

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Date: September 24th, 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, VP of Finance and Communication Chapman Chung, Emerging Technology and Entrepreneurial Representative Jean-Claude Kameni, Chief Justice Bernard Ellouk, Associate Justice of External Affairs Jessica Yip

Absent: Associate Justice of Internal Affairs Stéphanie Baghoumina
Marketing and Public Relations Representative Janet Bai, Environmental and Social Responsibility Representative Carolyn Dewitt (excused)

Advisor: Candy Stewart

Others Present: Nora Lance, Bill O’Connor, Sara Sutler-Cohen, Marcus Sweetser

Proceedings

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:34 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 September 8th meeting. Sanchez advised to write “the” instead of “his” for “his Speech and Debate Society club”, page 6.
4. VPFC Budget Report –Chapman Chung– VP of Finance and Communication

Purpose	Account #	Available Funds
ASG	1900	\$ 206, 000
Reserve	1984	\$ 131, 930
Cultural	1903	\$ 28,448
Club	1910	\$ 12, 889

5. Scoreboard Request. Bill O'Connor

- Bill O'Connor gave more details about the installation of a scoreboard. He brought two versions of the scoreboard: the smaller one would be about \$24,000, and the bigger size with power and battery pack would be about \$30,000. A scoreboard with only two battery packs and without a solar panel would be around \$26,000, so the cost for the installation would decrease without a solar panel. The Athlete Department will contribute for an amount of \$25,000 in order to put new fencings and dug-outs. ASG funds are required to finish the field and that would be the scoreboard. It will be used for men and women soccer, but it can also be used for educational purposes and classes on campus.
- Root recalled from the last informational scoreboard request that the cost had to be shared.
- Bill O'Connor replied that it can be 50/50. It will take five weeks to get the materials. The funding request for the scoreboard will be next week.

6. Bill 0910-01. Chapman Chung

Munt moved to approved the Bill 0910-01

Chung seconded

- Chung explained the purpose of the Bill and said that we can save time and money.

Vote: 4-0-0

Bill Passes

7. AIFF Funding Request. Nora Lance

Munt motioned to approved AIFF Funding request of \$2.000 from the (1984) Reserve Account

Kameni seconded

- Sara Sutler-Cohen made some comments about the funding request and said that the purpose would be to open up the community, increase the number of native students' population on campus etc...
- Lance added that it is a very well organized event, and they did a lot of publicity.
- Chung enquired how many people are expected to come.
- Sara Sutler-Cohen responded that last year it was about one thousand, and she expects more than two thousand this year (at least 1500).
- Chung wanted to know how these funds would be useful.
- Sara Sutler-Cohen described their needs.
- Lance mentioned that they are doing a lot of fundraising.
- Chung talked about having some posters to let people know about this event.
- Sara Sutler-Cohen answered that they did six hundred posters last year, and they will continue this year.

Vote: 4-0-0

Funding request approved for \$2.000 for AIFF from the (1984) Reserve Account.

8. By-Law Review Committee Recommendations. Bernard Ellouk

Sanchez motioned to take the By-Law Review Committee Recommendations from September 8th out of the table

Chung seconded

Vote: 4-0-0

- Root opened up to discussion.

Munt motioned to amend the By-Law Review Committee Recommendations from September 8th to September 24th Recommendations.

Vote: 3-0-1

Amendment Passes

- Ellouk communicated to the BOD the three changes made by the By-Law Review Committee.
- Sanchez explained the reason they removed BC Alumni. He declared that it is not equitable to employ them when no other program does.
- Sweetser mentioned that certain programs are employing BC Alumni. He replied that this is an “unfair” public meeting because he should have known about this modification before. He declared that Alumni have a consistent presence because they carry institutional knowledge. It is hard for new students to do it. In addition, the idea to erase the ability to interpret will damage students.
- Sanchez specified that the By-Law Review Committee Recommendations did not come to an agreement during the meeting, so this decision has nothing to do with Sweester personally. He asserted that BC Alumni do not have students’ interests in their heart because they are not students themselves. They can be teachers or staff from other schools and that put us in a very “weird” situation. Anybody can be BC Alumni. He suggested that the knowledge Sweetser was talking about can be passed on.

- Steward added that this is maybe the time to teach new students on some things that the Office of Student Legislative Affairs is working on.
- Ellouk brought to attention the fact that the BOD can motion to amend this By-Law if there is a change that needs to be made.
- Munt stated that we already accepted to make some compromises to not stop Sweetser' progress. However, Munt is not comfortable with the BC Alumni situation. He said that we are here to provide job and services for students not for people who left the college and try to come back to put that on their resume. We should give the chance to other people.
- Root advised to find a compromise and see how that knowledge could be passed in a different way.
- Sweetser detailed the reasons he wants BC Alumni giving some examples. He agreed with the president' suggestion but not with Sanchez regarding the fact that BC Alumni could be anybody.
- Ellouk said that in the case the Office of Student Legislative Affairs has the power to interpret, the Executive and Judicial Board would oversight. He said that we do not want to have in the future the Office of Student Legislative Affairs to undermine both of those oversights. Secondly, he suggested hiring any staff as BC Alumni.
- Munt and Sanchez agreed with Ellouk' suggestion.
- Ellouk brought some clarifications saying that staff can already be hired.
- Munt suggested asking for creating a permanent position for that job as Candy does for the ASG.
- Steward agreed with that.
- Sanchez shared Sweetser's point of view regarding the fact he did not want a teacher or staff from the school to advise the

Office of Student Legislative Affairs. He suggested finding somebody just knowledgeable for this job.

- Ellouk covered the fact that an advisor is not doing a director's job.
- Sweetser brought to attention the fact that this position would be a lot more expensive than the positions he created. He added that the ability to interpret is very important for the program. He urged the BOD to put it back in the By-Law.
- Sanchez moved to table this item.
- Ellouk made some comments and said that if we table, it will prolong the hiring process.
- Sweetser agreed and suggested to table only the part that will be reviewed.
- Sanchez called the question.

Vote: 4-0-1

By-Law Review Committee Recommendations passed with the stipulation that we will return to them.

9. Advisor comments

- Steward covered the point that it is now the time for new students to have learning experience.

10. Public comments

- No Public Comments

**11. Munt moved to adjourn the meeting
Sanchez seconded**

Vote: 4-0-0

President Root adjourned the meeting at 5:30.

