

LSG Senate Minutes

10/28/2015

4:48-5:15

I. Call Meeting to Order

II. Roll Call (2 min)

Mahesh Cleveland (w/Anita Hurlburt proxy)

Alex Chun

Dianna Ohrt

Natalia Maharaj

Kaki Vessels (w/ Kelcie Nagata proxy)

Robbie Zane

Brandon Marc Higa

Christina Yee

Randy Cortez

Kamalolo (arrived late)

Guests:

Thomas Mitschner (guest)

Matt Tsujimura (guest)

Saisamoa Grey Price (guest)

III. Chair Report (3 min)

Revisions to the minutes

Christina Yee typo on “refrigerator”

Alex motions to approve the minutes Kamakani seconds.

All approve.

IV. New Business (115 mins)

Brandon motions to approve the agenda. Robert seconds. All approve.

A. Law Photo Resolution

a. Open discussion

- b. Mahesh- support the impetus of the resolution but problem with wording and understand that administration dealing with them and based on information after the resolution was petitioned about the changeover in staff that handles the issue, was asking if it was possible to amend it. Feels language is pushy.
- c. Kaki- I agree that the resolution and she started in April. She had 6 months to complete it.
- d. Robert- expresses concerns about revising in a timely measure and ensuring that dialogue is first conducted based on supposed inaction of previous senate to get petition done. Notes that it is not the fault of the new person but to also highlight the need for administration to recognize the SBA's concerns.
- e. Mahesh- put pressure on ourselves to do it but still not comfortable with the wording of the document. I don't want, as a 1L, to frustrate the administration over the next 3 years. Problems with "as soon as possible," "whereas," I have no problem with the idea and student body wants the issue dealt with.
- f. Thomas- I was the one that drafted the resolution and got signatures with others to consider. What I've seen with the process, working at the library. Wanted to know where the photos were. Not the library but the administration. I researched and was told the photos were not made and maybe will not be made. Saw the photos until 2010 and wanted one day to have our pictures up there. I feel strongly about this and the administration has not been doing this a lot and we have a voice to the administration and work with them and important for this to come from the Senate. The new person was put in charge of making the photos. Her name is Jennifer. She is also in charge of all events at the law school. She has a lot of responsibilities. She has a lot to do and don't think that this is her fault for the years prior. He calls on the administration generally and if she is too busy, maybe it should be given to somebody else to do. There were five sets of photos produced but they were of such poor quality that the administration did not want to post them. Up until 2006, you'll see that what is framed are old brochures. Rather than taking brochures, make nicer versions in 2006. That stuff was not already in place and wanted to fix it. Any amount of frustration that we would express is somewhat justified for being five years behind. Two entering classes have gone through and to emphasize the point. Based on the judiciary's ruling, which I recused myself from, if you decide not to pass it, we can word it as such to recognize and help complete the project. Happy to work with Mahesh to reword. What I want to show you are the brochures that have been produced in the intervening years. But they haven't put into frames. (Photos passed around)
- g. Matt- clarify that nothing has been done in this regard and Tom has noted that there has been things been done and getting to know Jennifer working here, she is slammed with work and there are many events at the law school that she has to plan and a lot on her plate and a lot closing around November and December, afraid of naming her specifically and one name in there will stand out very strongly and I think that knowing her very well, to make sure "Hey Admin" and the deans have been here several years and Dean Kawakami did not approve of the

quality coming out and this project has not been up to speed. Frames are a different size, because we were so small, the size of the poster is not identical to everything else. There are other issues and slapping it into a frame and size wise.

- h. Jeremy- Jennifer still working with graphic artist to produce best quality pictures.
 - i. Motion to vote by Alex. Second by Brandon.
 - j. Approve- Robert, Kelcie, Kaki, Dianna, Brandon, Christina
 - k. Oppose- Alex, Natalia, Mahesh, Anita, Randy, Kamakani, Kamalolo
 - l. In 3 weeks, by November 18, we will have a new resolution and have another meeting at that time. That resolution will be led Mahesh and Robert. Ensure to get everyone's opinion.
- B. Finance Committee Recommendation
- a. Kaki- estimate of grand total by half. Need to know what we have in the bank, expected expenditures now, next semester. Budget has income, expenses, current balance, etc. Recommend holding off on appropriating funds.
 - b. Brandon has seconded Kaki Vessel's motion to discuss.
 - c. Jeremy- discussion opened
 - d. Randy- Question regarding by-laws
 - e. Christina- Finance committee clarification.
 - f. Want a budget and not a recommendation.
 - g. Kamakani- current estimates are within a safe margin of error based on previous years.
 - h. Brandon- point of clarification- for this semester or the year.
 - i. One time payment of \$60 per student and the current estimates are for this semester alone.
 - i. Piyada makes deposits and withdraws and informs the SBA about their budget.
 - j. Approve of Kaki's tabling vote on appropriation until LSG budget- 9 Robert, Natalia, Kelcie, Kaki, Diana, Christina, Brandon, Randy, Kamalolo
 - k. Oppose- 4 Alex, Kamakani, Mahesh, and Anita
 - l. Passing on finance committee no sooner than November 18, 2015.
- C. Tom- on budget issue is that there are no by-laws from the Senate to want the by-laws to work with this stuff.
- D. Brandon and Kaki motion for adjourning the meeting.