

9-28-2004 Minutes

- I. Call to order 5:07 PM by chair Fabio Leite, President
- II. Introductions
- ▼ III. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. motion by Michael Shafae, VP Admin.
 - B. 2nd by Kevin Wortman, ICS rep.
 - C. motion passes by general consensus
- ▼ IV. Approval of AGS Council meeting minutes from September 14, 2004
 - A. motion by Hannah Aoyagi, VP External
 - B. 2nd by Chris Roncal, Humanities rep.
 - C. motion passes by general consensus
- ▼ V. Senate Committee
 - A. Resumes for candidates included in council packet.
 - B. Resumes were collected and destroyed per the Presidents instructions due to concerns for privacy
 - C. President states that those who have not submitted a resume or CV or not present can be considered by Council
 - ▼ D. Michael Shafae, VP Admin., motions to modify agenda to add 10 minute review of CVs and resumes prior to vote
 - 1. 2nd by Hannah Aoyagi, VP External
 - 2. motion passes by general consensus
 - E. President points out he invited candidates to be present at 5:30 PM not at 5 PM
 - ▼ F. Michael Shafae, VP Admin., motions to table discussions of Academic Senate appointments until after 5:35 PM.
 - 1. 2nd by Sam Danzinger, Engineering rep.
 - 2. motion passes by general consensus
- ▼ VI. Humanities Executive Committee Report
 - ▼ A. Members of the HEC present: Chris Roncal, Humanities rep., and Brooke Haley, Academic Senate Graduate Council Graduate rep.
 - 1. Jill Marrington, VP Internal, not present
 - ▼ B. Brooke Haley gave a status report to council
 - 1. 10 representatives total for the departments
 - 2. 3 departments have no representatives
 - 3. Departments were not aware that there were positions for graduate representation
 - 4. Hesitant to go forward with elections of graduate representation within the departments until departs sort things out
 - 5. Still in the process of getting in touch with department chairs
- ▼ VII. Senate Committee (continued)
 - ▼ A. Graduate Council voting
 - 1. candidates present: Arun Kejariwal
 - ▼ 2. 2 minute personal statement
 - a) too many courses that are irrelevant

- b) curriculum needs revision
- c) flexible course offerings
- ▼ 3. questions from council
 - ▼ a) Brooke Haley - any representational experience?
 - (1) representative of hostel at undergraduate university
 - (2) student editor of IEEE journal
 - ▼ 4. Vote results
 - a) 7 yes
 - b) 0 no
 - c) 1 abstention
 - d) Armando Riviera, Physical Science rep., identifies himself as abstaining from the voting
- ▼ B. Campus Physical and Environmental Committee voting
 - 1. candidates present: Ralph McLaughlin
 - ▼ 2. 2 minute personal statement
 - a) job experience related to this volunteer position
 - b) academic planning experience
 - c) high school representative
 - 3. No questions from Council
 - ▼ 4. Vote results
 - a) 9 votes yes
 - b) 0 votes no
 - c) 0 abstentions
- ▼ VIII. Graduate Council Representative Report
 - A. Brooke Haley provided the report
 - ▼ B. 3 on ongoing program review
 - 1. humanities
 - 2. environmental toxicology
 - 3. social ecology
 - 4. faculty responses have been filed
 - 5. student responses have not been
 - ▼ C. Dean Parker gave report - numbers laden, initiatives to increase percent of graduate students in face of fee/tuition increases problem of nonresident tuition
 - 1. drop of international student enrollment because UC costs as much as an Ivy League university
 - ▼ D. Housing Committee - nothing new
 - 1. continue to support 3 year limit on graduate housing
 - ▼ E. Chair Steven Richey's priorities
 - 1. student support
 - 2. structure of program reviews
 - 3. processes (school wide review)
 - 4. production and renovation of research consortia and joint programs
 - ▼ F. Kevin Wortman motions to add 10 minutes to Graduate Council report

