, have you heard a lot about quality?

(1) Kate – sit on the budget council committee at NAU, one thing they all stressed is keeping the quality at the same level if not better, but they haven't discussed raising tuition because it's the only way. They want to be innovative with ways to make ends meet without keeping it in tuition.

(2) Emily – most definitely it's part of the conversation. Not only about keeping/improving quality – also finding different methods to maintain quality at lower cost and different ways. They understand that there is another component, as my job as a student advocate is to keep access in the conversation. The dynamics are although, promoting quality and understand other side as well.

19. Dan – speaking to reserves. You won't hear Crow or Shelton mention anything about reserves from this point on, as it'll be a target for them.

20. Rhian S. – privatization of programs was discussed; GPSA has taken a stance against privatization of law school and other programs. People should be incredibly concerned the burden is being shifted to students. 30% is currently by the state so that'll have to be made up by tuition. As it's shifted to self-sustaining, it'll result in significant increase in tuition.

21. Michael W. – echo those sentiments. Back to the differential issue, we get to sort out the issue, given that the disparity of numbers between campuses is there any possibility that not all campuses will see a net increase in tuition?

a) Regent Ginther - Don't think so, not sure about answering it.

22. Michael W. - Read a Republic article, there's contingency plans if the GOP pushes deeper cuts that the rhetoric is pushing against education and would there be midyear tuition increases if the budget cuts are deeper.

a) Regent Ginther - That possibility is always there, one of the comments is if you come to us with proposals, we don't want to hear from you again. Take home message, if they come back again with an emergency tuition, the regents would be no.

23. Michael W. 60% cuts to state programs, the cuts to higher education would be draconian

a) Regent Ginther - No, the board has come to the limit with tuition increases. We've raised tuition a lot in the last few years. It'll be difficult for them to come back. This isn't exclusive from tuition proposals. This year there will be a 10% tuition increase to the law school tuition.

VIII. Old Business

A. Staff Bonus Policy

1. Came out of the previous board of directors, historically there were annual holiday bonuses given to staff at the December meeting. Was directed by the board of directors for a policy. Worked with Christian and IA, looked over by Ryan Anderson, ASA Attorney. It's an outline of bonuses, it will give direction based on budget and performance, given in December, using criteria, time with org, future, performance and set parameters about how much the bonus is and reviewed by the board.

2. Victoria N. - Future with organization = when they do decide to leave the organization, how is it going to determine that bonus? Does it mean it's decreased?

a) Robyn N. it's subjective it's a case by case basis. Doesn't tie the hands, but it gives direction to have those taken into consideration. We had the concerns that there was an automatic bonus of 3% given to people even if it was their last day, and it was compared to someone who was committing longer.

3. Victoria N. - Who approves bonus?

- a) Robyn N. - Depends on evaluations, the person's time, the executive director would decide and take it to the board who then reviews it in Exec session, as the board oversees the executive director, they can discuss.
4. Dan F. – nothing in there about a bonus for the executive director
 - a) Robyn N. - For the board to decide and to use this as a guideline
5. Abby H. moves to approve the staff bonus policy.
6. Dan F. seconds
7. Motion passes unanimously with no abstentions

IX. New Business

A. Exception to the financial policies

1. Regarding DC summit trip to offer an exemption for the ASA credit card – to allow Alicia C, the office manager and staff member going, to use the card with Dan F's signature.
2. Taylor B. moves to approve
3. Sheena K. seconds
 - a) Rhian S. – can there be a contract written for ASA to pay for the GPSA delegate's food and invoice GPSA
 - (1) Robyn - According to per diem and nothing that would violate our policies. There can be a contract written up.
4. Motion passes unanimously no abstentions

B. By-law Change: Ex-officio

1. Bylaw change removing the executive director as an ex officio member of the board. Doesn't make sense for the executive director to be a member of the board. Would do the same procedures.
 - a) Robyn N. – the historical background – we didn't have an exec committee, and the executive director ran the meetings, so it was to let them run them.

- b) Good step to make it fully student directed
 - 2. First read of the bylaw change and it'll go back to committee to review.
- C. By-law Change: Vice Chair, Internal and External Affairs
 - 1. Add External to the current Vice Chair
 - 2. Internal Vice Chair will be added to exec committee.
 - 3. Make sure you're on the Internal Affairs call or email Christian with suggestions.
 - 4. Taylor B. - Explain the purpose of adding the new vice chair –
 - a) Based off Jan board meeting conversation when Internal Affairs chair was added to Exec committee. Other SSAs have the Internal Affairs chair in their executive committees. Makes sense to have Internal Affairs chair in executive committee, so help with communication. Change names to keep things similar.
 - 5. Dan F. –we should Specify line of successions, which vice chair assumes acting chair duties.
 - 6. Those on the call and those in spirit, let Christian know and get on the calls
- D. ASA Taxes
 - 1. Prepared by tax professionals at CBIZ and looked over by our CPA bookkeeper. Robyn N. and Dan F. reviewed them, prior to the finance committee approving them.
 - 2. Dan F. moves to approve
 - 3. Christian V. seconds
 - 4. Motion passes unanimously with no abstentions
- E. Arizona Education Commitment – a project sponsored by the O'Connor House and Expect More Arizona.
 - 1. Went through Leg Affairs who approved it on Monday's call.
 - 2. Elma D. moves to sign onto the commitment as an organization
 - 3. Michael W. seconds

4. Motion passes unanimously with no abstentions

X. Announcements

- A. Conflict of interest – please fill out the conflict of interest disclosure forms.
- B. Will have an IA call, and will have the additional items regarding quality and minutes on IA.
- C. Read Elma's email
- D. In person finance committee meeting soon.

XI. Adjournment

- A. Dan F. moves to adjourn at 6:21 pm.
- B. Michael W. seconds
- C. Motion passed unanimously with no abstentions.