

Minutes for April 11, 2005

Call to Order 4:04

Roll Call

Tardies: George Nahas, Bre Kopson, Stelanie Marshall

Absences: Shaylin Jones, Angelica Proffett, Jeni Schroers

Approval of Orders of the Day

No Objections

Comments from the Gallery

K.Miller: I really like the budget, but it would be good from Student Handout Services you could take that money and add it to the Scholarship fund.

Speaker

Steve Roberts – Associate Vice President for Finance and Administration

Mary Beth Snyder: Tuition and fees committee decided not to charge SAF and Rec money to high school students who are not allowed to use the facilities.

There is a proposed change in Refund Policy which Mr. Roberts will explain.

Roberts: We are trying to find a simple way to change the refund policy.

Cindy Hermsen: Current policy – 100% 1st week, 70% 2nd week, 50% 3rd week, 0% 4th week. Proposed change: 100% for the first two weeks, and 0% for the 3rd week.*

Glatfelter: It's a drastic change between the first two weeks and the third. I don't like the all or nothing policy.

Porter: What is the financial impact of not giving money back in the third week?

Cindy Hermsen: It is approximately \$18,000 that the university would be keeping.

M.Miller: How are you planning on informing all students of the new policy?

And is there going to be a follow up committee to track the success of the new policy?

Cindy Hermsen: Yes, we will be informing students through email, postcards, etc. We also plan on having a follow up committee.

McGuinness: You could also plan to communicate through OGL's and what is your timeline, where are you going from here?

Cindy Hermsen: We would like to initiate this policy in the fall so that we can effectively communicate the policy before then.

Kopson: Would you mind initiating it in the winter so that we can have a longer publicizing period?

Cindy Hermsen: We really need to initiate the policy at the beginning of the academic year.

New Business

Nomination and selection

Disciplinary Committee

Nominations: Montrell Porter

Motion by acclimation: Montrell Porter

Research and Review Committee

Nominations: Kristina Butler

Motion by acclimation: Kristina Butler

Scholarship Committee

Nominations: Alicia Feys, Allison Cummings-Stuckman and Niki Pszczolkowski.

Cummings-Stuckman: I came up with a lot of good ideas for scholarship committee in the last term so I think I would be great as chair.

Pszczolkowski: I have never been a part of this committee, but I wouldn't mind chairing it.

Feys: I am a part of InterVarsity and I know the procedure, and I would like to see a variety of different scholarships instead of ones geared towards a particular major.

Vote: Allison Cummings-Stuckman

Steering Committee

Nominations: Joshua Miller

Vote by acclamation: Joshua Miller

C.B. 06-01 (Spring/Summer 2005 Budget, First Reading)*

Speakers List

J.Miller: Commend Mr. McGuinness, the compensation is only 27% compared to the 60% that we had in last year's budget.

Waquad: Compensation for Legislators isn't necessary, that \$600 could be going to scholarship committee.

Maurer: Environmental awareness- try to use more money? Student Displays-professors may think that it is a distraction, is there any way that we could display art work in other locations, but not in classrooms.

Kopson: Some of the Campus Landscape money should go more toward scholarships.

M.Miller: SFH is being renovated over the summer, so it would be hard to put those displays up. Student orgs aren't nearly as active in the spring/summer as they are in the fall/winter, so we should wait until the fall/winter. Although it is good to have more money for scholarships, we are having trouble as it is with the scholarships we do offer.

Waquad: Motion to Increase legislator of the month to \$200 total, delete the line item for meeting attendance (\$500), and instead give the money to uncategorized funds or freshman outreach program.

Motion to amend amendment: Take the \$750 from interfaith worship area and add it to new student Orientations.

Both motions withdrawn

Jean Ann Miller: This organization that was created just to provide scholarships, instead you should contact the faculty so that they provide the type of scholarships you are looking for.

J.Miller: Total Categorized funds should be \$58,562.50

Kopson: Motion to send scholarship issues to Research and Review for one week's investigation.

Vote: PASSED

Motion to table C.B. 06-01 until next week

Vote: PASSED

Motion to amend agenda to approve Steering Committee
J.Miller: Alicia Feys, Bre Kopson, Meghan Redmond, and Brandon Glatfelter to Steering Committee.

Motion to vote

Vote: APPROVED

Discussion Topics:

Selection of Discussion Topic of the Week

Kopson: Tuition Refund Fee Change

Panchenko: Spirit Rock vs. Spirit Bear

M.Miller: Budget

Motion to vote

Vote: discussion topic of the week - budget

Additional discussion topics

Evans: I attended a black student leadership meeting, and I feel that students should be able to work on campus instead of having the university outsource.

Motion to send issue to Research and Review until the May meeting

Vote: PASSED

Maurer: Why residents are being kicked out of the student apts on the 27th although finals don't end until the 29th.

M.Miller: they are being flexible with it, so you could speak to them individually.

McGuinness: After the summer semester, we have a 2 week break; maybe we could have a week between winter and spring semester, and a week between summer and fall semester.

Motion to Amend Agenda to add the approval of Research and Review
Adam Panchenko, Jillian Key, Niki Pszczolkowski, Dean Maurer, Cherise Steward

Vote: PASSED

Motion to approve Research and Review

Vote: PASSED

Motion to amend Agenda to move Updates up before Reports

Vote: PASSED

Updates

Krupa Ujla, Elections Commission – report*

Reports*

Michael McGuinness, Student Body President

Kori Lynn Caver, Student Body Vice President

Announcements:

OUSC End of the Year Banquet 5:30-8:00pm

Vagina Monologues are Friday, Saturday April 15-16 at 7pm and Sunday April 17 at 2:00pm

OUSC Legislative Body Meeting Next Monday

Student Body President Jonathan D. Parks has been crowned Mr. Phisignificant!

Porter: Legislators are responsible to join 2 committees, and also go over the Constitution so they know their rights.

Comments from the Gallery

K.Miller: Carnival for Change is tomorrow night from 8:30 to 11:30 in the Vandenberg Cafeteria.

Student: Can I get a list of the new Congress's names

Jim Gammicchia: Student Org Recognition Night – Sunday

K.Miller: Help get scholarships for Transfer and Adult students.

Adjourned at 6:53pm

*See hard copy.