Call to Order

Jason Robo, Legislative Vice President, called the meeting to order at 1:02 p.m. in the University Center South Lounge.

Roll Call

Members Present: Ryan Guy, Carrie Schaden, Nikki Kovalcheck, Tyler Smith (late), Jesse Hughes, Tara Holloway, Josephine Villegas

Members Absent: Carol Hurley, Tiffany Newton, Christopher Lobo, Porscha Cobbs, Carol Balch

Officers Present: Terra Rentz, DaVonna Foy, Rachel Rodriguez, Keith Lambert, Jason Robo

Officers Absent: Alan Chesbro, Steven Dimon, Lladira Baez, Constance Mitchell

Advisors Present: Joan Tyson

Approval of Agenda

MOTION: GUY/KOVALCHECK move to approve Agenda #14. APPROVED

Chair's Report

Robo reported that today’s Old Business action item is a controversial issue about what the powers of the Chair are. Robo hopes for a nice discourse and a consensus on the issue. Guy will serve as Chair during the action item because Robo would like to discuss the item extensively. Hughes asked Robo if he would be making any appointments today. Robo answered that he would be making two appointments.

Public Comments (As per the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act of 2000 authorized by Section 89306.)

Michael Hamanaka, a student and appointed committee member, made a public complaint about Terra Rentz, student body president, and asked her to resign. Hamanaka feels that Rentz voted on things that are against the student’s interest. Hamanaka feels that the students are receiving a disservice by their AS President and feels that she is conducting business behind closed doors. Hughes asked Hamanaka for specific allegations of Rentz’s actions instead of generalizations. Hamanaka replied that Rentz’s has acted against the student’s best interest in every meeting he has attended. Kovalcheck asked for clarification and to cite specific examples in a written report. Hamanaka replied that he would prefer to
Robo clarified that Hamanaka had 10 minutes of public speaking time. Hamanaka replied that he sits on the Student Fee Advisory Committee and feels that Rentz has made arguments in favor of increases for both Graduation Fees and Student Health Center Fees. Hamanaka also noted that Rentz rejected his proposal for a per diem rate increase of $6 for students on Instructionally Related Activity trips. Guy asked Hamanaka if he could submit committee reports if these large issues were occurring. Hamanaka said he will file committee reports from now on. Foy acknowledged that she sits on the IRA committee as well and that the request for per diem increase came at an inappropriate time—right before the application materials were to be distributed. Schaden asked if both Hamanaka and Rentz vote on the IRA and SFAC committee. Rentz clarified that she chairs both of these meetings and only votes in the event of a tie.

**Appointments to Committees and Council**

**A. S. President (Terra Rentz)**

MOTION: GUY/ KOVALCHECK move to appoint Josephine Villegas to the Diversity Plan Action Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/ HUGHES move to appoint Josephine Villegas to the Student Financial Aid Committee. APPROVED

**A. S. Administrative Vice President (DaVonna Foy)**

No appointments.

**A. S. Legislative Vice President (Jason Robo)**

MOTION: GUY/ KOVALCHECK move to appoint DaVonna Foy to the AS Campus and Community Service Scholarship Committee. APPROVED

MOTION: KOVALCHECK/ SCHADEN move to suspend AS Government Code Section 6.03 to appoint Steven Dimon to the AS Elections Commission. APPROVED

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/ GUY move to appoint Steven Dimon to the AS Elections Commission. APPROVED

**A. S. Student Affairs Vice President (Constance Mitchell)**

Absent.

**Old Business**

**A. Spring 2008 Meeting Schedule – Action Item**

This is a proposed revised spring 2008 meeting schedule. Proposed Meetings would be on the following days from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.:

- Monday, March 10, 2008
- Monday, March 24, 2008
- Monday, April 7, 2008
MOTION: HUGHES/SCHADEN move to approve the Spring 2008 Meeting Schedule

FAILS
(1) ABSTENTIONS

Robo introduced the motion and explained that he called the special meeting because he felt that the approval of the meeting times at the December 10th meeting was done inappropriately. Robo feels that it is within his powers as chair to set the meeting times and that Rentz overstepped her role by coordinating the new meeting times. Robo reminded Council that he was elected by over 1,000 students into this position, which includes Chair of the meetings. Robo stated that the currently scheduled meeting times conflicts with his Radio Broadcasting class and that the decision about the meeting time was made prematurely while his schedule was still in flux. That is why Robo did not address this issue sooner. Robo stated to the Council that if they were to continue the meetings at the regular day and time it would be an indirect removal of him from his office. Tyson referenced the Gloria Romero Open Meeting Act which states that the Council shall annually establish the time and locations for holding regular meetings. Robo does have the power to call a special meeting according to our code. Rentz read statements from Steven Dimon, Public Relations Coordinator and Tiffany Newton, College of Arts Humanities and Social Sciences Representative. Both Dimon and Newton were not in favor of changing the meeting time due to class conflicts. Rentz stated that she went through all the updated schedules and provided a document of available times to the Council. Rentz noted that most Council members are available for the current meeting times rather than the proposed meeting times. Kovalcheck asked Robo how soon he was able to look at everyone’s schedule and when did he try to find an appropriate time. Robo responded that he tried to find an appropriate meeting times as soon as all schedules were turned in by Council members. Schaden asked if the constitution required the Legislative Vice President to attend every meeting. Rentz replied that it’s in everyone’s position responsibilities to attend all meetings. Hughes said that the purpose of the proposal was to discuss meetings times and that all Council members have a responsibility to fill their original commitments.

MOTION: HOLLOWAY/SMITH move to call the question.

APPROVED

Adjournment

Guy adjourned the meeting without objection at 1:50 p.m.

Recorded by:
Rob Christensen
AS Secretary

Approved by:

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Jason Robo       Ryan Guy
AS Legislative Vice President    Vice Chair