

2005-2006 AGS Council Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2005

Attendees:

Executives and Staff

2004-2005	2005-2006
Fabio Leite, President	Brett Goldsmith, President
Mark Sellick, VP Financial Affairs/Treasurer	
	{Allison Fish, Legislative Liaison/}
	{Campus Organizing Director}
	{(apologies – Miruna Petrescu Prahova)}
	{Campus Communications Director}

AGS Council Members

2004-2005	2005-2006
<i>Arts</i>	
-	-
<i>Biological Sciences</i>	
-	-
<i>College of Medicine</i>	
-	-
	(apologies - Randy Wei, Asha Gupta)
<i>Education</i>	
-	-
<i>Engineering</i>	
Satish Vutukuru	Satish Vutukuru
	Sandeep Sanga
	Srinivas Nandiraju
	(apologies - Sam Danziger)
<i>School of Business</i>	
-	-
	(apologies - Henson Shinn)
<i>Humanities</i>	
Jill Marrington	Jill Marrington
Melissa Matteau	Melissa Matteau
	(apologies - Marcos Corona)

Information and Computer Science

Michael Shafae

Michael Shafae

Patricia Lee

(apologies - Sameer Patil)

Medical Academics

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Scott Summers

Physical Sciences

Brett Goldsmith

[Brett Goldsmith]

Social Ecology

Hannah Aoyagi

Aaron Hipp

Michael Campbell

Hannah Aoyagi

Aaron Hipp

Michael Campbell

Katie Pine

Sabrina Austin

Social Sciences

Allison Fish

Allison Fish

Kelsey Kretchmer

(apologies - Janet Alexanian)

Guests

Andreas Gal (GSHIP Chair)

I. AGS 2004-5 Council Agenda

Michael Shafae (outgoing VP Admin/Secretary) took the chair and called the meeting to order at 5.24pm.

A. Approve Agenda

Fabio Leite suggested a modification to the existing Agenda in view of the delay, since Parking and Transportation had been asked to give a presentation at 5.30. Hannah Aoyagi moved that this item be inserted after Item 1D and Melissa Matteau seconded the motion. Motion passed by general consensus.

Brett Goldsmith moved to approve the Agenda as amended. Allison Fish seconded. Motion passed by general consensus.

B. Roll Call

The roll was taken while waiting for quorum.

C. Approve Minutes from May 31, 2005

Satish Vutukuru moved to approve the Council Minutes of 31st May 2005. Brett

Goldsmith seconded. Motion passed by general consensus.

D. Welcome New Council

New Council were welcomed to the meeting and all members, old and new, introduced themselves.

Agenda Suspended while Stacey Murran, the new Director of Parking and Transportation (in situ 2 months) gave a short presentation on future plans and strategies for parking and transportation at UCI. Ron Fleming, Field Operations Manager, was also present. Information on these plans can be found at www.parking.uci.edu. Possibilities such as stack parking, new designations for freshman parking and drive-thru pick-ups for unscheduled replacement of forgotten permits were discussed.

Ms. Murran emphasized that all future processing for parking permits would be web-based and that she had employed a statistician to design models aimed at maximizing resources and reducing costs, but in general there was no way to afford such incentives as increased shuttle service or electronically-controlled indicators of space availability.

Ms Murran concluded her presentation with an appeal to AGS to assist them in promoting understanding amongst graduate students that they had no choice in the decisions they were making, which were mostly on the basis of costs. Fabio Leite thanked her for her presentation and the meeting resumed at [5.55(?)].

E. Orientation

Michael Shafae distributed the New Member Orientation Packets and gave a brief explanation of some of its contents, including the operation of Roberts' Rules of conduct and the roles of some of the executives. Michael Campbell and Aaron Hipp requested that Executive and Staff titles be given in full (rather than abbreviations such as LL, CCD, etc.) so that new members would know who was being discussed.

