

AGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 6, 2004

- I. Council members present: Yvonne Braun, Mark Sellick, Armando Rivera-Figueroa, Joel Martinez, Ben Murray, Justin Erenkrantz, Randy Wei, Loyda Mendez, Mbugua [...]

Visitors: Amjad Toukan, Fabio Leite, Brook Haley, Apoorva [], Marie [], Alvin [], Mike Latner, Mike Jensen.
- II. Call to order – 5:48 pm
- III. Approval of minutes
 - March 9, 2004 – approved
- IV. Announcements
Yvonne asked that announcements could be moved up on the agenda. No disagreement. Yvonne discussed the visit to the Pub by UC President Dynes and thanked Armando for his efforts on this matter.
- V. Nominations for open VP Administrative position.
Seven candidates ran for the vacant VP Admin position, vacated by Brandy Griffin: the six visitors and Loyda Mendez, Council representative from Medical Academics. Each candidate gave a two minute speech regarding why they should be considered for the position. Council members raised questions with some of the candidates regarding the workloads that they had, their specific fields, and other issues. Before voting, Ben asked the candidates why they had not come forward until a stipended AGS position was announced. Mark stated that even if the candidates did not secure the position, AGS needs representation from particular units, namely Humanities, of which Marie and Brook are a part. After tallying the votes, Loyda Mendez won the position and was appointed VP Admin.
- VI. Nominations for open Graduate Council seat
Two candidates, Justin Erenkrantz, current ISC Council representative, and Brook Haley, ran for the vacant GC seat, vacated by Danyel Fisher. Each candidate gave a two minute speech regarding why they should be considered for the position. After tallying the votes, Justin and Brook tied, 5-5. Given that he has a seat on the Council, Justin was offered the chance to cast a vote, but he chose to decline. Council then considered possible ways to address the tie between the candidates. One possible way of settling the impasse would be to have two open GC seats. The issue of bringing a resolution to remove Shelly Brown from her seat was raised and justified on the grounds that she did not provide AGS adequate representation. A second possibility raised was to have another election for the GC seat at the next Council meeting. Mark tabled the issue until next Council meeting.
- VII. Discussion of Constitutional Revision process
Michael Latner and Mike Jensen presented the modifications they propose for the AGS Constitution and Bylaws. The Constitution was discussed, but a conversation regarding the Bylaws was tabled until the next Council meeting in the interest of time.
- VIII. Officer Reports
 - a. President: Tabled for considerations of time
 - b. VP Internal: Absent.
 - c. VP Financial: Mark discussed the financial disposition of the Pub, claiming that the profits this year were passing last year's. He promised to keep Council abreast of the situation with the audit of Student Government.

- d. VP External: See handout.
- IX. Committee Reports
- a. Internal: Focusing on the housing situation, namely creating a systematic proposal from the housing subcommittee. The discussion was brief due to Amber's absence.
 - b. External: See VP External handout.
 - c. Business and Social: Justin discussed the Pub party that will happen on Friday.
- X. Next meeting – April 20, 2004, at 5:30pm in Emerald Bay E. Food volunteer: Mark.
- XI. Meeting adjourned -- 7:34 P.M.