

SFAC Spring Meeting #
4/27/15 8:00AM-10:00AM
SSC 400

Call to Order

Present: Paul Tchir, Jackie Markt-Maloney, Prasad Radhakrishna, Mihiri Ukuwela, Andrew Thai, Darlene Nguyen, Akshay Tangutur, Jennifer Huerta, William McCarroll, John Hughes

Absent: Ellen Kim, Ashraf Ramzy Beshay, Mukanth Vaidyanathan, Norienne Saign, Ivan Evans, Sylvia Lepe-Askari

Dyad Updates

1. SLS – Report has been typed up for the dyad, and will be sent out on the list serve
2. Sports and Recreation – set up two meetings for this week
3. Safety – appointment aiming to be scheduled for this week to talk about lighting and campus security
4. Food Pantry – presentation from A.S. that went over the current funding sources, food purchased from the SD Food Bank, discussed expanding to get food donations (but they don't have non-profit status yet), looking into college councils for support, roughly \$20,000 to operate, 20-30 unique students each week

2015-2016 SFAC Leadership Elections

1. Paul Tchir, nomination for SFAC Chair
 - a. Very successful in meeting challenges, but there is room for improvement
 - b. Came in with much turnover, was unable to hit the ground running, but worked with what we had
 - c. Have something concrete to work towards while being able to move around things
 - d. Difficult to speak about processes of SFAC without being future-looking
 - i. Can build upon that to realize a lot of the things we've been discussing
 - e. Jennifer: What are your plans and goals next year for SFAC?
 - i. Hold an agenda setting town hall at the beginning of Fall Quarter
 - ii. Make sure we can make the most of Fall Quarter
 1. By Week 2, have a town hall, get more student input outside of the councils
 2. Dyad process, making it a year-long process and refining it
 - f. Ashraf: How do you plan on addressing the matter of publicity beyond a town hall?
 - i. Working towards giving SFAC a way to communicate with students by email
 - ii. Tabling during Fall Quarter, taking advantage of members and constituencies, working with the Vice Chancellor

- g. Akshay: Anything else you want to add as to why you personally want to run for a second term?
 - i. Difficult to have conversations about SFAC without looking at the long-run
 - ii. Take advantage of having support and being able to build upon it
 - iii. Have two years of experience to impart upon the next chair
 - iv. Bring something different, new, and beneficial to the students
- 2. Jackie Markt-Maloney, nomination for SFAC Vice Chair
 - a. Experience and connections will help her do an effective job
 - b. Focus on transitions - operational/transitional guide to help members of the committee know duties and expectations
 - c. Emphasis on unit analysis of the student fee funded units, going in depth to certain units is very important
 - i. Without a set process for analyzing these units, it can be easy to have a delayed start and not be able to hit the ground running
 - d. Served as Vice Chair and ERC representative
 - e. Would like to see big changes to make it more efficient and structurally secure
 - f. Paul: Why do you want to be the SFAC Vice Chair?
 - i. Experience and connections outside of the committee with the rest of campus to implement changes to create a more effective process
 - ii. See more of an emphasis on SSF funded units, receive student input from the units to save time and compare/contrast those results
 - g. Paul: What are your time commitments for the rest of the year and how would you manage your commitments?
 - i. Senior Representative for SERC
 - ii. Chair of Council of Student Fees
 - iii. Confident in ability to manage both of those positions
 - h. Ashraf: How would you use your experience to serve as Vice Chair?
 - i. Serving on the Sun God task force, being able to talk with Juan Gonzalez on a more interpersonal level, working with other administrators such as Deans and UC-wide individuals
 - i. Mukanth: Scenario – the Vice Chair and Chair have differing opinions regarding an agenda. How would you take a stand as Vice Chair of SFAC?
 - i. There's an important distinction between the Vice Chair and Chair – be able to clearly articulate your reasons for your position, if the Chair still doesn't agree, that's why we have other representatives and committee members, confident that the system we have in place will help to facilitate the best option being pursued
 - j. Ivan: Based on the past year, is there anything that the Chair did that you thought could be done better or differently to produce a better outcome?
 - i. Both in a challenging position because of turnover and not having the perfect transition
 - ii. Interactions with the committee, could have delegated and assigned tasks to make sure everyone's input was fully utilized
 - iii. Wasn't able to take advantage of strong committee representatives until dyads and being able to meet with different representatives,