- 1. 2nd by Michael Shafae
- 2. passed by general consensus
- ▼ G. Sub-Committee of Graduate Support
 - 1. fee/tuition offsets moved to department budgets out of university budget
 - 2. departments have less money and its pinching the students
 - 3. burden of nonresident fees
 - 4. 23% less enroll of international students this year at UCI
- ▼ H. Sub-Committee of Social Ecology Program Review
 - 1. cirrciulum problem
- ▼ I. Committee on Courses
 - 1. find problems with frequency of courses, time to degree limitations, poss of forcing depts to drop course from catalog if they do not give the course often enough (false advertising)
- ▼ J. Action Items
 - ▼ 1. Department of English and Comparative Literature is trying to divide into two depts
 - a) increase admin funds will pinch School of Humanities
 - b) Graduate Council saw through the farce and almost unanomous vote to put it down; will be addressed at the next meeting
 - 2. Department of Classics and MFA had course changes
- ▼ K. On Going Business
 - 1. program reviews still being discussed
 - 2. reivew of MS/Ph.D. program in environmental toxicology
 - ▼ 3. School of Ecology
 - a) restructuring of school
 - b) concern that there isn't enough graduate representation
 - ▼ 4. interdisciplinary graduate program
 - a) how to get faculty from different schools to create a graduate programs
 - b) its a promising idea but funding for a student who isn't attached to a program may be a problem
 - 5. Fabio asks that GC Reps come to meetings so that AGS can have a say in how things will be approached and how things are going
- ▼ IX. Department of Education Election
 - A. AGS helps the Department of Education host their election for two AGS council member seats
 - B. Hannah Aoyagi and Fabio Leite worked on this issue to present options to Council
 - C. Oct. 26-29 for election - constitutionally mandated
 - ▼ D. Nomination process
 - 1. blast email to all Department of Education students
 - 2. nomination by student
 - 3. Fabio Leite will return to Council to confirm nomination
 - 4. Nominations close 5 days prior to election

- 5. Balloting to be done by paper ballot
- ▼ E. Fabio Leite wishes to bring the election process to Council and audit the process
 - 1. Too expensive to host an election online
 - 2. Run through email? Council doesn't usually considers email tamper proof
- ▼ F. Sam Danzinger: web elections too expensive?
 - 1. \$960 cost from last election
- ▼ G. Kevin Wortman: possible to write our own election software
 - 1. move to new business if Council is interested
- H. Fabio Leite: proposes start on 10/19 nomination process through email, confirm via Jill Marrington via email, email ballot, elections take place 10/26-10/29
- ▼ I. Mark Noorman, visitor: how to audit process?
 - 1. Fabio Leite: show hard copy, recount of ballots
- J. Michael Shafae objects to email ballots
- K. Fabio Leite concerned with how to manage paper ballots
- ▼ L. Mark Sellick: verification of membership to the Department of Education?
 - 1. Yvonne Braun: registrar can provide that information and is mandated to do so when AGS runs an election
- ▼ M. Michael Shafae motion to put a ballot box in the Department of Education office staffed with a council representative and a registrar roster for 4 hours for 4 days - 2 hours before noon and 2 hours after noon.
 - 1. 2nd by Chris Roncal
 - 2. motion passed by general consensus
- ▼ X. Council Attendance
 - ▼ A. Review of Constitutional rules of attendance
 - 1. 5 unexcused absences within a year (2 per quarter)
 - 2. Council can exclude you
 - 3. Mark Sellick, VP Financial, points out that President can not appoint nominees to open Council seats
- ▼ XI. AGS Committee Reports
 - ▼ A. Internal
 - ▼ 1. GSHIP/GAB meeting this Friday
 - a) reviewing vision plan Nov.-Dec.
 - b) reviewing dental plan Dec.-Jan.
 - c) reviewing medical plan late Winter quarter or Spring quarter
 - ▼ B. External
 - 1. vote drive is going well
 - 2. call for TAs to help in voter registration
 - 3. 10/23 - 10/24 student center meeting with UCSA
 - ▼ C. Business & Social
 - 1. meeting tonight
- ▼ XII. Executive reports
 - ▼ A. President

- 1. successful start of the year party
- 2. new AGS brochures available
- ▼ B. Financial
 - 1. \$1300 increase in pub sales during AGS event
 - 2. no pizza left over
 - 3. A/C in pub is fixed
 - 4. \$9000 in sales in first week of academic year
 - 5. previous year was \$6500
- ▼ C. VP Admin.
 - 1. backups are still a problem
- ▼ XIII. New Business
 - ▼ A. Michael Shafae nominates Mark Noorman as Physical Science rep.
 - ▼ 1. Vote results
 - a) 9 yes
 - b) 0 no
 - c) 0 abstentions
 - 2. Mark Noorman confirmed as Physical Science rep.
 - ▼ B. Administrative Lunch agenda items
 - 1. Items should be sent to Fabio Leite
- ▼ XIV. Adjournment 7:10 PM
 - A. Aaron Hipp, Social Ecology rep., motions to adjourn meeting
 - B. 2nd by Hannah Aoyagi
 - C. approved by general consensus