

UPUA General Assembly Meeting Monday March 24, 2008

Call to Order & Opening Roll Call

Res #6 is under Old business, UPUA bylaws Old Business too
Opinion #3 needs 2/3rds vote

Old Business:

Lewis: move to re-consider UPUA by-laws

Seconded.

Richter opposes.

Frank: has everyone seen these?

Justin: I have no problem w/ you voting them down, just don't abstain; any questions

Lucas: 2.3.1 subsection Clause 6: it says that 3% of unrestricted acct, why 3%? Seems like a lot of \$ at their disposal

Justin: most of our budget is unrestricted, roughly a tenth, not very much \$, the reason we don't have to get approval is b/c its administrative stuff & it is a burden

Ralph: privilege may be revoked by assembly so if they thought spending X amount of money would be too much they can revoke it

Frank: further questions?

Bring to discussion, need 2/3rds

Shermanski: move to vote; seconded

Frank: all those in favor of re-considering please raise your hand: 16; not in favor: 1; 0 abstaining

Move into discussion of UPUA Bylaws

Richter: the whole thing brings a lot of bureaucracy, we can't even fill seats to run for elections in UPUA; w/ the chair, its very vague, w/ recognized voice of assembly is that just meetings, exec? It can really divide UPUA is it exec opinion or assembly opinion? Steering committee...things we have in place w/ current UPUA bylaws are more clear and I think we should see where they lead; bylaws should be tailored towards new constitution

Ralph: want to thank you for your thoughtful & rational observations; agenda setting is set by chairs & committees, they are responsible for setting legislation; setting the agenda is bringing in speakers, which is charged to steering committee, it is not to override the steering committee; president has discretionary fund, the person actually running the steering committee should have money to make copies & provide refreshments for long meetings; you said its too vague, I think they are fairly specific points; recognized voice of assembly is to accurately present it to the president & other people, so that there is unity; just b/c you have reservations about the new constitution I don't think we can ignore that is what we will be honoring next year, will just give potential problems for a younger assembly coming in next year; important that communication keeps up; these points are administrative tasks and that are important; 70% of this is old bylaws slightly modified, if there are objectionable things, strike them but don't vote against the entire thing

Barrett: why is the chair sitting on AAC?

Ralph: this was debated in committee & it was either that or hold separate elections; assembly is majority of UPUA, so someone has to be elected to represent the entire UPUA & it falls under that job description; if chair is faculty senator already, then there is a separate election, which is covered under there; why not elect the person that is supposed to be speaking on your behalf

Justin: they are a non-voting member of all committees who should technically be going to every meeting but it is virtually impossible

Richter: the chair is a rep?

Ralph: yes has to be a rep of the assembly

Richter: I don't think our jobs should be doing these things, the main focus should be on the students & what they want; also w/ this if they set the agenda, they can be very partisan & biased w/ what speakers they bring & what they bring to the floor; this is something we should be aware of

Justin: there are reasons for them being a representative, leaders are members of legislative bodies to hopefully have better understanding also representing voice of assembly in a non-biased way; they don't have that much authority when setting the agenda, all the business that goes through is the steering committee; I would hope that the assembly in the future would be responsible for who they do and don't vote for, it is a careful decision

Nick: I think that we need to be careful about giving the chair too much authority about what's in the agenda

Justin: they don't say what goes in the agenda, they just put it all together, majority of agenda is already set in the by-laws

If you're going to elect somebody to be the chair of the assembly then you have to hope that that person isn't biased about what's going to be brought to the floor

Ralph: setting the agenda means that's the agenda that is presented to the assembly, the assembly still has to accept it, responsibilities need to be shared

Justin: there are significantly expanded responsibilities for individuals like the secretary so we thought it would be better to split them up

Richter: this organization has grown into something that we're not capable of handling right now; on 4.5.4 the govt affairs committee sit on borough council, maybe an outside student should do that Under the attendance policy, on campus reps and off campus reps have to attend ARSH And OCSU meeting, I don't see any way that there is a check if they are or aren't attending. If they aren't maybe have a check against them.

Keller- chair person keeps track of all this. If you'd like to make an amendment to this.

