



Assembly of Student Representatives

University Park Undergraduate Association

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8:00 pm

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Meeting called by:	Mark Cannon	Type of meeting:	General Meeting
Secretary:	Vicki Marone		
Attendees:	VP of SA Damon Sims	*	

AGENDA ITEMS

Topic	Presenter	Time (min.)
<p>1. Call to Order and Opening Roll Call Gupta: called to order at 8:10</p>		
<p>2. Adoption of the Agenda Gupta: objections to adoption of agenda? Dove: yes. I would like to add policy #6, an amendment to the budgetary policy to the agenda. I would like to make sure that it is before policy number 5. Gupta: objections? None.</p>		
<p>3. Adoption of the past General Meeting Minutes (9-9-09) Gupta: objections? None.</p>		
<p>4. Open Student Forum Gupta: any students? None.</p>		
<p>5. Report by the President Gavin: I just want to go over a few things that we've been doing this week. Last week we started exec board appointments. Really had our first productive exec board meeting. It seems like our execs are going to do a lot this year. I'm pleased with a lot of the people we've added. We're also going to hear from Chris Nock and Sam Miller tonight. I feel like Chris can do better at role of director of media. I'm also excited about Sam Miller. I think she can really add another element to the exec board. The legal service search committee is ready to get going, the HR position has been created and that will go thru the net processes. Applications will be out in the next few weeks. I'm excited to get started on that. Sam Miler will be joining the search committee as well. This is exciting because we spent so much time on that and we're able to be successful. It'll be up and running some time this semester, and I think that's really a major victory for UPUA. Also today I spoke about facilities fee a little bit, really this is something we need to focus on this year. Millions are continued to be accumulated through this fee. Nick has provided me with a few names, and I want to reiterate the commitment to this. This will require a lot of time, so for those of you who have been nominated by Nick I expect a lot out of you. I think I did ok when speaking to some people at student affairs today. I talked a little about academic affairs. I mentioned a lot about what Christian is doing with diversity and student life. To me it went well, and I think we can build upon some of the things I talked about today. We have a lot of dedicated people so I expect big things this year. I think we have a lot accomplish. Gupta: questions? None.</p>	Gavin Keirans	10
<p>6. Special Presentations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Student Affairs Sims: Thank you. Gavin actually did a great job today making a presentation on behalf on upua to directors of student affairs. I think that was a good example of the kind of collaboration that we hope to see more of. I came before this group about a year ago when I was brand new to Penn state, and I didn't know much then. So that's what I did, I spent a year getting to know Penn State and the students, faculty and staff, this institution as a whole. Trying to build relationships with people who require partnership if we're going to succeed, and I promised myself that in first year I wouldn't make any judgments about Penn state. I didn't make any judgments about anything. At the end of the year, I decided to make some judgments, and I started trying to make some determinations about student orgs, and so moving forward this year, I think is going to be a year of imposing some of my vision for student affairs on the organization. That boils down to making some organizational changes, some of those are visible to students and some are invisible. Some really aren't that interesting to students, but some aspects of the changes I've created will be obvious. Gavin mentioned student legal service. This is something that was generated out of this body, and Gavin spearheaded that. Gavin had the foresight that partnering with others in the institution was best way to ensure it was long lasting. Student govt' changes quickly, but the administration has a bit more structure. Gavin has created this with the law school and with student affairs and I'm excited about the possibilities that will come out of this. This is a community that has some challenges when it comes to landlord tenant problems, and I think student legal services will provide opportunity for student to express their interest tin that relationship. Also I've created a parent's program in partnership with undergrad education, recognition that increasingly parents have a very strong interest in education of students. Some parents have more experience themselves and can serve in that capacity more effectively those others who aren't familiar with it. We think it's to everyone's advantage to parent with parents for student's success. It will provide parents will support they need and information that they require. We have in student affairs an operation that support adult learning; you may know that adult learner population is on the increase at Penn state and all the demographic suggests that it will continue to increase. So we're elevating that office and giving more attention to that area. Off campus student concerns, they offer their own set of needs and interest. We have a person who provides that kind of support for those students, and they are now reporting thru an assistant VP, again elevating that group of students' interest. I think that moving forward this year, student affairs is not unlike the rest of university, we're challenged in certain way, we're in a tough financial times as you know. I've decided to focus on relevance, 	VP Damon Sims	20

