

**Minutes**  
**Student Assembly**  
**August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2014**  
**4:45pm – 6:30pm**  
**Willard Straight Hall**

**I. Call to Order**

S. Balik called the meeting to order at 4:45pm.

Members present: S. Ali Khan, K. Aniket, S. Balik, J. Batista, J. Berger, Y. Bhandari, W. Bitsky, R. Gademsky, L. Goldman, M. Henderson, E. Johnston, L. Liu, S. Lustic, M. Masson, R. Raglin, M. Stefanko, T. Talbot, S. Tayal, L. Wershaw, A. Zhou

Members excused: F. Yang

Members unexcused: V. Kejariwal

**II. Approval of Minutes**

5/1/14 minutes approved by unanimous consent.

**III. Open Microphone**

Matt: Even and odd parking is an issue, as is the 24 hour parking limit. There's a chance to get it appealed. Requests support for the attempt to have the laws repealed.

**IV. Announcements and Reports**

Summer Alumni Event Funding Update – M. Stefanko

First alumni funding event and it was a great success. Unfortunately there was a spending issue, and the event ended up costing about \$2400 (expected about \$1500), but it was still under budget.

Outreach – L. Wershaw

There are plans for a lot of outreach events to publicize the SA. Coming up 9/9-9/12: 12-3pm free froyo on Ho Plaza.

**V. Business of the Day**

**R.1: Approval of the 2014-2015 Standing Rules – J. Batista**

Found that rule 5 was redundant in the preamble, specified rules regarding absences, specified approval dates under the Committee section, removed unnecessary rules, and increased special projects funding to \$400.

**Motion** to amend the standing rules to me the special projects funding amount consistent at \$400 throughout the document. **Approved** by a vote of 17-0-0.

**Call to question, seconded, approved** by a vote of 17-0-0.

### **R.2 Approval of the 2014-2015 Operating Budget – M. Stefanko**

Redirected \$400 from diversity initiatives to community life initiatives.

T. Talbot asked why there is still an allowance for Ivy Council. Response: There has been no definitive statement that no one will be sent to the Ivy Council, so they wanted to budget for the possibility.

A. Zhou asked why the communications allowance is so high, and why is the Elections allowance reduced by so much? Response: For Communications, there was an expectation to spend a lot of money but plans didn't go through last year. After speaking with Lindsay, there's confidence that there will be more spent on programming this year. For Elections, it was noticed that there was a large discrepancy between allowance and spending last year, so the number this year has been reduced to reflect that.

Y. Bhandari asked for clarification on Total Expense value in the summary? Response: Guidebooks need to be paid for each year to the Public Service Center. Payments have not gone through the last 3 years, so that's where the \$1500 went.

M. Masson asked why the special projects allowance \$3K when only \$155 was spent last year? Response: Special project funding is for events that aren't planned for, usually in response to an incident on campus. There's no way to plan for it, but they like to keep these funds in reserve. If it won't be used, then it will become available spending money for other committees.

**Call to question, seconded, approved** by a vote of 17-0-0.

## **VII. New Business**

### **R.3: Approval of the Elections Committee Slate – M. Henderson**

SA needs to staff and approve the slate. This year it has 10 members (less than half are allowed to be SA members) and the chair is K. Aniket. Over the summer, it was decided that applications for the elections committee would be 9/2 (later than previous years to allow a larger applicant pool). Currently the resolution only outlines a partial slate as they are still waiting for the applications process to finish.

**Motion** to postpone to next week, when the entire slate can be approved. **Approved** by unanimous consent.

#### **R.4: Addressing the Student Activity Fee Endowment Fund**

About 14 years ago, the SA decided they wanted to endow the SAFC. It'd take until about 2150 to see the endowment through, so there was a decision to make the money available now for projects around campus.

They are working on a publicity plan, an application, and criteria to judge incoming ideas by. The actual implementation of accepted ideas will occur in the spring.

S. Ali Khan suggests looking at University of Carolina Chapel Hill and Duke as they do something similar.

**Motion** to postpone the resolution until next week, **approved** by unanimous consent.

S. Balik adjourned the meeting at 5:38pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chelsea Cheng