

UNIVERSITY-STUDENT UNION AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, LOS ANGELES  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
MINUTES  
June 6, 2014  
2:00 p.m.

Present: L. Antezana, N. Carrillo, L. del Castillo, E. Covarrubias, T. Leung (left @ 2:55 p.m.), J. Ma, S. Perez (2:17 p.m.), T. Ross, D. Saa, N. Smolter, R. Tran, L. Vittayarukskul, I. Weser

Absent: A. Sahagun, (excused), Anna Corella Soto (excused), S. Odhiambo (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 – June 6, 2014  
M/S L. del Castillo/N. Carrillo to approve Agenda for June 6, 2014

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

3. Approval of Minutes – May 23, 2014  
M/S T. Leung/T. Ross to approve Minutes for May 23, 2014

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

4. U-SU Board of Directors Student Appointments  
M/S J. Ma/T. Leung to appoint Cynthia Alvarez, Nicholas Carrillo, Ernesto Covarrubias, Joshua Moreno, Dagmawit Negash, Lisa Vittayarukskul, and Sean A. Weerasinghe to the 2014-2015 U-SU Board of Directors

R. Tran reminded the Board that they had a choice to vote for each student individually, and were not obligated to presently appoint every candidate. E. Covarrubias replied that if the Board felt the seven candidates meet the criteria and are particularly eligible to fulfill the roles as the next student Board members, then voting each student individually would constitute a waste of time. T. Ross

told E. Covarrubias since he was a current student candidate that he was not allowed to participate in the discussion. D. Saa asked if there was a reason that only seven nominees were chosen because there were more candidates that applied and all the vacancies were open. L. Antezana replied that the last A.S.I. Executive Board reviewed several candidates. The intention was that the Board would be able to choose from ten qualified candidates, but ultimately they decided that these seven candidates were the most qualified. S. Perez stated that A.S.I. was obligated by the bylaws to recommend seven candidates, and suggested they go ahead with the motion to appoint all seven candidates. I. Weser said that procedurally a motion and second was made to appoint all seven candidates, therefore all seven must be appointed. N. Smolter asked if there were any applications received by graduate candidates. L. Antezana replied that they did not receive any applications from graduate students. N. Smolter replied that the Board should do a better job in the future of recruiting graduate candidates so that they could be represented and have a voice. R. Tran clarified that contrary to what S. Perez stated regarding the bylaws, they do not state that only seven candidates must be chosen for nomination. She said that the bylaws state there must be seven student voting candidates on the Board, but that there could be more than seven candidates to choose from. L. del Castillo suggested that the Board go forward with the motion to appoint all seven appointees at the same time rather than individually. T. Ross suggested that the Board be more careful in regards to future procedural deliberations specifically when making motions.

PASSED – FIVE ABSTENTIONS (N. Carrillo, E. Covarrubias, D. Saa, N. Smolter, L. Vittayarukkul)

5. U-SU Policies Review\*

M/S S. Perez/N. Carrillo to approve U-SU Policies reviewed and recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee

E. Covarrubias informed the Board members of the U-SU policies that were reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee, and pointed out the suggested revisions. N. Carrillo asked if the policies would be accessible to the public in the near future, and Dr. T. Ross informed him that the reviewed policies will be posted on the U-SU website to ensure proper transparency. N. Smolter wanted assurance that only the policies reviewed to date by the Ad Hoc

Committee would be approved, and the remaining non-reviewed policies must still be reviewed and recommended for approval. E. Covarrubias assured her that the non-reviewed policies would be reviewed and brought before the Board as well. L. Antezana asked why the rest of the Board members were not a part of the review process, and R. Tran reminded him that the Ad Hoc Committee was created by the Board with the confidence of reviewing and making any needed revisions necessary. She also reminded the Board members that the policies have already been approved by previous Board of Directors, and the point of the Ad Hoc Committee was to review them to make sure they are all still current. I. Weser suggested the policies be made available for review as soon as possible so that any concerns or issues can be addressed by the Board members. S. Perez stated that she agreed with R. Tran in that these policies had already been approved by previous Boards. R. Tran also reminded the Board that most of the changes made to the reviewed policies were not major changes, but rather assuring formatting consistency and making sure they are up to date.