relationships, and resources. By that I mean I want us to think anew about how relevant they are. Are they of value to students any more? Do they contribute to student's success at Penn state? We need to tether ourselves to the interest of students. The relationship piece is critical because I don't think we can succeed unless we are in strong partnership with other aspects of the university community. Most importantly that included you, other student orgs, students generally. We have to partner with students if we're going to succeed in the efforts that we're charged with. I think UPUA is positioned this year very nicely to allow for those types of partnerships to take place. Resources are always a challenge. Increasingly now. In the next 2-3 years, the university is going to see itself stretched to the limit. So we're giving new attention to how we make allocations now, making sure it's tied to student success. How we can enhance those resources with extramural funding. Resources will get a lot of attention in the future. One of the most high profile issues we're dealing with is H1N1, consuming the most time this year. I hope that you are all very aware of the threat that this poses; the good news is that it hasn't shown to be a virulent virus to this point. That said though people are dying, a student at Cornell died over the weekend. His underlying condition was simply asthma, so this is a dangerous situation that will compromise our activities in many ways. The numbers on this campus is increasing every day. The University Health Center is at capacity at this point. We don't have resources to respond to everyone's needs at this point. I hope that the whole university community will respond and help us out as much as possible. I think that I need to say that you have the benefit this year of a two-term president. Gavin has done a very good job of establishing very good relationships with people around the university. He's an advocate for students certainly at all time and a strong representative for UPUA. You have a lot of other leaders who have been here for a while, and are though of very well, and I think that's an extremely important thing. Mostly because student gov't here has been a little too fluid in the past few years, I'd like to see some continuity in the activities of student government. It think that means that you need to continue advocating in the way you are, and to do it in the mature and thoughtful way that you all do, I think that's a real credit to you and it serves the students very well. I'm excited about what the year hold for you and about things that Gavin has expressed and that you are working on. That's about all I had to tell you, other than to say thank you all very much, you commit a lot of time and energy to important issues, and you don't have to do that, so I appreciate that very much. Are there any questions?

Lombard: I was just wondering, how many H1N1 cases have there been?

Sims: in one way it's hard to actually know because not everyone shows up at the UHS, but what has happened is that each week we've been getting more and more cases. In the third week it was 40-50, now we're getting into 300 in a week. On Monday this week, UHS saw more than 60 cases. If this increase continues, by the end of this week, we'll have 500-600 cases just this week. It's expected that this trend will continue over a 7-10 week period. In that time we're faced with a lot of issues. Faculty is for the most part trying to be accommodating; they recognize that this is an important situation. We've spelled out our expectations about what they should do for students who are sick. We have to keep updating the info because this is an evolving circumstance.

Mance: I was wondering if the ASA office is at all part of your vision for student affairs

Sims: I don't have any plans to make any changes to ASA office, I'd be open to any recommendations that anyone has about that. Student fees are an issue that has captured a lot of my attention in the time I've been here. Last year the SAFB produced a lot of new idea about how to allocated student resources. Last night I met with UPAC about how important those allocation processes are. I think that funding for student orgs ought to be done with the default position being that we want to see as much diversity and rich experience as possible. So I'd like to see less red tape about all the funding that we have to give, I think that the student orgs add enormous value to education here. For some organizations it doesn't take money to have a great project, so they should have to jump through 30 different hoops to get that funding. I'd like to eliminate as much of the bureaucracy as possible.

Ragland: the past week UPUA's been taking concerns about new football ticket situation, what are you thoughts about the system so far and progress that expected?

Sims: I came from Indiana University, where they could barely spell football, so it's inspiring to see as much interest in football that I see here. My sense is that they actually are sincerely trying to make the process better for students; to a large extent they have involved the key constituents in conversations about this. I think they're learning as they go. At this point there's not fallback position for what to do if swipe system breaks down, they're still working to sort all that out, I don't know where that stands. I know that they feel, and I know about this, but I've gone to tailgates before that start before the game starts, and I have to compress this day in a manageable time frame so I end up coming late to the game, along with a lot of students. And the athletics dept has concerns about the last minute rush of getting students into the stadium. Going forward I wouldn't be surprised if there's more conversations among us. You have to realize that football drives the engine of athletics, so football questions get a lot of consideration over the next weeks.

Loewner: You mentioned fees in context of student groups, but I'm interested in your perspective on rising fess outside of tuition?

Sims: I agree with the general answer that it's unfortunate, and particularly here because this institution has among the highest tuition among public schools in the country. Your undergrad tuition is the single largest source of revenue for the university and that's not going to change any time soon. So the challenge for this university is how do we maintain our standings academically and otherwise, how do we have the same kind of quality without thinking about where the revenues are coming from. Costs never go down, so simply maintaining requires increasing costs. So that's part of what I'm suggesting in student affairs and relevance in allocation of student resources now. Which I think is better than just going back to students and asking them to pay another fee, I want to think about how to recapture some of the resources that we already have. But that alone definitely won't answer all of the problems at Penn state. I spend a lot of times on the campuses, so tomorrow I'm going out to Hazleton and meeting with people there. I'm going to have high on the list of topics to talk with them the question of the activity fee. They are very concerned about this, because they see this as a slippery slope, how many other things are we going to offload onto the activity fee. But I also think it's important to ask people who raise those concerns where that money is going to come from for the

new innovations. We're in this position where we have to weigh those innovations against one another. In most cases we don't increase fees or tuition, but sometimes we have to find some mechanism to somehow meet the student issues and needs. I think student legal services are a perfect example of that, because this idea came out of students and has been supported by students. I think it would have been very unappealing if I had come up with that idea myself.

7. **Old Business (none)**

8. **New Business (none)**

Confirmation of Sam Miller:

Miller: Hi everyone. A lot of new faces here. I am a former member of UPUA, last year served as GA chair and as an at large rep before that. And now I'd like to be the new director of assembly services. I have sat on the assembly so I understand the frustration that can occur when the executive isn't there to back up the assembly's wishes. I'm thinking that from that experience it leaves me in a unique position to be especially adept at making sure this gets corrected in the executive board this year. I think it's important this year for the assembly and executive better, and having experience on the assembly lets me have an edge with that. I know that you receive a different position description last week than you did this week, so I'll answer any questions you have.

