

AGS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 20, 2004

Council members present: Yvonne Braun, Mark Sellick, Armando Rivera-Figueroa, Sandrine Zerbib, Loyda Mendez, Randy Wei, Joel Martinez, Maria Cruz Villa Uriol, Amber Rinderknecht, Mike Jensen (Social Sciences proxy).

Not Present: Cyrus Khaledy, Phiet Bui, Mbugua Karanja(excused), Tania Shershin, Kane Shieh, Justin Erenkrantz (excused), Ben Murray(excused), Matthew Cardinale.

Visitors: Alex Espinoza, Brook Haley, Mike Jensen and Mike Latner

- I. Call to order – 6:05pm
- II. Amendments to the agenda. Addition of resolutions 04-17 and 04-18.
- III. Approval of minutes
 - April 6,2004-approved
- IV. Resolution 04-17: Appointment of Brook Haley to open Humanities seat. Approved.
- V. Resolution 04-18: Special Projects Funding for Faultline. Alex Espinoza, current editor of the Faultline, explained the purpose for the funding request. Faultline is a Journal for Art and Literature. It serves the graduate student from Humanities to obtain experience as editors and publishing. This journal serves the graduate student community and also brings attention and prestige to UCI. Armando and Joel were concerned about what this journal provides to the graduate students and how many students benefits from the publication of the journal. Twelve graduate students are currently working as readers. Also Faultline collaborates with the Cross Cultural Center and the International Center for Writing and Translation. Randy asked if the logo and link of AGS can be added to the journal website and in exchange the link of Faultline webpage will be added in the AGS webpage. Motion to approved the resolution by Joel and second by Sandrine. The resolution was approved.
- VI. Debbie Davis and Kathy Alberti Award nominations and vote. It was decided that the casting of the votes would be done during the week. This way the council members will have more time to review the nominations and will provide for an anonymous selection. The council members will have until next Tuesday, April 27 to cast their vote. Two envelopes will be located at Yvonne's mailbox in the student government office where the council members will drop their voting forms.
- VII. Constitutional Revision presentation II. Mike Jensen and Mike Latner presented the proposed changes in the AGS constitution and bylaws.
- VIII. Committee Reports:
 - a. Internal Committee: The subcommittee for alternative housing proposals is meeting on Saturdays at 10:00am. The subcommittee is working on a model that will reduce the waiting list but will not eliminate it. A waiting list is necessary to fill open slots during the year. Also the subcommittee is looking at all the housing slots available on campus (graduate + undergrads). One of the alternative proposals is to renovate Campus Village for graduate students housing. Campus Village has 800 undergraduate slots. At this moment approximately 3/4 of Vista del Campo is occupied by undergrads. The idea is then to bargain ~500 beds for graduate students at Campus Village in exchange for Vista del Campo housing for undergrads. There is a concern whether is ethical to remove undergraduates form Campus Village.
 - b. Business and Social: No report.

c. External committee: see below on VP External.

IX. Officer Reports:

- a. President and VP Internal: Dennis Hampton is retiring. AGS will prepare something for the occasion.
- b. VP External: Last Friday was the Student Regent interviews. Three candidates were selected and their names were forwarded to the Regents. Last weekend was the UC Lobby Conference in Sacramento. Joel, Mbugua, Loyda and Armando attended the conference. The UCSA board meeting was held on Saturday. On Monday UCSA had a rally in front of the State Capitol, which was followed by the Lobby Day. Later that day members of UCSA expressed their views in the budget committee hearing at State Capitol. Armando will present a complete report of the activity next meeting.
- c. VP Financial: Initially the Student Center renovation was going to be in phases. Now the university wants to demolish everything instead of working on phases. This will affect the Pub location. There are two possibilities: the pub would not be open for that time period, or it could be moved at the place called the Anteatory near the College of Medicine area. Mark will keep us posted on the situation.
- d. VP Admin: No report.

X. Announcements: Irvine Meadow West Forum, Friday, April 23 at 3:00pm in the Cross-Cultural Center. Open position for the Student Fee Advisory Committee. The committee meets on Wednesdays from 10:00 to 11:00am. Contact Mark Sellick for more information. Open positions on UC Academic Senate (see handout). Contact Armando for more information.

XI. Next meeting – May 4, at 5:30pm in Emerald Bay E. Food volunteer: Joel

XII. Meeting adjourned -- 7:35pm.