Richter- HEY what is your report from OCSU?

Miller- way to require some kind of verification via chair of the assembly

Richter- I know it's like high school, but no one did it

Waddell- we can make mandates for everything we want. At some point we have to cut it off. It's not a bad thing but what else are we going to put in.

Miller- we have problems with people attending meeting and going to meeting and it will be how the other assembly carries themselves. Maybe we can't legislate it. I feel like everything is listed in there.

Waddell- the chair has the ability to do that

Richter- **All friends it's often hard to be like hey you aren't doing his job. 2.3.5 c. 5. I move to add to keep attendance for internal and external meetings.**

LIU- move to strike the word vice 4.3.1 and 5.3.1

Barrett- add two descriptions 4.7.3 it would say to retain the power to dissolve

Waddell- everyone is authorized to do that

Barrett- 4.7.4- the committee chair has the authority to appoint advisors to (NICOLE HAS THIS ALL WRITTEN AND WILL BE GIVEN TO WADDELL)

Waddell- we will appoint committee chairs for the following subcommittees

Barrett- LBTQA affairs, womens' and racial affairs and perhaps a clause 1. or other interests of the committee. Codified

Lewis- Mandate for the next administration to address the concerns and recommendations made by the Constitutional Review Board in order to reevaluate the of problems voiced about the new constitution.

14 close debate on Richter's amendment

1 no

0 a

Richters amendments

1 yes

11 no

3 A

Ralph- at the end of the debate, any members abstain and those not present to move to change the amendment, no one sent stuff.

LEWIS- move to end debate 12 yes 3 No 0 A

Keller- All those in favor of voting on the Bylaws

17 Yes

2 No

2 Ab

Keller- Resolution 6 budget Money

Waddell- Clerical set processes on how to spend it not contentions

Jack- Move to the previous

Keller- Close debate Resolution 6 13 y 1 no 1 A

Keller- All those in favor 14 Y 1 No 0 A

Keller- Opinion #3

Jack- Since oct. we have been working with the athletic office about student ticket allocation and how many percent get tickets, prices and other comparisons...since student tickets and scalping is a big issue, we decided to take this up.

Amendment- Amount of tickets available to each class is capped in portion to the amount of people in that class whom have pre-registered.

Richter- no discrimination against the freshman

Barrett- doesn't matter that I got on at 9:15 am. Really large incoming class proportionally distributed

Doc Bob- I don't know if it has been entertained to go proportion to how many students are seniors. So, if its 12.96 fourth year, has there been any happy medium. A more important point is to calm down parents of first year students who did not get tickets. Admissions played up the best game in the nation. You as student representatives need to say here is what has been decided instead of saying that it is a done deal.

Waddell- How many seniors are way more interested Restate the motion: Base on the proportion of the classes that preregister, the basis of the tickets allocated are capped.

Miller- I agree that upperclassmen may deserve an extra somethin' somethin'. I think that it is important to address. Can we maybe do something that seniors get their proportion plus their proportion plus a percent

Waddell- that equals over 100 plus...ahahahsfjkl]

Ralph- The best things in life are the things you have to wait for and that's Privilege.

BENJY the Freshman- I thought I was obligated to speak. I can see along the line where there is this legacy that there has to be entitled to for seniors and such and I'm not sure if I'm speaking on behalf of the whole freshman, but I agree that those things in life that are worth something, you have to wait. I think they will watch the games on tv and gain this fire and one day be able to go to the Big House and see this for themselves...It's something worth waiting on.

All those in favor of approving- To add a statement, each category will be capped at their proportion of their pre-registration total. 8 Yes 9 No

Jack- This is long...we've pulled numerous students we received a decent amount of info from UP...there are 125,000

Ralph- Tiered distribution At least Ten days before 12 noon on day one, there will be a preregistration e-mail to all students for students to announce their intent to purchase tickets.

All yeses no nos

End debate 11 to end 4 to not

Opinion 4: 13 Yes 3 No 0 A

Richter- Rally in the Rotunda money 1250 for buses, 200 for costs of fliers and stuff.

Debate---yeah, yeah yeah

Ok Vote for Rally Funding: PASSES!