

UNIVERSITY-STUDENT UNION AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES
February 12, 2016
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Present: C. Alvarez, A. Canzona, J. Dennis, S. Fleischer, J. Gomez (2:11), E. Hakobian, J. Legaspi, T. Leung, J. Martinez, J. Miller, J. Moreno, N. Wada-McKee, A. Sahagun, D. Schaeffer, S. Weerasinghe, I. Weser

Absent:

1. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by C. Alvarez at 2:06p.m.

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda-February 12, 2016

M/S J. Moreno/D. Schaeffer to approve the agenda for February 12, 2016.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Approval of Minutes–December 11, 2015

M/S S. Weerasinghe/J. Martinez to approve December 11, 2015 minutes.

PASSED (A. Canzona Abstained)

5. Approval of Minutes-January 15, 2016

M/S J. Martinez/S. Weerasinghe to approve January 15, 2016 minutes. E. Hakobian wants more transparency and content. C. Alvarez informed the board that our minutes are based on the Seymour Act through an Executive Order from the Chancellor's Office. C. Alvarez expressed that we will work to make the minutes more transparent. A. Canzona also asked that we have better minutes and agendas. C. Alvarez informed board members we will continue to use the guidelines that AOA gave us and we will try to make the minutes and agenda more transparent and will work with J. Sedlacek to have more detail. D. Schaeffer expressed her

concern that she does not want to see this being like a court and that we have a court reporter. The minutes should reflect discussion but the minutes should also reflect the decisions made and is not a blow by blow. J. Gomez informed members that he has served and does serve on many boards and this (*minutes*) is not out of the ordinary. He expressed concern that the process is getting in the way of progress. J. Gomez asked that whatever it is you want to come out of this, let us know what it is.

PASSED (A. Canzona Opposed)

6. Public Forum

E. Hakobian informed board that there was an ASI Executive meeting and an ASI board meeting and there was a conversation on interest for merging ASI and U-SU. He asked if we could possibly have a joint committee to discuss this.

7. U-SU Student Appointments

C. Alvarez informed members that the Nominating Committee interviewed a total of five candidates and three candidates are being recommended to the board. Each Candidate will have two minutes to present themselves to board members.

7.1 Samuel Garza

M/S J. Martinez/J. Moreno to appoint Samuel Garza to the Board.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

C. Alvarez informed board that the next appointees have not met the requirements as transfer students to be on our board currently, however, the nominating committee wants the board to appoint them for the Spring Quarter. They can attend our winter meetings, but cannot start officially until spring.

7.2 Michael Curry

M/S S. Weerasinghe/J. Moreno to appoint Michael Curry to the Board for the Spring Quarter. E. Hakobian expressed

that these two individuals are amazing and highly qualified to take this role and contribute to board. His concern is with having these positions pending until the Spring Quarter. He read the bylaws and it doesn't state you can appoint someone for future quarters. E. Hakobian wants to know the opinions of voting members. D. Schaeffer indicated we only have one more meeting, I have no problem with it. J. Moreno wanted to confirm they would be voted in but cannot vote. C. Alvarez confirmed they would be our guests. J. Martinez said they are not qualified now and that would not give other qualified applicants an opportunity. S. Weerasinghe confirmed these three candidates were the most qualified out of the five candidates that came before the nominating committee and that's why we presented them to the U-SU board. He said there is nothing in the bylaws that says we can't appoint people for the following quarter either. S. Weerasinghe recommends we vote these two candidates in for next quarter. A. Canzona wished they were eligible, but he thinks it's a little corrupt if we don't leave the application open for people that are eligible to still apply. S. Garza recommends to follow the membership outline in the bylaws. J. Gomez indicated what you are doing to appoint someone in spring is a good thing. I. Weser recommends the appointments be made pending other applications. A. Canzona feels the most ethical way of moving forward is to postpone these appoints to the next meeting. J. Legaspi expressed his concern that you have two candidates who are engaged and want to be a part of this organization and were recommended by the nominating committee. E. Hakobian suggested we should not make this a common practice and improve the bylaws. J. Gomez expressed concern for the candidates. These students want to participate, they're passionate, excited, and this discussion may impede progress. J. Gomez recommends we appoint these students now. C. Alvarez indicated we will keep the applications process open. S. Garza asked if the actual decision will happen next time the applications are open.

PASSED (A. Canzona and S. Garza Opposed)

7.3 Donovan Lindo

M/S S. Weerasinghe/J. Martinez to appoint Michael Curry to the Board for the Spring Quarter

A. Canzona/S. Garza Amendment to motion that the application process still stays open.

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

8. U-SU Nominations and Elections

S. Fleischer announced we are moving forward with our nominations and elections for next academic year. We worked with ASI to create a shared ballot. First part of ballot will be ASI and the second part is U-SU. Application deadline is March 18.

9. Student Board Member Incentive

S. Fleischer informed members that the Fiscal Committee came up with a proposed way to incent our student board members and the Fiscal Committee is recommending this policy to the board for approval. S. Fleischer read the Student BOD Incentives policy. A. Canzona expressed the incentive should be at least half of what ASI board members get. S. Garza asked how the incentives are awarded. C. Alvarez explained the student members will be reimbursed for expenses ie parking permit, books, food, etc. J. Legaspi asked what the time commitment is for this board. S. Weerasinghe explained ASI elected members put in a lot more hours. ASI are required to do office hours, service hours, attend internal and external meetings, and also planning. S. Weerasinghe mentioned the committee's concern of the incentive going over \$600 as it would become a tax issue. C. Alvarez also indicated if over \$600 it would affect financial aid. S. Fleischer informed members the fiscal committee was looking at this policy as an incentive not necessarily paid for hours. It's not an income source rather an incentive to support the work that they do. A. Canzona feels that there were so many methods used to get this student incentive amount down really low. Now that the board positions are elected, the responsibilities will go up and we are required to go to committee meetings and they should be incentivized more. T. Leung expressed the U-SU is a non-profit organization and ASI is a different structure between U-SU and ASI. For non-profit organizations all the U-SU board positions are basically volunteer

basis and we are not required to be here. From a tax point, any amount under \$600 you do not need a 1099. This is why we are doing this as a reimbursement. J. Martinez noted that the policy does allow the board to alter the reimbursement amount. The amount is just for what we do for the U-SU. The board can always alter the amount if members are doing more.

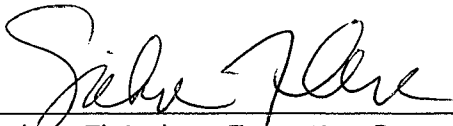
M/S S. Weerasinghe/J. Moreno to approve the Student BOD Incentives.

PASSED (A. Canzona Opposed)

10. Executive Director Report
11. Discussion
12. Adjournment

M/S D. Schaeffer/S. Garza to adjourn the meeting at 3:05p.m.

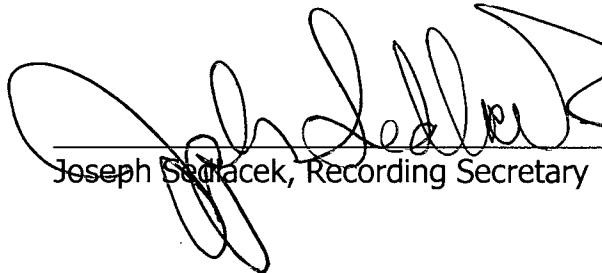
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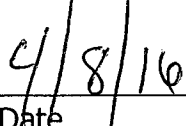
Stephen Fleischer, Executive Secretary



Date



Joseph Sedlacek, Recording Secretary



Date