Loewner: Could you provide three bullet point descriptions of soon to come projects?

Miller: The main bullet points would be crafted by assembly, because my main role would be to facilitate assembly projects. SO my goal is to meet with all the committees and see what they want to get done. Also some bullet points include shaping UPUA's long-term goals.

Gupta: anything else? Would you step out please?

DISCUSSION:

Gavin: the reason that we nominated Sam is because of the leadership that she's shown in the past as GA chair and with taking on the additional responsibilities last year of running for president. I think Sam is someone who could take this exec board to another level. She would fill commissions and deal with a lot of different issues, so I feel like Sam would be a strong fit for this position. The decision to bring Sam back came after a lot of discussion, but we felt that this was the perfect role to bring her back in. In addition she'll be helping out with the legal services search committee and the student bar association. Overall I'm excited about bringing her back and hopefully it's been a smooth combination

Dove: In both interviews we had with Sam we felt that she is really qualified, She knows the assembly really well. She had some great ideas; we approved her the second time by 4-0-0. We're excited about her.

Cannon: what changed your mind the second time around Dustin

Dove: the position description was a lot better the second time.

Gavin: could you read the position description please

Dove: Directors of assembly services: filing initiatives of assembly, working with committees, create strategic goals of upua for academic years as well as long term goals, look to keep committees on task throughout the year.

Cannon: You're all here to make these decisions; we're here to debate on these things. If your going to support her can you say why so we can have some debate on these things

Wallace: I'm going to support her because she's a great candidate. She very qualified, has been part of upua for a few years.

Lombard: motion to end debate. Second.

Dustin Dove

Loewner: I have a motion. Because she's been on the assembly before and a lot of us know here, I think it would be more appropriate to vote by ballot. Seconded.

Gupta: any objections to voting by ballot? None.

VOTE BY BALLOT: passes 30-0-3

CONFIRMATION OF CHRIS NOCK:

Nock: My name is Chris; I've been in upua since freshman year, majoring in PR. I want to be the director of media. I've been in assembly for two years, and I think its obvious now that my talents would be better utilized in PR on the exec board. I think it's clear that we need a new person to correspond with the media and have better communication because we've had a few miscommunications with them in the past few weeks. I also want to create a better relationship with UPUA's target publics. We also should pay attentions to alumni as well as students. There are probably some great alumni who could really help us out. Also, in Gavin's platform this year it's in there to establish a blog or something to bring upua to the internet beyond maybe a website. I won't necessarily be doing these things, but I'll be working with psma and other people in department of media. Those are a few things I want to do. Questions?

Bish: why are you leaving such an important position as an assembly member for media relations? Seeing as the assembly position is elected and the new position is not.

Nock: I have a lot of respect for this organization, but I think now is the time for me to transition. I've been in the assembly for tow years, and now I have an opportunity to move from an are that's already strong to an area that we've had weaknesses in

Dove: Given recent situation with appointments in exec board and Collegian articles, how would you have dealt with this situation different?

Nock: in PR we like to say that pr is a two way street. Just as smooch as media communicates with us, we have to play our role and let them know what s going on. They don't know our processes un upua, so we needed one point person to explain what was going on at every step of the way.

Mance: I think your idea to reach out to more alumni is a great idea, I know its something that's in the works. Or you have any more specifics on that yet?

Nock: right now I'm just a person trying to be a director of a position. Pending approval, I hope to amass a group of people to tackle this problem. But I alone can't give you specifics at this point, but I have this goal so I need to find people to help me achieve it

Ragland: Our committee has been pressing upon issue of outreach, and right now we kind of are doing a lot. Do you think it would interest you to put forth a lot of ideas in some other medium to help perpetuate what we're doing on campus

Nock: that's actually another goal that I had said. We all know that student affairs have a president listserv letting

people know what's going on. Why doesn't upua have something like that? We have a lot of different publics as student government, there are lots of people we have obligations to, and that's one that we should fulfill better in the future. Maybe by weekly updates and newsletters to let people know what's going on.

Lombard: Many times when your repping an organization, you're asked very hard questions and basically you're asked to see yourself for the organizations, do you feel you can really sell this assembly, and what kind of sales pitch would you give

Nock: I have a lot of love for this organization. I'm not going to be the face of this organization; I'm just going to be a media point person. The idea of selling the organization comes out of you guys; it's just my obligation to communicate the message of the assembly to people.

Bonewell: pending this psma contract, it sounded like they would do a lot of marketing, how do you see yourself working in conjunction with them?

Nock: psma actually will be under my department, so the main thing that I will be doing is educating them on our organization. Its important to educated these people who are marketing for upua to understand what's going on because they aren't in upua, so they don't know. They would have difficulty selling upua without me to tell them what upua is, so I'm a point person for y'all. I'll organize the flow of information between you.

Andrews: Do you see this position as more of a PR position or as more specifically to give info out to Collegian?

Nock: I'm a PR major, so I look at this position as a PR function, which included communication with media of course.

Perugini: you said before that we have a bunch of different target publics, but would you say that right now that you had to give us a grade right now, what would say that we have a more positive or a more negative image of people outside of upua.