- iv. Starting earlier in the year and getting all the committee members to work towards a common goal
- k. Darlene: Do you have any other goals for the next year, and along with that, how do you think it would align with the Chair's goals?
 - i. One of the strengths is that they have different but complimentary goals, able to achieve a broader breadth of tasks
 - ii. Establishing a consistent SFAC process, improving upon each year rather than having a different process every year
- 3. Ellen Kim, nomination for SFAC Vice Chair
 - a. Help the campus understand more what is available and what we can do as a committee
 - b. Being unable to have any meetings in the Fall Quarter hurt our ability to make decisions
 - c. Do more with dyads and increasing the number of overviews that we do, being able to leverage what we do in the room and take it back to our respective councils
 - d. A yearlong process of continuing conversations with improving our relationships with the VCSA office
 - e. Paul: Why do you want to be SFAC Vice Chair?
 - i. Help the Chair in anything that is needed and to support the Chair
 - ii. Tangible goals for the future, working with administration and seeing what needs there are
 - iii. Taking minutes, going on CSF trips
 - f. Paul: What are your time commitments for the rest of the year and how would you manage your commitments?
 - i. Believe in someone who is able to dedicate a significant portion of their time
 - ii. Stepping down from Marshall finance, will be able to dedicate all of her time towards SFAC if elected as a student leader
 - g. Ashraf: How would you use your experience to serve as Vice Chair?
 - i. Being able to make community forum meetings more available to the public
 - ii. Improve upon building upon our relationships with student councils
 - iii. Experience with dyads, large breadth of what the committee offers to be able to apply it to next year's plans
 - iv. Being able to attend several CSF meetings this year, being able to build relationships with people across the UC system
 - h. Mukanth: Scenario – the Vice Chair and Chair have differing opinions regarding an agenda. How would you take a stand as Vice Chair of SFAC?
 - i. Vocal, not shy about voicing opinions, if there is dissent on the committee, will figure out why people feel so insecure about the issue
 - ii. Clearly outline why/for what reasons they're the best priorities
 - iii. Looking at evidence to back up opinions and stances – times of change and being able to analyze an issue in a new lens
 - i. Ivan: Based on the past year, is there anything that the Chair did that you thought could be done better or differently to produce a better outcome?

- i. Not having meetings during Fall Quarter was one of the biggest drawbacks for this committee
- ii. Be more vocal towards the college councils, more conversation
- iii. Being clear about our goals and needs of a committee
- iv. Maintain an open line of communication
- v. Less tension around the proposal time, figuring out what our trajectories as an SFAC were in general – if it came earlier in our decision making process, we would have had more time to present to councils and getting input from councils
- vi. Having forums in the Fall with councils
- j. Darlene: What other plans do you have for SFAC next year and how do you think your goals will align with the Chair's?
 - i. Have enough capabilities to accomplish the goals of both the Chair and Vice Chair's
 - ii. Having more town halls, more committee awareness
 - iii. Send surveys to the entire UCSD population because we don't have the capability to gather information from the student population
 - iv. If CSF is hosted on our campus next year, be able to have more presence and return the CSF back and have more committee members attend to understand our larger role in the UC system
 - v. Being able to build relationships within the campus and different campus leaders to define what our committee is for the next 5-10 years because without those strong relationships and connections, we won't be able to find tangible solutions to these problems
 - vi. Finding new solutions to problems and how we can approach problems using different lenses
- 4. Paul Tchir, 2015-2016 SFAC Chair
- 5. Jackie Markt-Maloney, 2015-2016 SFAC Vice-Chair

Budget Update from John Hughes

1. All of the information is sensitive, isn't definitive yet
2. General support for proposals, especially Health and Wellbeing and Safety
3. Supportive of any funds that come from the state as a flow-through to student health and wellbeing
4. Attention to student safety – proposing that the campus create the behavioral concerns advice line
 - a. A student can call a hotline when they're concerned about a student or staff behavior
5. Wellness – supportive of the Zone getting new space, expanding the Student Health Center
6. ICA – low interest loans to complete the baseball student
7. Stress relief- investments in rec space, i.e. Muir Field, expanding the training facility
8. International student – investment in the study abroad program and more advisors, proposal for a new building for the center
9. GSA Fund Manager – funded, regardless of the outcome of the budget proposal

10. Post-Graduation – Investment in undergraduate research, i.e. CRASH, graduate student career advisor
11. GSA Travel Grants – Broad support for the grants, will most likely be funded
12. Visibility and Transparency – looking at how the town hall goes, revamp transparency about the student fees such as infographic rave cards, resources for students to see how funds are spent
 - a. Improved communication with the SFAC committee
 - b. Large-scale effort to consolidate all of the different colleges under leadership over the colleges
13. Additional proposals – Recruitment and Yield, Retention and Success, Health and Safety, Capital Improvement
14. AEP – general support for undergraduate research efforts
15. Regarding summer programs – because of the short time period and with summer coming so fast, what’s the process towards it?
 - a. Doubling summer programs, providing a part of the money so that they can plan in ahead

Adjournment

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