

UNIVERSITY-STUDENT UNION AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES  
May, 23 2014  
2:00 p.m.

Present: N. Carrillo, L. del Castillo, E. Covarrubias, T. Leung, J. Ma, S. Odhiambo, T. Ross, N. Smolter, A. Corella Soto, R. Tran, S. Urrutia, L. Vittayarukskul, I. Weser

Absent: D. Saa (excused), A. Sahagun, (excused), A. Vaidya (excused)

1. Call to Order  
The meeting was called to order by E. Covarrubias at 2:13 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda – May 23, 2014  
M/S L. del Castillo/A. Corella Soto to amend Agenda for May 23, 2014

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

M/S T.Ross/A. Corella Soto to approve amended Agenda for May 23, 2014

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2014  
M/S J. Ma/N. Smolter to approve Minutes for April 11, 2014

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. Student Appointment
  - 4.1 Sasha Perez  
M/S N. Smolter/N. Carrillo to appoint Sasha Perez to the Board of Directors

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

5. 2014-2015 Budget  
M/S L. del Castillo/J. Ma to approve 2014-2105 Budget

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

6. Student Board Member Nomination and Selection Process  
R. Tran informed the Board that research has been conducted regarding the University-Student Union bylaws of all 23 CSU campuses because board members were concerned about the current selection and nomination process of our student board members. Her findings show that some campuses have combined U-SU and A.S.I. organizations, while others have separate U-SU and A.S.I. organizations. She said that her focus was targeted towards campuses that have a separate organizational structure, which is similar to the structure of the U-SU at California State University, Los Angeles. R. Tran stated that she also contacted the Auxiliary Organization Association in order to receive guidelines and recommendations from their legislature consultant regarding the Board of Directors student selection process. The consultant recommended that the U-SU Board of Directors select their student members rather than A.S.I., citing a conflict of interest as the reasoning for the process recommendation. E. Covarrubias read an excerpt from the student selection process section in the current U-SU Board of Directors' bylaws, which states that all students who pay tuition and are considered to be in good enrollment standing are eligible to be elected to the Board of Directors. As it presently stands, the A.S.I. Board of Directors appoints all potential student U-SU Board members. However, the final student appointment decisions are made by the U-SU Board of Directors. He also read the CSU compliance guide policy, which states that the student governing body such as A.S.I. on any CSU campus must make the

nominations to any auxiliary organization such as the U-SU. Therefore, he said that the recommendation from the legislature consultant was not compliant with the CSU code of procedures. Currently, he said that the applications have been received and the A.S.I. Board of Directors plans to nominate seven U-SU student Board members. R. Tran stated that nominating only seven students would force the U-SU Board to select only those students recommended by A.S.I., as there are only seven student members on the U-SU Board of Directors. N. Smolter stated that more than seven students should be recommended in order to have a broader pool of candidates that can best represent the campus student body. She also recommended the A.S.I. selection criteria and nomination process needs to be transparent. N. Carrillo stated that if A.S.I. recommends only seven student appointees, it constitutes a conflict of interest because the recommendations are effectively appointments. E. Covarrubias replied that A.S.I. is the most capable entity to make the best student appointments. I. Weser stated that A.S.I. should be a vehicle to recruit potential student Board members. T. Leung stated that if A.S.I. only recommends seven students, it will leave the U-SU with no options to choose other candidates that have applied for consideration. He said that there should be more than seven students recommended by the A.S.I. Board of Directors, in order to provide the U-SU Board of Directors with options.

7. Bylaws Draft

T. Ross recommended that the Board members review the bylaws draft, and make any suggestions for potential changes at the next Board meeting.

8. Executive Director Search Update

T. Ross informed the Board that the selection committee members have met and screened the applicant pool.

M/S T. Ross/L. del Castillo to enter into closed executive session

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

9. Interim Executive Director's Report

R. Tran stated that construction on the Union Plaza Renovation Project will begin the day following the commencement ceremony.


She also stated that the Extreme Fitness patio is closed due to a broken glass panel that could potentially fall down on to the patio.

10. Discussion  
No Discussion
  
11. Adjournment  
M/S N. Smolter/L. Vittayarukkul to adjourn meeting at 3:18 p.m.

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Rowena Tran, Executive Secretary

6/6/14  
Date

  
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Joseph Sedlacek, Recording Secretary

6/6/14  
Date