Nock: You said how you grade our image, so for that we have to have an image. In previous years upua's been largely invisible, and in the past year we've seen a great change in that. So I would say the 70-80% of people know was UPUA is. So our image as far as is it there, is actually pretty good. But out effectiveness, that's a dynamic question. Given certain things that happened, like Wallypalooza, it's gone down from then, so on Friday we're having a march against sexual assault, after that everyone will know what upua is but if we don't follow that up, then people are going to forget again. So we have to develop a way to maintain constant exposure without actually having to do something all the time. Maybe through fliers, or mailings or whatever. We need to have some kind of standard marketing, and get some daily soft exposure so we can raise awareness on campus.

Bello: You might have noticed, that the student life and diversity committee walks around all the time to make sure students get our message, so as media director how can you help us out with that task?

Nock: After Friday I don't think you guys are going to have any trouble. I would say you need to keep up the good work with the special events, allow people to get involved. I think your committee thrives on support of similarly aimed organizations, so your target public would be those other orgs. I'd help you find more people who are interested to add to your current base.

Gupta: could you please step out?

DISCUSSION:

Gavin: I thought there were some great questions. The reason that we want to move forward with Nock in this position is that we felt there was a need within UPUA to fill this media void. Dustin will tell you exact position description. But through my experience with Chris he's really shown himself as a leader. I feel like he can really do an excellent job. He's also president of Black Caucus, so to have him as someone who's managing our media and PR is going to be a major asset. Having someone manage the relationship with psma, I think he'll fit in really nicely

Dove: I'll read the description for director of media and public relations. – Coordinate with Collegian; communicate with students, faculty and staff, video blog and written blog management, advertisement. We interviewed Chris yesterday, had a very good discussion within our committee. He was voted in 3-2.

Vickery: I'm on ID committee, I've known Chris for a while now and I'll say that he's the most qualified person for the job on the whole campus. He knows so much about upua, he has the best goals for student government, and I think he knows how to go forward with that in the media. He knows how to get across to the media, and he's done a great job because he won't be passive. He'll go get it if he sees something wrong. He'll go out and create out image for us.

Mance: I think that Chris has shown to be an amazing leader, and I think he'll bring an amazing amount of energy to this position.

Loewner: I have two concerns; I would like clarification on his attendance record at assembly and in committee. I'd like also the perspective of Dustin

Dove: he had only one absence in committee. We weren't arguing in committee about his credentials, more concerned about his style. We kind of had objections to the way to he thought he might go about this. We know he knows PR, but there were discussions on whether he could do this. The word used a lot was wildcard.

Bish: sitting on ID, there were some no's because it came down to the answers that Chris gave. The answers he gave tonight weren't the same as the ones he gave in the meeting with ID. Really it came down to the wildcard aspect. He definitely knows his stuff in PR, but we just had some worries on his answers to some of the questions we asked him. You be the judge.

Ragland: He was also on out committee, but there was some confusion with him because I think he only thought that he was on ID. On a different note, finally Chris has found somewhere where he's really comfortable, and like he said used to the best of his abilities. I can also said that he has matured a lot, people say that sometimes his thoughts are confusing, but with Chris really his message is simple but he convoluted his answers sometimes. But I definitely support him

Lombard: I'm on ID too, during our interview, I saw that he's a great PR major and very qualified, but we really just questioned his view of the assembly and upua as a whole. It really was kind of a wildcard thing. Would he really be a beneficial salesperson for upua, and at times we were forced to question whether he would be or not.

Peliciotta: My concern rests with personal conversations I've had with Chris. He has this increasingly negative view towards the assembly and exec board. I'm not sure if that will work as a driving fuel for him in this position or if it will be negative. He did request for some answers to be off the record, but I just wanted to point out that there's no "off the record" when talking to the press.

Vickery: He did ask for some things to be asked off the record, but he's definitely mature enough to recognize that he's dealing with serious PR. He doesn't have some opinion, but he knows how to see this organization.

Knowing Chris, I think he would do an excellent job, I couldn't think of anyone better for this position.

Bonewell: I don't know Chris that well. What formed my first impression was the debate when he was

nominated for ID chair last year. From what I remember, a lot of negative things were said about this management style from the previous year.

Mance: I've known Chris for a little while, I think he's the type of person he learns to adapt over time to things, I've seen him grow a lot in the this assembly. He was all over the place when answering our questions, but I think he just needs to be harnessed in a little bit. He'll be in the board of directors, but he'll still have some oversight, we'll still know what he's up to and make sure that our board of directors can harness him a little bit. IN his defense.

Boyer: in light of these comments, I think it would be wise to vote by secret ballot. I move to do that. Second.
Andrews: I'd like to clarify regarding vote in ID committee. Did Chris vote in his own nomination? Would he also be allowed to vote tonight?

Dove: he did vote for himself because he's still technically a member of my committee and assembly, so he can vote tonight. It was a really close vote in ID and the reason is that there are a lot of good things about Chris but there were also some things we questioned. I know he knows his PR, but my question is that there seems to be a lack of belief in the assembly. And I question whether someone in PR and who is promoting this organization can promote upua if he feels this way. I do not at all question his qualifications at all, just his ability to carry this out.