Michael Shafae went on to remind members that attendance at Council meetings was mandatory and that failure to attend without a valid excuse for more than 3 meetings in a row would result in the member's removal from Council. All members are required to join one of the Standing Committees, but attendance at these is not mandatory. However, the more participation there is on committees, the more impact will be achieved by interaction with other areas of student government.

Executive officers gave a brief description of their committees, but Michael Shafae emphasized that new members should read and fully acquaint themselves with the information in their packet.

F. Administrative Committee Reports

1. Principles of the Campus Community Committee

Fabio Leite confirmed that this was off-line since the departure of Chancellor Cicerone and there would be no further developments until the arrival of Chancellor Drake.

G. Academic Senate Councils Reports

1. Graduate Council

While a lot of email had been generated this week, particularly with reference to the Open Forum on Housing which took place on June 9th, there were no representatives of Graduate Council present at the meeting. Aaron Hipp urged next year's council to put pressure on Graduate Council representatives to attend AGS meetings, since more liaison was required between the two groups. Fabio Leite reinforced this point, stressing that this unsatisfactory situation had lasted most of the year of his office – that while Graduate Council reps were appointed by AGS, there had been a significant reluctance on their part to report back to AGS Council, although they were required to do it as it was the remit for their appointment. Andreas Gal further emphasized that a closer relationship should be promoted, especially since there was going to be such close involvement with Graduate Council over the Housing Length of Stay limits issue.

Michael Shafae moved that this discussion be tabled until the next meeting, owing to lack of time. [?] seconded. The motion passed by general consensus.

G2. Research, Computing and Library

Brett Goldsmith reported that this committee had largely concentrated on reviewing ORU's (Organized Research Units), which involved approving funding for various sub-committees and inter-departmental research groups carrying out research on campus.

H. AGS Committee Reports

Aaron Hipp recommended that current Executives give a brief description of the mission, objectives and responsibilities of their committee. Fabio Leite reminded members that while Standing Committees might not appear on the surface to do very much, since other sub-committees or ad-hoc committees tend to produce the functional work involved, it is the responsibility and activities of the standing committees which are responsible for the groundwork, research, organization and administration of much of this activity.

1-4. Jill Marrington, Hannah Aoyagi, Michael Shafae and Andreas Gal gave a brief resume of their committee remit, as per the Orientation Packet. Hannah also gave a brief summary of the activities of her committee this year.

There was also a brief discussion of the AGS and pub situation: Andreas Gal emphasized that there should be an introductory AGS party in Welcome Week as usual, since this was important to new students, GSHIP staff and all AGS. Mark

Sellick also reminded members that RGS regularly donated \$1000 dollars for this event (as long as DeWayne Green was asked for it) and this should not be allowed to lapse. Alternative venues were discussed, and it was noted that while ASUCI had used Aldrich Park as a venue for outside events, AGS should endeavour to retain its individual identity and therefore attempt to seek alternative venues to those used by ASUCI.

I. AGS Executive Officer and Staff Reports.

Fabio Leite noted that there were two important items for the meeting to vote on before quorum disintegrated (some people had to leave early) and that he therefore moved to insert an Agenda item at this point to consider the nominations for the Debbie Davis Award for Outstanding Graduate Student and the Kathy Alberti Award for Faculty or Staff. Satish Vutukuru seconded and the motion passed by general consensus. However, the background information had only been disseminated to Executive Officers at that point and was not included in the Agenda packet, so Council had no grounds on which to vote. The voting process therefore included the supporting statements of the nominees and the number of nominations they had received.

Nominees for the Debbie Davis Award were:

Travis Seaward (4 nominations)

Hannah Aoyagi (3)

Wen Jun (1)

Kathy Quick (1)

Mark Sellick moved that voting take place by simple show of hands. [? Jill Marrington] seconded and the motion passed by general consensus.

Council members voted overwhelmingly for Hannah Aoyagi.

Nominations for the Kathy Alberti Award were:

Roxane Silver (22 nominations)

Francois Primeau (5)

Jean Daniel Saphores (3)

Elliott Curry (1)

Helen Ingram (1)

Since many of the nominees were unknown to Council, votes were taken generally on the number of nominees. Roxane Silver therefore won the award by 7 votes, with 3 abstentions.

