



## University Union Advisory Board

May 29, 2007 4:00 p.m.

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### Meeting Notes

#### Voting members present:

Brandon Souza	Chair, UUAB
Carl Payne	Vice Chair, UUAB / College of Architecture and Env'l Design
Kian Hemmati	College of Engineering
Matt Raymond	College of Agriculture, Food and Environmental Science
Gary Fisher (arrived 5:00 p.m.)	College of Liberal Arts
Aidan Jobe Sea	College of Business
Amy Baker	College of Science and Math
Nicole Stromsness	ASI Board of Directors Representative
Christine St. Pierre (left 5:20 p.m.)	ASI President's Designee
Kim Gannon (left 5:05 p.m.)	Alumni Representative

#### Voting members absent:

Scott Bloom	University President's Representative
Vacant	Faculty Representative

#### Non-voting members present:

Dwayne Brummett	ASI Director of Business Services
Denise Gibbons (left 5:10 p.m.)	Cal Poly Budget and Analytical Budget Services

#### Nonvoting members absent:

#### Others present:

Rick Johnson	ASI Executive Director
Daren Connor	ASI Assistant Director for Programs
Ron Skamfer	ASI Associate Director, Recreational Sports
Matt Taylor	ASI Board of Directors
Arvand Sebatian	ASI Board of Directors
Paula Ergueta (arrived 4:35 p.m.)	Guest
Aria Niazi	Guest
Amie Lamontagne	ASI Exec Staff
Heather josten	ASI Board of Directors
Azlynn Hare	ASI Board of Directors
Jared Samarin	Chair, ASI Board of Directors
Adam Buttenbach	ASI Board of Directors
Michelle Broom	ASI Public Relations
Tracy Watson	ASI Student Government

The meeting was called to order at 4:12 p.m.

#### 1. **Chair's Report (Brandon Souza)**

Brandon announced that the Student Government end of the year banquet will be held at the Spyglass Inn on June 7, 2007. Please RSVP on Oracle, pay \$10 at the Business Office and take the receipt to Tracy in the Student Government office.

The ASI Champion Award will be presented at the banquet along with the People's Choice awards. Brandon distributed nomination forms to be completed and turned in at the Student Government office.

Applications for the 2007 – 09 UUAB are due today at 5 p.m. Interviews will be held during the next two weeks. Positions are also available on the Executive Cabinet. Applications are available through the ASI website.

Brandon encouraged everyone to RSVP to attend the tour of Poly Canyon which has been rescheduled for June 5, 2007 at 3:30 p.m. Hard shoes are required; hard hats will be provided.

In accordance with the UUAB Operation Code, Brandon opened nominations for 2007 – 08 UUAB Chair:

**Carl Payne renominated Nicole Stromsness. Nicole accepted.**

**Kian Hemmati nominated Arvand Sabetian. Arvand accepted.**

**Aiden Jobe Sea nominated Amy Lamontagne. Amy declined.**

There being no further nominations, Brandon closed nominations. After each of the three candidates spoke and fielded questions from the UUAB, Brandon asked them to leave the room so that the UUAB could discuss their qualifications.

Dwayne Brummett then distributed ballots to the nine UUAB members eligible to vote for Chair. After collecting the ballots, Dwayne, Daren and Ron left the room to tally the votes.

After everyone returned to the room at 5:10 p.m., Brandon announced the results: the 2007 – 08 UUAB Chair is Nicole Stromsness. He thanked everyone for their participation and congratulated Nicole.

## **2. Executive Director's Representative Report (Rick Johnson / Dwayne Brummett)**

Dwayne reported that a walk-through was conducted today in the Craft Center in preparation for the remodel project. Work will begin this summer to open up the Craft Center space at a cost of about \$80,000 - \$100,000. Rick noted that amount is comparable to what was spent on the Escape Route remodel project.

Rick thanked everyone for all their efforts, especially the campus staff members of UUAB (Denise, Scott and Kim) and noted that the work of UUAB is very important because it directly impacts the students.

## **3. UU Staff Representative Year-end Report (Daren Connor)**

Daren reported on the highlights for the year in each program area, noting that none of these accomplishments would have been attainable without the efforts of the Student Managers in the University Union and Recreation Center.

## **4. Rec Center Staff Representative Update/Discussion (Ron Skamfer)**

Ron reported that there has been much growth during the past year. Intramurals had about 10,000 participants. Fitness and Instructional programs grew by 20%, and day memberships increased by 30%. There has also been a positive response from students regarding the sand volleyball/pool deck project, resulting in increased use of the deck. Staff is excited about the possible Recreation Center

expansion because the services and programs provided are currently limited only by the amount of space and number of fields available.

#### **5. Discussion Item: Recreation Center Expansion**

Brandon distributed copies of a letter from the ASI Officers to the UUAB requesting that the UUAB “take action to pose a campus-wide referendum in winter quarter 2008 to implement a mandatory Union fee increase not to exceed \$50 upon the completion of the expansion of the Recreation Center so as to better serve the students of Cal Poly.” (Handout: letter dated May 21, 2007 with attached Recreation Center Expansion Study).

The attached Recreation Center Expansion Study, prepared by the Campus Architect, illustrated that 68,824 square feet that could be gained in proximity to the existing Recreation Center. Rick explained that, depending on today’s decision, staff will move forward to obtain cost figures to include air conditioning and other features that would not add additional square footage. In addition, the proposal would include changing the upper two sports fields at the Sports Complex to synthetic surfaces.

Rick noted that the \$50 fee increase figure was based on student responses on what they would be willing to pay to expand the Recreation Center. He added that the CSU has approved the proposal to not collect fees until the project is completed, noting that ASI reserves would be spent up front and then be reimbursed as fees are collected once the project has been completed.

If approved, construction would begin in 2009 with a completion goal of 2011. Rick stated that some parts of the Recreation Center would be open at all times during construction in order to continue to serve the Cal Poly community.

Rick explained that, if UUAB decides to move this forward, it will next be presented to the Board of Directors. While Board approval is not required, it is important to have Board support on a project of this size. It will then be presented to the University President and the Campus Fee Advisory Committee. Staff will return to UUAB in the fall with better cost estimates.

Brandon noted that anytime raising student fees is considered, it is important to have accurate research and student feedback as we do in this case. He asked if there were any objections to this proposal. Several members expressed their excitement about the possibility of expanding the Recreation Center. With unanimous consent of the UUAB, Brandon will take the proposal to the Board of Directors workshop tonight.

#### **6. Announcements**

Brandon thanked the UUAB for an amazing year and stated that he enjoyed serving as Chair.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.