Johnson: on a personal level, I've known Chris. I've seen him mature over time, I'm had personal conversations with him. He can be a loose cannon at times, I'll admit that, but I've seen him improve and become a lot more humble. His skill are great, he'd do a great job.

Bello: I've heard people talking about his negative opinions towards upua, but I'm a green bay packer fan, and whenever I see them lose, I get upset. So just because he has negative opinions, then that means he has passion from this organizations. And just like people said, he matures over time, and the fact that this is something he thinks he can do, I think he can do a great job and improve in his skills and relationship.

Wallace: that was a great analogy, because I've known Chris for a while now, and I would like to know where this thought that he doesn't have belief in the assembly stems from. When I was last semester, he was there every step of the way for Wallypaloosa; he was always in the office with me, so I mean I don't see where you guys are coming up with him no having a passion for the assembly. He dedicated a lot of time to upua, and I think he cares a lot about it. I think he's a good candidate he has great skills when it comes to the position. If you do think he may be a loose cannon at times, keep in mind that the Collegian isn't going to call him every time, keep that in mind, I'm sure that there is actually off the record if you talk to the Collegian.

Usnick: I'm new to assembly, but when I came in here that ID debate we had gave me a negative view of Chris. But over the past month spending time with him, I've found that he is very passionate about up and PR. I think he's just been frustrated about not being about to fix the problems that he's seen. He needs to know his weaknesses and strengths, and he needs to know how to use the people he ahs around him, and from what he said earlier, that's what he plans of doing, so I think he would do a great job.

Loewner: I was going to say originally, part of what makes this position unique is that when you outreach to a media outlet, you can't take it back. So I think that sheds light on the importance of this. And the second this is to address rep Wallace, which is that the most recent anecdote I can provide about that it that I sat in ID during the first round of budget debates, and he was very negative, he expressed the sentiment that he didn't think the members of upua read the legislation that passed and didn't have a knowledge of it. In some cases criticism is warranted, but at the same time I would hope that blanket general statements wouldn't happen outside of organization.

Lombard: Think about what this position is, it's really important on exec board. Chris will be speaking to Collegian on behalf of all of us, so it's important that he has a firm belief in what we're ding here. Certain phrases as wildcard and loose cannon shouldn't really be coming up when we talk about this. Think about that when you're voting.

Andrews: a few people spoke earlier about consistence in terms of answers in ID committee and today, I'd just like to make sure that different info isn't given on different days of the week to Collegian.

Bonewell: are we going to allow Chris to vote for himself on this assembly?

Cannon: yes he is allowed to vote

Gupta: are there objections to voting by ballot: none.

Wallace: I don't think that we should be looking to whoever fills this position to be our translator to the Collegian; I think that if we want to Collegian to say something good about us we should do good things. I don't think it's his responsibility to make us look good to Collegian all the time. I don't have any patience in the world for the Collegian. If you want them to say good stuff about us though then just do good stuff.

Dove: During ID Chris basically told us that that was his job that his job was to translate upua to the Collegian. But those were his words. Honestly I'm for his nomination because I think that he could do a good job. But I do questions some of his professionalism, which is important when talking to the press, I would say that he did say that that was one of this roles.

Gavin: I think the debate as far as Chris is really good, a lots been brought up about wildcard leadership style, but you need to understand that a lo of thought has gone into this, I've had a chance to work with Chris really closely, as well as a lot of people on exec board. I just feel that with my leadership and Matt's and Hilary's that the wildcard factor really isn't an issue, because if it turns out that he cannot fill this role then we could ask him to resign. We have put a lot of time into making this decision, so he's not a wildcard; I think he'll be a really productive member of the executive board. We don't have time to make too many mistakes in a 4 year college student govt'. I have no question that Chris is well qualified for this position and that we'll be able to bring the best out of him.

Bish: May I remind assembly that the vote in ID, he was the tying vote for himself, and we pushed him to pass so that the assembly could vote on it, so consider how important your vote is.

Bello: motion to end debate. Second.

Gupta: move to vote by ballot.

VOTE: 14-14-4. SO Hilary has to vote. Hilary votes yes. Final vote was 15-14-4. Chris Nock passes.

Nock: I resign from my position as At-Large rep.

Gavin: swearing in of new executive board members.

Policy #6

Dove: This is the policy 6, and I'm sorry it has such a long title. It concerns the budgetary policy. Basically I felt this needed to add on, when we passed the budget, we didn't realize that we were violating the budget bylaws

that the assembly voted on last spring. This basically takes the dept. of legal affairs, tenant landlord mediation etc., it moves these things to the show-cause side of the budget from the operational side of the budget. Basically it just means that you have to show a cause for funding in all of those cases. I have cosponsors just for this record, my committee. Any questions?

Gavin: Did this go through steering? No, so has to be brought by 2/3

Dove: I did bring it to ID, we discussed it but did not pass it. I understood that everyone was for it.

Gupta: is there a motion to bring this to floor by 2/3

Lombard: motion. Seconded.