At this point, the rest of the Old Meeting was cancelled by general consensus (AH proposed, BG seconded).

Mark Sellick reminded new members that if they were going to be absent during

the summer, they could nominate a proxy to vote on their behalf.

2004-2005 Meeting adjourned at approximately 6.35[?].

II. 2005-2006 AGS Council Agenda

A. Approve Agenda

Sabrina Austin moved to approve the Agenda. Michael Campbell seconded and the motion passed by general consensus.

B. Orientation

Already covered.

C. Roll Call

Already covered.

D. Executive Board Election

Aaron Hipp asked Michael Shafae to describe the responsibilities of the VP Admin/Secretary. Since only 2 nominations had been put forward for the Executive positions, nominations were requested for these and the other positions. Michael Shafae presented his statement for nomination for VP Financial/Treasurer, and Satish Vutukuru put forward his statement for VP Internal. Jill Marrington endorsed the nomination of Satish Vutukuru, although she had not nominated him in writing. Michael Campbell nominated Sabrina Austin for the VP Admin/Secretary position and Katie Pine for VP Internal, as well as Michael Shafae for VP Financial/Treasurer. Sandeep Sanga seconded these nominations. Michael Campbell moved that there be a 5 minutes recess for discussion of the disputed position while the nominees were asked to exit. Sabrina Austin seconded and the motion passed by general consensus. Before they left, Michael Campbell asked the new nominees to say something about why they were interested in the position. Melissa Matteau moved to amend the motion so that the vote for VPI be taken first, to be followed by the other executive officers. Katie Pine seconded and the motion passed by general consensus.

After a brief discussion, a vote was taken by secret ballot : Satish (7), Katie (3). No abstentions.

The two candidates were invited to return and the results announced.

Satish Vutukuru nominated Allison Fish for VP External, but she expressed reservations, since she would be away during a crucial period of activity. Katie Pine had not been voted in as VP Internal, so, when asked if she would be interested, she nominated herself for VP External. Michael Campbell seconded the nomination. Allison Fish then retracted her nomination.

Michael Shafae was elected VP Financial/Treasurer, by uncontested vote.
Katie Pine was elected VP External, by uncontested vote.

Satish Vutukuru made a motion to table the election of VP Admin/Secretary until the next meeting, since another council member had expressed an interest in the position. After some discussion, however, including the fact that the VP Admin/Secretary was crucial to the organization of future meetings and would need to start right away, and also that the member in question had not nominated himself for the position, Jill Marrington objected to the motion and it was denied.

Sabrina Austin was then elected VP Admin/Secretary, by uncontested vote.

E. Budget

As far as the Budget was concerned, it was emphasized that this was a sufficiently complex undertaking that Michael Shafae should liaise with Mark Sellick prior to the presentation of a new budget and both parties agreed.

The remainder of the Agenda was tabled due to lack of time, with the exception of -
H. New Business.

Jill Marrington moved a vote of thanks to Fabio Leite for his outstanding work as President during the past year, and to Mark Sellick for having been the anchor for a rotating membership for the past four years.

Fabio Leite then summarized briefly the results of the meeting held that morning between Andreas Gal, Jill Marrington, Satish Vutukuru and Bill Zeller and Lisa Cornish for the Housing Administration (in which it was agreed that the Ad-Hoc Committee on Housing, as previously constituted, would be reconstituted and that the first meeting would be held at the beginning of July, with 3 student representatives, as well as representation from Graduate Council and RGS). Fabio Leite thanked Andreas Gal for his initiative in following up on last week's Open Forum meeting and pushing Housing Administration to comply with our requests.

Fabio also expressed his thanks to the outgoing Executive.

In the light of there being no further business Jill Marrington moved to adjourn, and Melissa Matteau seconded. The motion passed by general consensus and the meeting adjourned at approximately 7.05pm.