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Senate Meeting Minutes- October 28, 2011

#### I. Called to order at 12:03 pm- Ben Judge

#### **II.** Approval of Minutes

- a. Torri Stanley, Circle K, moved to approve the Minutes and Cameron Mooney, ASE, second the motion
- b. Minutes are approved

#### III. Cube Council Focus Group with Rob Aaron, Director of Assessment and Planning

- a. Assessment and Planning help different departments collect data about what students are thinking etc.
- b. Campus Center, Housing and other departments have used Assessment and Planning
- c. Today talking about the cube space. What do you envision for the future. How is it being used and cow can it be improved
  - 1. Rob Aaron-How do you use the cube space
  - 2. David Willard, College Republicans,- CR has a booth set up for new members, poster and a sign-up sheet
  - 3. RA- Marketing tool
  - 4. Ben Judge- Marketing space for SOAR especially for the Regatta, gave free handouts
  - 5. Chastity Jackson, NPHC, My sorority has a booth set up for campus tours. So students know that we're there
  - 6. RA- Establishment of presence on campus
  - 7. Corey Ariss, USG President- A hang out area for Greeks
  - 8. Jennifer Mockobee- Use for planning with small committees
  - 9. RA- A meeting place and work space
  - 10. Cody Wooten, USG Treasurer-Storage space in lockers etc.
  - 11. Tony Greco, LASC,- Use desk space for storage
  - 12. RA- Is that bad
  - 13. Tony- It diminishes the quality of the surrounding areas
  - 14. Chastity- We put the boxes underneath cube so it doesn't look messy



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- 15. Ben- Use to study and get homework done. It's a guaranteed seat
- 16. Corey- use to eat if food court is full
- 17. RA- How does the spot feel
- 18. David, College Republicans,- Slight chaotic. Set up like a maze and hard to find
- 19. RA- Is chaotic bad. Could be more organized
- 20. Tony- A little noisy if someone else is trying to work hinders that process
- 21. RA- Noisy could be ok or could be conflict
- 22. Josh Sasser, UCSC,- Kind of depressing almost always empty. See two or three people tops
- 23. RA-What times of day are you in there
- 24. Josh- Mostly during the day
- 25. Natasha Seitz, USG Vice President, During the lunch hour 11-2pm it's really busy. The structure is kind of chaotic
- 26. RA- So there is a peak time
- 27. Jennifer- Office hours aren't being enforced
- 28. Alaina, Zeta, I think the cube gets utilized all da. It's crowded
- 29. Tony- When I did a walk-through of the cube I found 19 underutilized cube spaces
- 30. RA- A question is are they being used
- 31. Chastity- People sit at other people's cube because there is so much trash
- 32. RA- Cleanliness/ respect other's space
- 33. RA- What are the benefits of a cube space
- 34. Torri- Lots of benefits. Use it as a physical presence. Organization has grown in membership size
- 35. RA-Publicity
- 36. Tony-helps groups meet social needs
- 37. Stephanie Chan, WIT,- Need central location to meet
- 38. Jennifer- It helps Relay for Life become affiliated with other organizations



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- 39. Ben- for Greek life it increases inter fraternal relationships/bonds
- 40. RA- Challenges
- 41. Ryan- Awareness from Student body. People don't know about it
- 42. Natasha-The layout segregates people
- 43. Greg Paris, ETSC,-Underutilization. Organizations want a spot but can't have it
- 44. Tony- Areas of heavy usage are not with the flow of traffic
- 45. Cody- Need to find the purpose of the cube space. Different organizations use it for different things
- 46. RA- Ideas about the future of the cube space
- 47. David- reorganize and make it bigger
- 48. Tony- Have the cube council apart of USG. Help with the maintenance of the space
- 49. RA-Who owns the cube
- 50. Torri- Primarily owned by those who use it the most. It apparent no one runs it
- 51. Alaina-Prime real estate
- 52. Lindsey- A lot use it as marketing presence, have a spate marketing space and another where organizations can meet/socialize
- 53. Corey- Have a hangout area with soft furniture, a marketing wall and meeting rooms on the side
- 54. Cody- We could learn from the 4<sup>th</sup> floor of the library
- 55. David-Person in a wheelchair can't get through the cube space, that need to be looked at
- 56. Tony- Waiting list. There need to be a more intense effort on monitoring the space

#### IV. Open Forum

a. Andrew Davis, SAPB,-The SJ was budgeted for \$1000. Where has that money gone



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- b. Corey- A Supreme Court Justice has taken over the job of SJ and the funds went to unallocated
- c. Andrew- Did we think about putting more towards Homecoming or other marketing
- d. Corey- We decided we wanted all the major events USG sponsors to be even
- e. Tony- Two resolutions we passed last year, the flags and the optional green fee
- f. Natasha-About the flags, went sent the resolution to Dan Maxwell and he said there was no budget to purchase the flags
- g. Corey-Talked with Dr. Davenport and decided where does it stop to say no to student organizations about optional fees. Parking Services is the better fit for the optional green fee.
- h. Ryan- Homecoming is coming up. We'll have a King and Queen, JagJam and decorate the basketball competition
- i. Torri- Can a resolution show disproval of something
- j. Corey- Yes, it can also say something negative with a positive twist

#### V. Closing Remarks

- a. No Senate next week
- b. Nuts and Bolts must be completed by Dec 9<sup>th</sup>

#### VI. Ben Judge adjourned the meeting at 12:56pm