Gupta: opened up to discussion

Loewner: I am very in favor of this amendment; I was concerned in steering about the fact that the budget that came to us contradicted the bylaws. That's what got us all talking about this, in my perspective, if we don't pass this policy, we can't pass the budget tonight because it would break the rules we already set for ourselves. It boils down to moving a line from operational to show-cause

Gavin: In steering we talked about legal affairs, but there are no mentions of striking encampment and others to show-cause. I do have questions as to why we would also move tenant landlord mediation, encampment, especially because this budget policy was passed unanimously through the assembly, and then coming back and changing our minds.

Loewner: My take on that was that the policy we passed, posed a contradiction. Under show-cause, it has internal/external spending, etc. I don't know how we could definite tenant landlord and encampment except for major initiatives and legal affairs except for departmental expenditure, so right now I think there's a split in the bylaws, and I think this is going to take care of it.

Dove: I agree with Sam, this is taking our what should already be in show cause, big initiatives and programs. I know in budget, I'm going to edit it to make this fit, saying that anything over 500 has to be approved by assembly. I think if you look at our budgetary bylaws, it was kind of an error on part of ID to questions why those programs weren't just in show-cause in the first place. For major programs we should be passing legislation to explain to assembly why the executive is doing things that they are doing. Motion to end debate. Second.

Gupta objections none. Vote by role. Passes 30-0-0.

- **Policy #5 – The 2009-2010 Budget**

Weiner: budget passes through steering and ID with only minor changes. There are two components of operations budget: office supplies, etc. bills. And then show-cause. This requires legislation to be brought to the floor to disperse the funds. Every committee chair issued me a budget request about how much money they wanted. I initially underestimated the cost of the highlands loop, so when I got the right number I had to trim the fat so to speak. It's hard to go by precedence in a lot of these cases is hard because we've never had this much money, so I tied to be as conservative as possible. The concerts however have been quoted by precedence. I think it's a pretty good document. Questions? Mance: Under Academic Affairs budget, the take prof to lunch program and the excellence in academic leadership award, could you give explanation?

Loewner: The take prof to lunch program is something we're exploring is something leftover from USG, they implemented it with varying degrees of success, but I think AA could do it better. A group of students would go through AA to get to know some professors better. There will be restrictions on size of class who could do this, and of course we could judge if there was integrity in student's request. Basically to spur more communication between faculty and students. Second point is something that carried over from last year, I'd also say it's carried over from another thing USG did; they provided a number of awards. This award would be a way to reward people outside of academic affairs who thrive in world of academia. If you're familiar with Rock ethics award, one of their awards was given to someone who was responsible for institution an honor code in Smeal college of business. That's an example for someone that we would consider for an award like this.

Gupta: move to discussion.

Dove: We did pass this two Fridays ago; we had a lot of discussion in ID. Basically, we did change a couple names, you might notice highlands loop isn't listed in here, we changed the name of that line item in case highlands loop doesn't pass. That's all; it's mostly self-explanatory. Can I make a motion to amend part of what we just passed, move to strike number 3 on restrictions on spending on page 3? Because according to our bylaws, we're not allowed to put restrictions on operations, and that's what that says. Seconded

Gupta: objections? None. Stricken.

Dove: I also motion for number 5, I move that that be restructured and working be changed. I'd like it to say "all exec initiative expenditures (proposed and current) over an initial \$500 must be brought to floor of assembly through approval by legislation." Seconded.

Gupta: objections?

Loewner: I object to that because I don't understand the rationale for including executive initiatives. I don't think initiatives aren't going to come out of something that's not legislated, and I'm not sure why we should limit it to executive expenditures.

Dove: Number 2 outlines that anything over \$50 from assembly need legislation, but for executive they have more leeway.

Loewner: Then I still disagree because I think point 2 doesn't just apply to assembly, I still think that we should be looking at expenditures in general.

Dove: I would be willing to change that, but I do think it's important to make a distinction between executive and assembly initiatives. I think executive should be given more leeway. I think three should be a separate number for both.

Loewner: I still think that number 2 is pretty much exclusive to operational spending, I can't imagine an initiative of office supplies or whatever that would cost more than \$50, and then I think it would be good for it to come to assembly. I don't know that an initiative is clearly spelled out as part of show-cause. So if one cost \$400 it would probably have to come through the assembly anyways. With that I move to strike from his amendment the term "executive initiatives"

Dove: I object. We can't put any restrictions on operational expenditures, but I do think there should be a difference between what we do in assembly and what we do in executive.

Loewner: I withdraw my amendment but not my objections.

Gavin: I have serious doubts about any amendments about caps on executive. I think we've already passed some extra bureaucracy steps to this. At steering I never heard a word about these changes, I think we've put a lot of time into this, I would've liked to hear about this before this meeting. The fact that these changes are coming up at the last minute gives me serious doubts. It doesn't make sense to me that we went 30-0 last year and now we're going to other way. I think we need to think that being given 140K gives us a lot of responsibility, and this budget will definite us this year, so we really need to have debate over whether these really make sense.

Dove: what we're trying to do here is trying to make sure the executive can't spend money that's not in operational budget without restriction. I don't think those programs should be in operations, and we did move them, and now they're in show-cause. Should they just not have a y restriction on them now, I think you guys would say no. I'm up to debating the number, and I do apologize for not notifying the executive before tonight. The numbers can change; I think there should be difference between the two though.

