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## Senate Meeting Minutes – September 9, 2011

- I. Call to order Ben Judge
- II. Introduction of Executives/ Action Items Presentation
  - a. Corey Ariss, USG President
  - b. Natasha Seitz, USG Vice President
  - c. Cody Wooten, USG Treasurer
  - d. Taylor Rhodes, USG Secretary
  - e. Ben Judge, President Pro Tempore
  - f. Lindsey Wright, Director of Communication
  - g. Ryan Burke, Director of Civic and Student Engagement
  - h. Derek Lee, USG Supreme Court Justice

### III. Appointing of Directors

- a. Ryan Burke, Director of Civic and Student Engagement
- b. Lindsey Wright, Director of Communication
- c. Corey Ariss, USG President nominates Lindsey and Ryan. The floor will be left open and voting will take place next week.
  - i. Tori Stanley, Circle K of IUPUI, Directed to Lindsey-What steps have you taken towards the website?
  - ii. Lindsey Wright, Director of Communication- Going to look at different student organizations website. Want to make website simple, have created a senators tab.
- d. Nomination of Tim Wright for Court Justice

### IV. Nominating Committee Chairs

- a. Elections committee chair
  - i. Tony Greco, LASC, nominates Tori Stanley
  - ii. Tori accepts
- b. CRC
  - i. David Willard, ADAA, nominates Derik Taylor, Sociology Club
  - ii. Derik accepts

### V. Budget Proposal - Cody Wooten, USG Treasurer

- a. Funding Proposal Form
  - i. Submit two weeks in advance and committee chairs only apply
- b. 2011-2012 USG Budget

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- i. Director of Student Voice Assessment is no longer available
- ii. Chief Justice added in May 2011 \$2000
- iii. Phone service discontinued
- iv. TSP scholarships only for Senators
  - 1. David, ADAA, How much are the salaries for officers
  - Cody, USG Treasurer- Half of the money is given now and the other half later
  - 3. Tony, LASC, Question Executive Order on spending without senate approval
  - 4. Derek, USG Supreme Court Justice, Executive Orders based on Senate voted by senate. Actions solely the responsibility of the Executive cabinet does not require a vote. Treasurer is responsible for authorizing the disbursement of USG funds.
  - 5. Rishi Chandra, Democracy Plaza, Campus pride T-shirts
  - 6. Corey, USG President, T-shirts were given away during WOW to increase campus pride
  - 7. Tony, LASC, Travel section why different in Your Voice
  - 8. Cody, USG Treasurer, Food allocation not spent
  - Rishi, Democracy Plaza, How are you able to spend before senate approves travel
  - 10. Cody-Fiscal year starts July 1<sup>st</sup> not first USG meeting and ordered soon to save money and time
  - 11. Corey-Recommend writing an amendment that budget is voted on before summer. Money has to be spent.
  - 12. Josh, UCSC, What is the interpreter
  - 13. Corey- Required to allocate money if student needs it, sign language, It was used at Flip the Script last year.
  - 14. Tony, LASC, During the National Conference some meals are provided. Why \$1350 allocated for food
  - 15. Corey-Per diem and university rules

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- Jason Spratt, USG advisor, Per diem will not cover meals already provided and how much you get per day depends on where you travel
- 17. Cody- Per diem was \$61 now changed to \$45
- 18. Tony, LASC, Why is Per diem provided for lunch
- 19. Ben Judge, President Pro Tempore, Just because it's allocated doesn't mean it will be spent
- 20. Rishi, Democracy Plaza, Is there another conference closer
- 21. Jason Spratt, Not sure, but will look into it
- 22. Tony, LASC, where is the unallocated money from 09-10 and 10-11 school year budgets, was money spent
- 23. Cody- Website budget was not updated
- 24. Corey- There was not \$18,000 unallocated. We will look into it but do not have that information here
- 25. Josh, UCSC, What is TSP
- 26. Natasha, USG Vice President, Tina Samuel Powellson was USG advisor last year. It's a leadership/service scholarship only for Senators
- v. Ben Judge entertained a motion to approve the 2011-2012 USG budget
- vi. David, ADAA, motioned to approve 2011-2012 USG budget; James, SAGE, second
- vii. Vote made by hands
- viii. 2011-2012 USG budget approved

#### VI. Open Forum

- a. Ben Judge- Everyone will be picking committees next week
- b. Tony, LASC, PRC meeting after senate
- c. David, ADAA, working on emergency plan for Campus Center and Library for those in wheelchairs
- d. Rishi, Democracy Plaza, Open Mic on September 13<sup>th</sup> for September 11<sup>th</sup> free pizza and drinks
- e. Ben- Nominations for committee chairs will stay open all week

#### VII. Ben Judge adjourned the meeting