

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: August 4, 2009
Student Union Building, Meeting Room C – 211

ASG BOD Members

Present: President Joseph Root, VP of Equity and Pluralism Luis Sanchez, Club and Programs Representative Andres Munt, Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurial Representative Jean-Claude Kameni, Marketing and Public Relations Representative Janet Bai, VP of Finance and Communication Chapman Chung, Environmental and Social Responsibility Representative Carolyn Dewitt, Chief Justice Bernard Ellouk, Associate Justice of External Affairs Jessica Yip, Associate Justice of Internal Affairs Stéphanie Baghoumina

Absent: none

Advisor: Candy Stewart

Others Present: Vanessa Pantley, Marcus Sweetser, Jacob Peltier, Michelle Hightower, John Daniel Peppe, Branden Audet.

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Proceedings

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:32 pm by Joseph Root
2. Roll Call
 - Members of the Board of Directors and the Judicial Board introduced themselves
 - Guests introduced themselves
3. Approval of minutes
 - One objection
 - Approval of the minutes from the July 21st meeting.
 - Chapman suggested to not using question marks for statements. Minutes Approved
4. VPFC Budget Report –Chapman Chung– VP of Finance and Communication

Purpose	Account #	Available Funds
ASG	1900	\$ 170,914
Reserve	1984	\$ 109,017
Cultural	1903	\$ 13,000
Club	1910	\$ 15,000

5. Legislative Committee Recommendations. Vanessa Pantley

Munt motioned to approve Legislative Committee recommendations for Marcus Sweetser as Director and Jessica Darmawan as Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs.

Chung seconded

- Vanessa Pantley communicated to the BOD some details about the process of the screening committee and the qualifications they looked at. She stated that Marcus Sweetser and Jessica Darmawan appeared to be the strongest candidates for the positions.
- Ellouk made some comments about what happened after the screening committee. He spoke about the appeal made by Marcus Sweetser after the BOD of June 30th and the Investigation by the Investigation Committee. See Judicial Board Official Ruling (2009-001) and Investigation Committee report.
- The investigation committee voted on July 30th to uphold the appeal made by Marcus Sweetser and send back to the Board of Directors in a one-ticket vote.
- Root opened up the discussion.

6. Munt moved to amend the original motion from a one-ticket vote to a two-ticket vote

Kameni seconded.

- Munt stated that it would be easier to discuss on it.

Vote: 6-0-0

Amendment Passes

- Sanchez enquired what were the reasons the last BOD did not hire Marcus and Jessica as Director and Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs?
- Vanessa Pantley explained the 2nd committee was formed because the 1st committee was biased. Then the 2nd committee made a recommendation to the BOD, she goes on to say that due to one member not being happy from the first committee For this reason, Alva held a BOD on the last day of the ASG to make sure there would be input from her about Marcus. At this meeting she made comments that supposedly attacked Marcus's character. (See Board of Directors Minutes June 30th Meeting)
- Board Root recommended Sanchez to look at the minutes to know what officially was said.
- Sanchez replied that he wanted to hear from somebody else because he believed that the accusations were not about Marcus' qualifications but personal statements.
- Root asked the members of the BOD and Marcus if they wanted to move to an executive session.
- Munt specified that it is not about personal character, but the focus is on the recommendations and what happened.
- Root advised everybody to be careful and to avoid personal conversation.
- Chung asked what would happen to the legislative committee if only one of the two candidates, were hired.
- Vanessa Pantley answered that it could still be fine because they could develop a volunteer raise, or they could work much more hours mostly unpaid.

- Sanchez asked the Judicial Board if Marcus due process was violated because he was not present to the BOD.
- Ellouk replied that Marcus did not receive his due process because Amanda or any individual involved in organizing the BOD Meeting did not inform him about what was going to be said in regards to him.
- Munt brought to attention the fact that Jessica Darmawan was not present to defend herself because she was doing an internship in Washington DC.
- Root moved to a vote

Vote: 5-0-1

Hiring of Jessica Darmawan as an Assistant Director of Legislative Affairs approved.

- Munt declared that Marcus Sweetser had provided a really hard work for the college, and that he was extremely qualified for this position. However, Munt's point of view is to give other students a chance to be leaders on campus and not keeping the same people around constantly.
- Some visitors talked in favor of Marcus. They affirmed that this position requires somebody who has a lot of experience otherwise it would be difficult for the new director to adapt to his new responsibilities.
- Vanessa Pantley agreed, and also said that the 2nd committee came out with the same conclusion.
- John Daniel Peppe covered the fact the position has been empty for a few months so far, so he urged the BOD to hire Marcus.
- Chung asked Marcus Sweetser if he had any comments.
- Marcus responded that he was really passionate about what he was doing and that he had been voted in as a representative to national student organizations.

- Munt argued that Marcus Sweetser could be used as a different resource on campus because of his knowledge.
- Marcus Sweetser asserted that working in the Legislative Affairs helped him serve in other positions. Therefore, it would be a great opportunity as a director to do things around.
- Root moved to a vote

Vote: 4-0-2

Hiring of Marcus Sweetster as a Director of Legislative Affairs approved.

7. Advisor comments

- Candy pointed the fact that not all the voting members talked during the discussion.

8. Public comments

- Ellouk made a recommendation for future hires. He said that the hiring process was unorganized and that this original problem occurred due to a lack of regulation and documentation. Ellouk suggested that the board adopt a strict set standard for all S&A hiring's.

9. Sanchez motioned to adjourn the meeting

Munt seconded

Vote: 5-0-1

President Root adjourned the meeting at 5:14.