Cannon: Dustin a question for you would be that anything in show-cause needs legislation anyway, so we really don't need a cap because anything they do is going to have to come back to the assembly anyways. We're just throwing more and more weight unnecessarily into this document.

Lombard: point of order, where are we?

Loewner: I second what Mark just said, I don't see how an operational expenditure, since we're not allowed to cap it, and if it's not an operational expenditure it's going to come thru assembly anyways.

Dove: the reason why I did that, it does need to come through the assembly, but it was to give the executive more leeway so that they wouldn't have to show a cause until this certain amount kicks in. I wanted to give the exec board leeway that way so that they could have a little funding before they bring it to us.

Gavin: I think that would require another change to original budget policy, I don't know that this line would be sufficient to deal with that.

Weiner: The show-cause policy means that all the funding has to be brought to floor by legislation, so I don't understand why you're putting a cap on this.

Dove: it's really the opposite of a cap; it would be that you didn't have to come to the floor until \$500.

Cannon: that would require further changes, anything in the show-cause needs to come to the floor, and so we can't add something that would say that.

Dove: I'll withdraw my amendment.

Gupta: further debate:

Loewner: From a chairman standpoint, I think it's a solid budget, personally I think what we passed earlier made it realistic and made us more accountable even, so even though the numbers are interesting to look at, but I don't think we're sure where we'll be in February, but I think these numbers are pretty realistic and I'm happy with how it turned out.

Peliciotta: I'm not sure if this automatically happens, but should I motion to move legal affairs from page 1 line 34, to page 2 lines 48 under exec board initiatives. And also move encampment, page 1 line 38. Seconded.

Gupta: objections? None.

Dove: since we did that, I motion to strike number 5 on page 3. Second.

Gupta: objections? None. Stricken.

Dove: Motion to strike number 2 on page 3. Second.

Loewner: I object. I don't think number 2 is capping operational budget at all, and I think it's a great way to get information out if Mark spends money on something, it's good to have that in his steering reports. It's not a cap on anything it's just notification

Dove: I'll withdraw.

Peliciotta: Questions. Previously, Justin mentioned that he got these numbers by precedence. I'm wondering how much money went into marketing from Wallypalooza that would now all under psma duties.

Wallace: budget from marketing for Wallypalooza was maybe around 2K. It depends on what you count as marketing. I mean that number 13K per festival seems like a little on the high side, but with upac and how it's going to work out with our budget, I think it's ok.

Gupta: further debate?

Bello: motion to end debate. Second.

Gupta: move to vote. Passes 30-0-0.

9. Liaison Reports

o GSA –

Olson: I Don't have a lot of report. But during our last assembly meeting, we filled a faculty senate spot, and we're looking for out guidelines about how gsa supports our initiatives.

o ARHS –

Goldsmith: Not much to report, we had a rep from upua attend our meeting. We're finalizing stuff for race against racism. I read aloud an e-mail from Christian about walk this Friday so hopefully we'll have members attending.

Ryan: I have a bit. I want to make sure you know that CCSG extends full support to you guys on Friday. GA is watching the budget situation very closely. I know that we're keeping tabs on everything. The big thing is an initiative we're working on; it's a grade replacement policy. Basic ting is if you're a freshman and you take a Gen Ed course and get a bad grade, you can take it again later for no credit but you can change your grade. We're looking forward to getting that rolling soon. Also we're getting the names of upua members sitting on our council, if you need anything from us please be sure to come to me. Questions?

Boyer: is this policy just for freshman?

Ryan: we're working on a policy just for freshman at this point. Specifics aren't really worked out.

Joann Olson
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Goldsmith

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10. Report by the Association Directors and Staff

○ **Chief of Staff**

Smith: I e-mailed you guys my report; if you have feedback I'll appreciate it. If you have questions I'll take them now.

Mance: I'm confused about 2c under progress report. It says event has shown need for bullhorn

Smith: I want to continually point our ways, we're going to have to borrow this, it's just letting you know that if there's stuff that's going to come up down the line, I'm just forecasting for you. Right now Christian has a bullhorn, but it's definitely something we need.

○ **Treasurer**

Weiner: I think approval of budget went pretty smooth; we can now start spending the money now it's passed. I'll start having week reports on expenditures.

○ **Media**

○ **Women's Affairs**

Lerma: Keep Cot 30 the open, we want to extend an invite to the Halloween Masquerade ball, there's a bar for those who are of age, last year's event was really successful so we'd like to open that up to all of you.

Ragland: is there any way we can help out with that?

Lerma: I can bring it up to the coordinating committee tomorrow so I'll let them know.

○ **Multicultural Affairs**

○ **LGBTQ Affairs**

○ **UPUA Legal Affairs**

Smith: Looking to reach out to all respective departments and starting to get some solid proposals together for medical amnesty project. Look for that in the future.

○ **External Affairs**

○ **Internal Affairs**

Sheroff: I'm happy to see that budget was passed. I'll be sure to go through a lengthy review process at end of the semester. If certain line items aren't spend, then we'll figure out how to reallocate those funds appropriately. As far as psma contract, I was forwarded some initial logos, and I'm looking forward to exec board sitting down with psma and hashing out what they specifically mean to do. I've looking into the twister board ting some more too, and I'm working on that.

