

Minutes University Assembly January 31st, 2017 4:30pm – 6:00pm 401 Physical Science Bldg.

I. Call to Order

- a. G. Kaufman called the meeting to order at 4:30 P.M.
- b. *Present:* E. Baptist, J. Berger, M. de Roos, K. Fitch, M. Hatch, R. Howarth, G. Kaufman, J. Kruser, E. Loew, M. McBride, M. Munasinghe, S. Park, N. Rogers, E. Winarto
- c. Absent: L. Copman, R. Herz, U. Smith, C. Van Loan
- d. Others present: V. Bhaya, G. Giambattista
- e. Call for Late Additions to the Agenda
 - i. No late items were requested.

II. Approval of Minutes

- a. November Meeting Minutes, 2016
 - i. November 1st, November 15th, and November 29th Minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

III. Assembly Reports

- a. EA Chair
 - i. U. Smith was not present.
- **b.** SA President
 - i. J. Berger said that the SA has met once since the semester has started.
 - ii. The SA Restructuring Committee is looking at when elections should be held.
- c. Dean of Faculty
 - i. C. Van Loan was not present for updates.
- d. GPSA President
 - i. N. Rogers said that the GPSA will have its first meeting next Monday, February 6th.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. E. Baptist said that the Executive Committee will meet after the meeting to schedule meeting times.
 - ii. G. Kaufman said that since the last meeting, the Executive Committee had a discussion about the Charter changes that were passed.
- **b.** Campus Welfare Committee
 - i. U. Smith was not present.
- c. Campus Infrastructure Committee
 - i. J. Kruser had no updates.
- d. Codes and Judicial Committee

i. M. McBride said that he and G. Kaufman will be meeting with the Judicial Administrator (JA).

V. Liaison Reports

- **a.** Policy Advisory Group
 - i. E. Winarto said that the Policy Advisory Group has met twice since the last UA Meeting.
 - ii. PAG will next meet on February 20th.
- **b.** Student Health Advisory Committee
 - i. J. Berger said that the Student Health Advisory Committee will be discussing student benefits from the Health Fee.
- c. Campus Planning Committee
 - i. R. Howarth said that the CPC meets three times a semester.
 - ii. The CPC will next meet during the 3rd week of February.

VI. Business of the Day

- **a.** UA Resolution #1 Review
 - i. G. Kaufman said that he discovered contradictory text in the changes that were made to the UA Charter (regarding term appointments).
 - ii. There was a motion to amend lines 118-119 of the Charter to add "concurrently" to the first sentence and to strike the second sentence. The motion passed by a vote of 12-0-1.
 - iii. The Charter changes passed by a vote of 14-0-1.
- **b.** Discussion: Procedure for Resolution Submission
 - N. Rogers said that his concern going forward is that the UA should be careful to make sure they have as much time for community input as possible. He said that he thinks a few of the past resolutions have been rushed.
 - ii. M. Hatch asked which resolutions happened too quickly.
 - 1. N. Rogers said he understands the timeliness of the Sanctuary Campus resolution but the UA should not be rushing to endorse resolutions too quickly.
 - iii. J. Berger said she thinks that, in most cases, the UA has been doing a good job slowing things down. She said the UA so should not make slowing things down a blanket rule, because sometimes mechanisms are needed to do things quickly.
 - iv. J. Kruser said he agrees that things felt rushed before the winter break but that is not how things have generally been. He said that he also sees the need to respond in a timely fashion when needed and that the UA members should all be thinking about how their constituent groups would feel when making decisions.
 - v. G. Giambattista said if there is ever a need for public feedback, there is a tool for public feedback that the UA can use.
 - vi. K. Fitch said that the EA did not know about any petition about the sanctuary campus and that it felt like it was under the table. He said that

although the petition said that staff signed it, he was surprised that the EA was slighted.

- 1. E. Baptist said that the petition was passed around campus personto-person and that there was no intention to keep it from staff, as there were quite a few staff who signed it.
- **c.** General Discussion/Semester Planning
 - i. G. Kaufman said the next meeting is scheduled for February 7th and that the last meeting of February is scheduled for February 28.
 - ii. There was a motion to move the next meeting from February 7th to February 14th. The motion passed by a vote of 10-0-2.

VII. Late Additions to the Agenda

a. No late items were requested.

VIII. Adjournment

a. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vishal Bhaya

Assemblies Clerk