PASSED – ONE ABSTENTION (N. Carrillo)

6. Executive Director Search Update

T. Ross stated that since the last Board meeting it became very apparent that they would not be able to schedule the candidates in before finals week and the end of the spring quarter. He said that the four final candidates will be notified of the delay, and that the process will continue in the fall quarter. He said that they have fulfilled their due diligence regarding the search, but it was a matter of timing regarding scheduling the interviews.

M/S T. Ross/N. Carrillo to extend the Board of Directors meeting five (5) minutes

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

7. Bylaws Draft\*

E. Covarrubias discussed the notes for his suggested amendments to the U-SU Board of Directors bylaws. He said that the Board needs to set expectations at the beginning of the year in order to be more productive and accomplish more. He stated that at least two future student nominees must have served on the U-SU Board for a minimum of two quarters in order to ensure there are at least two qualified candidates submitted from A.S.I. who can serve as the Board Chair. He also stated that no more than three A.S.I. students should be allowed to serve on the Board of Directors in order to prohibit a conflict of interest. Additionally, he said that the Board Chair should sit in with the A.S.I. President during the interviews with potential student Board members to make the best possible student recommendations to the Board. D. Saa asked why the A.S.I. President would need to conduct interviews for potential U-SU student Board members. E. Covarrubias stated based of his meetings with various students, the A.S.I. President should interview all Board nominees in order to make clear to new student members the processes and procedures of the Board. R. Tran clarified that the CSU does not have a policy stating that A.S.I. must nominate potential student members for selection to the U-SU Board of Directors. She said that the University-Student Union can select their own members to the U-SU Board, and the process suggested by E. Covarrubias will make it difficult and time consuming for students who must go through the proposed interview process. N. Carrillo said that A.S.I. is not trying to limit the U-SU or violate any U-SU policies. T. Ross said that the incoming student Board members and returning Board members must familiarize themselves with the bylaws during the summer in order to be more productive members of the Board of Directors.

8. Interim Executive Director's Report

R. Tran acknowledged all the Board members for their service on the Board. She presented E. Covarrubias with an engraved gavel as a token of appreciation for his service as the Board Chair.

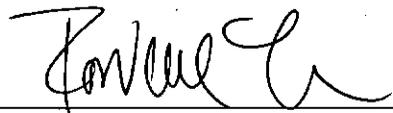
9. Discussion

L. Antezana said that for future reference, there should be a public forum included in the Board agendas in order to acknowledge the opinions of students, staff, and other individuals associated with the U-SU. N. Carrillo said that there should be either a public forum added to the agenda or speaker cards available to individuals in the forum, which would allow them to share their opinions during the Board meetings. T. Ross said that it is simply a matter of restructuring the agenda.

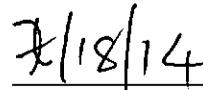
10. Adjournment

M/S S. Perez/T. Ross to adjourn meeting at 3:16 p.m.

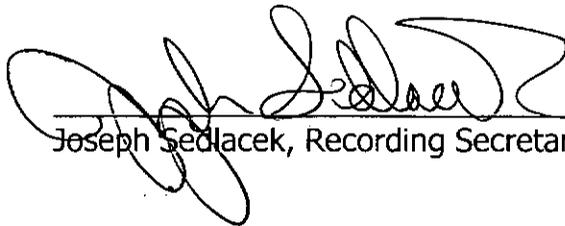
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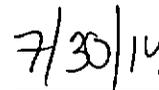
Rowena Tran, Executive Secretary



Date



Joseph Sedlacek, Recording Secretary



Date