○ **Encampment**

Tallman: Thanks for passing the budget. I have a meeting with student affairs to start closing the gap that Damon was talking about. I'm spending some time putting together a committee because I know I can't do this alone. If you know anyone, please give me names.

○ **Directors Greek Life**

Caswell: no report tonight.

Miller: NO report, but thank you for the confirmation and committee chair looks for e-mail in next 24 hours.

Nock: Thanks everyone for your support. Expect positive results soon.

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(TBA)
Yvette Lerma
(TBA)
Chris Smith
Matt Sheroff
Greg
Tallman
Chris
Caswell

11. Committee Reports

○ **Steering**

Cannon: Pretty much we're moving along, the freshman reps position we went over and sent out a questionnaire to them Sunday. Our staff assistant began working today, and he's getting to work on a lot of stuff. We are also accepted applications for the off-campus rep. I talked with ARHS and I believe they are planning to have an on-campus rep starting next Wednesday. We do need two people to fill the CCSG seats, if I don't get two volunteers, then it will fall to the at-large reps, and they will take turns in pairs of two. That's all. Questions?

Loewner: For the future I think it would be good if there were a vote count in steering on the report.

○ **Internal Development**

Dove: you guys have my report, we passed budget through committee. Our next meeting is Tuesday at 7:30; we're still finalizing what we're working on. Also thank you Vicki for getting us a secretary.

○ **Programming**

Wallace: I don't have too much, yeah that's all.

Perugini: Why not?

Wallace: We have a lot of things in the works, I told you guys about them already, they haven't really moved forward. But I can promise you that you'll be seeing a lot from us. On the fall festival, we're still working on it, it's definitely not going to be a benefit concert like we wanted it to be, but it probably will be a memorial concert for Jon. It will probably be indoor. We're still kind of working on it; it's been kind of tough.

○ **Facilities**

Mance: I want to meet with Matt L from legal affairs, I don't think I'll be able to today. Our committee has started helping out with highlands loop; we think we'll be able to help with that. Also, Blake Bonewell was named my facilities vice chair tonight. First HUB advisory board meeting is coming up and Blake will attend it. The first Facilities fee board meeting is coming up, and myself, Colleen, Blake, Haley, and Adam are the people I've named to try to attend all of these meetings. I have faith they can do a good job.

○ **Academic Affairs**

Loewner: Last week AA passed a consultative report on the late-add situation. We endorsed the consultative role of the advisor in the late-add process. We're still exploring the Rock View acquisition to Penn state. Working with Colleen's committee. Out standing orders are available. The last meeting on textbook lists will be this week, so we'll see. If any of you noticed the schedule of courses underwent some major changes this week, so we're working with the registrar to evaluate how those are working out. I'm also looking at whether faculty can endorse their own textbooks in class.

Mance: I noticed that seats in certain classes are becoming unavailable. Who right now is scheduling before even undergrads.

Loewner: Scholars have already scheduled, athletes, graduate learners, and that's up to thousands of

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Mark
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Dustin Dove
Michael
Wallace
Nick Mance
Sam
Loewner
Colleen
Smith
Christian
Ragland

students. And now I think that super seniors can schedule at this point.

Mance: but the four groups you mentioned are done at this point.

Loewner: Yeah they're done.

Bello: I had a couple students raise their voice to me saying that they would love to have notifications about times that registering is available to them

Loewner: Yeah I think that's a feasible idea. I'll look into it.

- o **Governmental Affairs**
- o **Diversity Campus Life**

Ragland: Two updates would be yesterday I met with organization called PRIDE, a sportsmanship initiative. We regained contact with them. We have a meeting Saturday and basically our committee will be on board to help them restructure their organization. Congrats to vice chair Josh Miller who was inducted into Delta, Lambda, Phi.

Miller: This is a fraternity for Gay, Bi, men on campus. Thank you.

Ragland: This Friday we have our "every Lion is Shrine" March, thanks Matt for that, our committee has been working hard all week. I spoke to IFC president's council yesterday. We're looking close to 500 people; a lot of organizations have called me with support. I think this is crucial from student government standpoint because this shows the rest of student body that we exist, and from this initiative there just has been a lot of interest in upua. Our committee does have other initiatives that we're working on concurrently right now, so this is really a kickoff for our other initiatives for the rest of the year? I think this is a really big from an outreach standpoint. So if you're not doing anything, 11:30 we're rounding up. Looking forward to that.

12. Comments for the Good of the Order

Dove: I forgot to mention, congrats to Mr. Nock and Sam Miller, I'm looking forward to both of you guys doing great things.

Lombard: As you know we're getting into THON season, so we need to start upua THON efforts. I'll be putting out an e-mail soon to ask you to meet at some point soon so that we can start that. If you've been involved before, this would be a great time to do that. Please be looking for that and com out.

Bello: I would like to complain. I wanted to eat ice cream for a week, so the solution is that you guys come to support our cause on Friday and march with us, and I think that will solve ice cream problem.

Olson: I'll blame this on my age, but honestly I hear about 5/8 of what is said. So please speak up.

Wallace: Can my committee stick around please?

Canon: Two CCSG volunteers needed. Please move nametags to end table.

13. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment

Gupta: meeting adjourned at 10:50

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Vicki Maroni

OTHER INFORMATION

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