

MINUTES

Commission on Student Affairs Meeting

April 14th, 2016

3:30 PM – 5:00 PM

Squires Student Center – Brush Mountain Room

Attendees

Margaret Appleby, Pat Finn, Evan Robohm, Zach Greenwald, Alicia Cohen, Lauren Surface, Greg Purdy, Tuna Shankar (proxy for Class Office), Gabe Cohen (proxy for SGA), Tara Reel, Morgan Sykes, Matt Chan, Mohammed Seyam, Susan Anderson

Guests

Darren Small, Max Tarshis, Regine Parks, Gina Tamburro, Angela Simmons, Dean Brown

Call to Order

At 3:37pm, Vice Chair Matt Chan called the meeting to order.

Approval of Agenda

Morgan Sykes made a motion to approve the agenda; Tuna Shankar seconded, the agenda was approved.

Old Business

A. Student Budget Board Policy Changes: 2nd Reading

Darren Small and Regine Parks, Student Budget Board chair and vice-chair, revisited the Student Budget Board Policy Changes. The overhaul was needed to make the document more easily understandable by students about how the policies should be read. Based off suggestions from CSA last week, SBB made a few additional changes including removing some language about tie-breakers and definitions of majority. They clarified language about giveaways and what will be covered by SBB and it will have a \$150 maximum.

Maraget Appleby asked if the number of student organizations would be capped off ever? Also, how will these policies adapt to the growing student body. Regine answered and said that the policies will have to adjust and be stricter as more organizations request funding.

Morgan Sykes motioned to approve the changes shown by SBB and Tuna Shankar seconded. Matt Chan opened the floor for discussion.

The policy changes passed unanimously.

B. Student Budget Board Annual Funding Cut Strategies: 2nd Reading

Max Tarshis and Regine Parks revisited the Student Budget Board Annual Funding Cut Strategies. These changes were intended to take out bias of appropriation and cut strategies.

Matt Chan moved to vote on appropriation strategies and cut strategies.

Tuna asked what would happen if we did not approve appropriation strategies since the money has already been allotted. No organization has been notified about the final number they are receiving but if this does not pass Budget Board will have to go back and start over.

Morgan Sykes made a motion approved the appropriation strategy 2016-2017 and the motion carried unanimously.

Funding Cut Strategies – We need to allocate funds for UCSO's annually. SBB needed to scale back funding since the demand is so high. Publicity was cut (no more than 20%), copying and printing cannot exceed \$200, general office supplies cannot exceed \$150 and resource materials cannot exceed \$100.

Tuna Shankar made a motion to approve cut strategies and Morgan Sykes seconded. Matt Chan opened the floor for discussion.

Margaret Appleby asked if there was a cap for how much an organization can request and what prevents them for asking double. Regine answered no there is not but this type of strategy will only be in place for this year and modifications will need to be made in the upcoming years.

Greg Purdy asked for next year, will there be something in place by Fall (beginning of school year). Darren answered that he will be working on this strategy over the summer and hopes to be done by the start of classes in the fall.

Matt Chan asked if the policy for funding cut strategies has to be approved by CSA. Regine said she knew the allocation funding strategy must pass through

CSA but the funding cuts do not necessarily need the CSA's approval. We will continue this discussion in the future.

The policy passed with one abstention from Margaret Appleby.

New Business

A. Student Budget Board Appeal

Zach Greenwald will chair the Student Budget Board Appeal by GSA.

Matt Chan, president of GSA, presented their appeal about funding allocation by the SBB for their Spring Event. Matt Chan began by explaining the content of the GSA Spring Event. This year, GSA planned to organize two movie screenings and a game night at the BreakZONE for graduate students. Right now, GSA already received annual funding for these events, but the money is under a different category. Currently the money is under a "speaker" but instead of inviting a speaker, this year they want to reallocate those "speaker" funds for renting out BreakZONE.

Appeal Reasoning

1. The decision was rushed and insufficient time was provided for discussion.
2. Funding request related to the BreakZONE were only made by two RSO's in 2015-2016:
 - a. The International Council for Research and Innovation in Building and Construction
 - i. Was denied because it would not be open to the general public
 - b. Other was a recruitment event which is not funded by SBB
3. GSA did not think either of the two denied BreakZONE requests serve as precedent for their case since they were both different in nature and intent.
4. SBB has funded Social Events for GSA in the past because providing social forums for graduate students is part of the mission of GSA

Summary

1. Open to all
2. Forms a part of the Spring Event series (previously approved)
3. Not a recruiting event
4. Meets the GSA's mission

Student Budget Board came in to present their reasoning for the re-allocation not being granted.

1. Regine Parks explained that the decision was not rushed since there is no designated time allotted for each decision in SBB.
2. Regine Parks recognized that the two precedents did not perfectly align with what the GSA was attempting to do but these precedents were not the only reason why the request was denied.
3. Social events are non-fundable. Concerts, movies, etc. are programming events, which are interpreted differently than a “social night.”
4. Elections for those exceptions are funded, but social events are not included in those exceptions (SGA, GSA, and Homecoming Board elections).

CSA moved into discussion.

Greg Purdy mentioned that we barely have quorum and of those we do have, several of those are from GSA.

Zach Greenwald opened the option to table this decision until next week. Tuna made the motion and Greg seconded. This appeal will be on the agenda next week.

Announcements

Lauren Surface shared that GSA is having a “bring your kids to school” day and Dean DePaw will be speaking at 11:30

SGA is hosting the community picnic after the 3.2 Run for 32 this Saturday.

GSA Spring Event series will be having both movie screenings in the GLC auditorium at 6:30pm.

Adjournment

Morgan Sykes made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Susan Anderson, and passed. The meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM.