

UPUA General Assembly Minutes—September 26, 2007

Called to order by Frank Keller.

Roll Call.

Hilary Lewis moves to appoint Secretary Colleen Colgan; seconded

Move to affirm by acclimation; none opposed.

No further amendments to the agenda

Move to amend minutes: Ralph Crivello to change his name spelling; discharge resolution from the ID committee; all favor; none opposed

Jay Chamberlin: change minutes approve by senate majority; second- Katie Holmes; amendment to change general minutes all passed; none opposed

Frank: No further amendments to General Minutes

Welcome by President: Hilary: Welcome; Happy birthday to Emily Barfoot

Jay Chamberlin: reopen forum for 10 minutes

Open Forum: Debate

Holmes: bad precedent to limit speaking time; John Richter: agrees w/ Holmes

Jack Vickrey: how much time is allowed?

Frank: open forum

Gavin: Executive Director SOS; wants students to have voice @ university; discussing Const passed last Spring; wants UPUA to stand up for student voice, supposed to be alternative; now it is time to move beyond mechanics of organization & begin acting on students behalf; vote in favor of Const passed last spring to go beyond advocacy group that merely makes recommendations

Crivello giving time limit

Gavin: requests new constitution resolution

Hilary asks for Gavin's paper

Frank: anything further?

Shakely: co founder of SOS: sat on ADHOC const community that students unanimously passed; UPUA might be in violation of its own constitution but it was first inflicted by secret meetings; primarily about what's best for students; SOS came out w/ roadmap for change; timeline of success for student affairs

17000 new visitors this month; advocate for leadership on all levels- student & administrator; want to work together and have animosity fall away

Frank: questions for Shakely

Crivello: How much time did committee spend going over other school's constitution and documents in creating this document?

Shakely: more than 36 hours in and outside of mtgs; speaks to quality of the constitution—it was passed unanimously

Richter: do you believe that 36 hours is adequate to represent a student body this large?

Shakely: that was in meetings; 36 hours was rough estimate; regardless this was just ADHOC community; member development comm. Spent longer than that; amt of time was spent, looking at how much time UPUA constitution was done—not even records on that, at least we have records

Frank: further questions?

Hadas: Gavin has a point; must move beyond mechanisms on how you represent student voice; Tom also good point—UPUA's structure not adequate to give student voice; UPUA was created w/ one thing in mind, do better job than USG ever did; time doesn't make it a good constitution; what needs to happen is reduce the egos , Hilary will do a phenomenal job if you stay behind her if you do, students will listen b/c you're united; we don't represent 30,000 undergrads and looking around I don't feel like I'm represented; I'm pissed campaign is great step in direction ; I'm waiting to do things, this isn't a game; here to let you know that if you have problems w/ Hilary's leadership I don't let her grow into this; I've seen too many articles criticizing UPUA and Hilary—stop changing, work w/ what we've got

Holmes: at time const came thru UPUA, you were against and then changed your position

Hadas: totally against const; waste of 36 hours; waste b/c ppl who created UPUA created it w/ mindset that is different than USG and USG didn't work and you're trying to make it like USG; no student cares about the const; you need a const to be recognized on campus, after that its not impt

Anne Bontempo: you say there's no diversity I think that it will add to diversity

Hadas: slew of BS about UPUA that is keeping Hilary from doing her job- she needs you to work w/ her to do her job; giving my opinion, sitting here pushing an agenda through SOS is bad; why are you talking about const when the students are complaining about tickets

Chamberlin: 2 questions—

Nicole Barrett: motion to extend open forum

Passed

Chamberlin: town forum this semester to have students come to express opinions, did you take advantage?

Hadas: no bc I have 2 jobs set inconveniently @ 6:30 inconveniently; so I'm here to talk to you today; so I will be here more often

Paul Russ: motion to extend questioning

Richter seconds; extended by 4 minutes

Richter: w/ right students do you feel the const that we're currently working under effectively serves the students

Hadas: need a const to be an org also need it to follow structure; do I think UPUA is run efficiently? No but that's not the point I cant make those suggestions; UPUA is a way to get their voices heard but they cant do it properly and effectively; can in the future

Hilary: if you do have legislation that you want to submit you can apply to be on a committee

Russ: you mentioned there were no merits and that we're not represented in the student voice and one of the things that is brought up in the student voice do not have the power to vote do you feel those issues don't need to be addressed

Hadas: Do you need a new const to give someone the power to vote? You can make an amendment

Holmes: want to point out; appreciate comment on community voice; this body met to vote for amendments and passed; 2nd question- imagine if you made all the amendments that you want to make and you spent time and it was voted down by board of 5, what do you feel is way to deal w/ it

Hadas: board of 5, I would ask them what they need to do to satisfy that

All for time

Joe Veltry: have prob w/ const; you want to represent students, make changes, and the const doesn't allow you to do that b/c you're an advocacy group not a govt body so that limits your power b/c you have to go through administrators and if it takes a new const to get that power then 36 hours is good; USG was a house not well kept; UPUA is a new house but the foundation is cracking and needs to be redone so it wont fall apart like USG; UPUA wont be fixed in a day

Richter: explain to me how the new const gets around us being an advocacy group and turns us into a govt?

Veltry: don't have those answers can't go out and petition and be done...

Richter: you said const we're under now just advocates students where last years const is better; explain how we do that

Crivello gives Veltry paper Hillary says its out of order

Veltry: when I said new const I wasn't referencing this

Hillary: what were you referencing? You think we need a brand new one?

Veltry: it needs to be changed

Hillary: would you be interested in being on the committee?

Veltry: yes

Further questions?

Torres: got out of work; here to speak about const; we were robbed last year of hard work, voice and decision; this year they want to do it all over again; your job to say we're here to serve the students it is the principle of what actually happened; I encourage you to throw const on the floor and discuss it; but have something to discuss; as a past member of UPUA and USG it breaks my heart to see criticizing; it just started, Hillary just began; if you want to tackle the issue, vote on the issue, vote on what's in front of you

Hillary: would you be in support of a const review board that is only students and how would that make ourselves accountable? w/o anyone keeping us in check

Torres: I think if I had an option to suggest I would open a public committee to the student body that is going to look @ the 2006 old const and the revised 2007 and propose a not whole doc that goes to the students; I'm against it coming from UPUA and going to board of 5

Patrick Gordon: do you think that throwing this on the floor tonight that it can be decided tonight in one night

Torres: 36 hours was actual writing, you need to make a decision w/ what you want as opposed to debating merits of the actual document

Holmes: can you identify what positions you served and what you served before resignation

Torres: at large representative, chairman of commit, faculty senate; ran for pres and lost to Hilary; later appointed as chief of staff; had to resign but will be back

Chamberlin: would you agree that the actions of UPUA are more imp't than words of const

Torres: yes

Crivello: are you suggesting that we don't need to spend time on something we decided to do but that we need to re-examine aspects of document?

Torres: correct; and I received copy of Chamberlin's doc and think it is sound

Frank: all time we have; calls on Peter Johnson

Johnson: current const; there is nothing in it that it is the sole governing doc of the organization so all you need to pass it as the sole governing doc. Ban Styrofoam on campus @ creamery, just as cost effective for cardboard- more environmental;

Frank any questions

Gordon: will look into that

Richter: great example of I'm pissed thank you!

Holmes: thank you; ask you if you would be willing on facilities committee to point in direction to get Styrofoam out?

Johnson: yes you don't need me but you should just go out & do it

Frank further questions? Any more student forum

Michael Aldinger: speaking on behalf of Mike Anderson; member of academic affairs and internal development standing committee; 30-40 hours of work doing amendments to a const; this doc then passed UPUA as a whole vote 25-0-1 then found out that an administratively secret committee met; tonight you will vote on resolution; resolution is unconst; problem is those voting on const is eliminated in revised const; rev is better than original; issue tonight is what you are willing to support- board of 5 did violate const; by recognizing the decision of the board, you support their violation of the current const; send it back through committee, reconvene and have them review const again, we accepted decision of the board & will still operate under the const; 1. Support by operating under 2. Support what hardworking students did; resolution may violate UPUA const but will leave body better off

Frank can you answer questions?

Aldinger: no, he will be here in 10 mins

Frank anything further?

Report by President: Hillary: I'm pissed every other week in Oct tues and wed; just wanted to reiterate that UPUA is a commitment so you have to make sacrifices, its only one hour; Another thing is I was going to talk about open forum ppl- impressed about amt of ppl especially contenders; 2 wrongs don't make a write so const review board was in violation of our const but that doesn't mean we should violate our const to skirt around issues b/c if we don't show ppl respect who will show us respect/responsibility

Chamberlin: how much money was spent this week?

Hillary: none

No more questions

Association Staff Reports

Sean Flynn: we did go into purchasing orders of the computers; Andrew will talk about that; will get shipped from dell to Boucke so hopefully by next week w/ new systems ; Another thing; want to be 1st to announce phase 2 of campaign for students aimed @ student leaders- student programming association, UPUA and student for engagement organized forum to voice concerns about programming, marketing and raising \$; in HUB all stud org will sit down to diner and discuss issues; meeting is tomorrow SPA, UPUA, UPAC, NAACP, PSMA presidents all there; and anyone else who wants to cast opinion;

Hillary: for Purdue game, gauge interest of how many students to watch game in Bryce Jordan— hypothetically

Sean: working w/ pat on competition on take charge; social events w/ Gupta; rock the vote w/ mtv; Sean Meloy w/ I'm pissed has great student voice; John w/ borough council great; tickets for resolution; diversity chair Barrett; appreciate Holmes' backing up; Jay too; everyone great job!

Ashley Hill: for student leader forum Oct 17th @ 630 pm catering options- formal sit-down dinner to keep professional atmosphere; Meeting tomorrow @ 6 in SPA office anyone invited who's interested; lot of student leaders present; 2 tables 8 chairs in office now so help budget; Need toner in printer; Comp access will be coming def when new comps come next week; trying to work w/ transportation and business auxiliary to run buses to NYC Fri and Sun; I'm pissed really going well tues and wed every other week instead of thurs and fri; attended Gupta's programming committee

Mallory Gold: Can list of office hours be sent out?

Hill: yes.

Richter: can I'm pissed be used as office hours

Hill: yes.

Holmes: what student leaders are invited to forum?

Hill: all student leaders; SPA has done in past and rarely have good turnout so we're trying to improve number, around 100; every leader of every org not just PANHEL/IFC; panel situation or ppl sitting @ tables all discussed tomorrow

Crivello: I emailed Sean about office hours but I have chem. Labs/classes so I was coming to normal office hours I need a sheet to sign in

Hill: okay we will make sure its there

Andrew Paladino: \$4,933 spent this week on comps- 2 optiplex for \$3,080 and one latitude for \$1,852; spent \$110 on banners

Gordon: not buying tables for UPUA office are we?

Hill: Sean got them for free; saving money cause got them for free from hub which are in office right now

Further questions? None

Sean: I'm pissed campaign; last week we did well, a few missed shifts, I was disappointed; should have at least 2 ppl at the table @ all times so I'm passing this around as sign up sheet; name and phone # please; does count for office hours; if you have class stop by for 15 mins btwn classes to relieve others who are there; next month doing it on tues and wed to give diff schedule;

Jack Vickrey: will we be getting a report on what is being responded to on forums

Sean: distributed to comm chairs; last week more complains about high cost of tuition; SOS complaining about const; Jena 6 incident lack of knowledge; a lot of complaints about printing credits so facilities committees will look into that; student tickets

Holmes: are we planning to dissolve?

Sean/Hillary: NO; no statement to dissolve

Hillary: we can put things into categories to see what students are really concerned about

Committee reports:

Holmes: appointed 3 sub-members; Update on book swap? U of Mich to facilitate a book swap up to Emily's sub com to look further into it

Chamberlin: you all have recommendations in front of you about the resolution that is in new business,

1st rec: written by Ralph or me to make it more streamlined and so it follows proper formatting;

2nd rec: a line for action is placed to look at const and propose amendments

3rd rec: rules for exec board have clauses that require pres to seek out opinions w/ diverse backgrounds and dramatic change in 07 const is the lack of seats for specific underrepresented groups

4th rec: those who have worked on a lot pres vp internal devlpmnt chair send letter to leaders on campus to explain rationale

Crivello: question can you define what sections are supposed to see?

Chamberlin: what you wrote under purpose of request was continuation of description of cabinet; purpose is short paragraph what this is actually supposed to do and plan of action is how

Barrett: can you elaborate on diverse seats not being represented?

Chamberlin: you can either change ppl by area or by classification (club) and it should be so that all underrepresented seats are shown; it goes back to how USG does things

Frank: no more time

Holmes: extended time

Chamberlin: this is a question of procedure, not content

Tempest Reed: the new const does not address what old const had concerning diversity issues?

Chamberlin: now there are 3 seats reserved for chairs of sub committees; designed to get input from ppl outside of UPUA who have questions about diversity and chairs elected get voting rights as part of senate; this is not included in the proposed const

Tempest: isn't that the reason we have diversity committee?

Richter: having a meeting thurs @ 745 in our office; talking about high price of tuition; get more ppl to attend rally rotunda; try to get a trip to Wash DC; student tickets big issue; setting up meeting w/ athletic dept to find solution; attended council meeting on 9/17 they said CIP (capital improvement plan) goes to 2012- countdown audible signals downtown, fraternity district lighting project all being looked into;

Hillary: if we support them we say the student body advocates for this

Richter: council members asked which streets considered frat district; signs up for residential areas telling students to keep it down; landscape arch student are working on foster park; off-campus reps should go to meetings b/c we can impact off campus students the most

Hillary Gupta: banner going through homecoming so on Oct 12th need ppl to walk w/ it; sign up sheet; not having a retreat but having a hayride- no date yet

Barrett: UPUA website; section of site that has links to diff student resources- link to lion menus, hate, etc.; narrows everything down; in contact w/ webmaster; increase minority groups for borough registration as elections are coming up in Nov and primaries in spring; acting as liaison to roundtable which is a group organization for LGBT planning national coming out week

Frank questions? None

Gordon: 1st hub advisory board meeting; made decisions about how rooms would be assigned; 15-0-1 denied sharing rooms to lend space to other ppl; hala meat in the hub- meat from Muslim religion that has to be cooked in a certain condition, hub doesn't have facilities but will be in Warnock commons next fall; corner pocket sub committee- lounge, comedy lounge, computer center; next meeting is Oct 15th; ask facility members stay after to sort out email issues; coming up is take charge mtg Oct 4th- initiative started by OPP to lower electricity on campus; in OPP building they have central control that in winter if nobody is in building they can turn off heat; energy forum Oct 24th where all deans of colleges send rep at Bryce Jordan center presidential, everything they're doing is biodegradable; printing credits looking for contact

Old Business- None

New Business

Resolution #2 refutation of the spec comm on constitutional review; 5 min intro of piece

Chamberlin: point of order: Robert's Rules states that resolutions are form of main motions and since main motions don't contradict const

Crivello: assembly goes into fear behind deliberative body- question before this body is how to rectify an existing violation, to suppress the motion based on that is contrary to spirit of deliberative body

Hillary: const review board violating the const doesn't mean that us violating the const makes it right

Crivello: this is rectifying a violation of the const; we're debating parliamentary theory; valid concerns about our future

Hillary: after motion to suppress we recommit

Crivello: after suppressed it's done w/ have to send it back to committee

Hillary: move to recommit or move to suppress but motion is null & void if it's in violation of our const and by laws

Crivello: this is to address existing violation, nowhere does it get precedent to suppress motion to absolve existing const; are we debating whether to debate

Tempest: are we following Robert's rules?

Hillary: point of our const is we resort to RR so we do it constitutionally even if we're rectifying a flaw do it legally not unethically

Frank consults Elory Lumos.

Recess.

Called back into order

Crivello: yield as much time necessary to explain

Jack: introduces Elory

Elory: I have looked @ const and chaired more than one venue, looked at RR and const and its semantics that we're talking about; there are terms like no confidence which in RR means dissolution of something; is 5 person board even in existence; I look @ precedent and assume that if there is this much debate then something has gone wrong; however, there is an action plan in this resolution which states what needs to be done so it doesn't happen again, that is a const change in my mind; change to prevent something from happening that is happening- catch 22; doc needing fixing is const; I see action plan and

concerns me—when you look @ how to change const there is a way and how things went w/ action of change that a violation occurred last year, this is hypothetical; I cant agree that it would be const to pass the resolution according to RR

Holmes: is there a way to amend this doc w/ language

Elory: doc has an action plan to change const which violates the const; you need 3/4ths of body and still need to go to review; in order to get something accomplished it needs to be original doc itself

Holmes: what are options if amend process has been violated?

Elory: res could be passed or failed; if failed its done; if passes there are multiple options

- a. Un const by chair and passed- purpose of chair is to protect document and RR
- b. If it passes then it goes to 5 person comm. b/c of action plan b/c action plan would be to change so wrong would not happen

Motion to be last question

Crivello: given that this is so cyclical, the only way to resolve is to again violate const, how do we get around the cyclical argument if we can't debate it

Elory: debate would be the new language; would come from this body if you chose to change the const through the parameters that are provided, and then the debate would come w/ how to write how to change a const

Crivello: if the res was passed and retained, it would be sent to special comm., that review would be const and permissible

Elory: it would go to committee that would look @ if you change the document language that this is the advisory doc to assist the writing of the const amend and its no longer a action plan it becomes an advisory

Hillary: great lesson in RR

Holmes: objection to Elory sitting?

Frank: if there are any objections to having Elory Lumos help me? Are there any?

Objection by Bontempo; you are only one person

Elory: I'm not asking for that, I'm not trying to influence decision or content that is there

Bontempo: I appreciate what you said, but you are unintentionally influencing

Frank: we still have piece of resolution in front of us and Lumos outlined outcomes for us to help us understand either unconst or sent to const review board committee

Crivello: is chair entertaining?

Move to previous?

Richter: question- what would Emory's help entail?

Hillary: our opinions and RR statements, you know what we feel is going to happen, we need to move this along; according to RR which is our other governing system besides the const, this motion is null & void. So that is what Frank would declare this as so we can make a motion to send it to internal development committee

Barrett: motion to send

Vickrey: object

Richter: still unconstitutional

Hillary: motion to adjourn and re-instate

Richter: no

Hillary: after 25 mins we have to leave.

Frank: motion on the floor

Barrett: withdrawn

Crivello: given time constraints but we should go w/ recommendation 1 send it back to IV committee so one/two words can be taken out so its more kosher; the fact hat we cant debate it b/c of semantics says a lot; I move to recommit w/ the power of the committee to adjust the language

Richter: point of inquiry; if we vote on it, and it fails, its dead?

Hillary: yes

Richter: since it is an impt question would it require 3/4ths? Or 50%?

Crivello: according to resolution it's a simple majority

Richter: if it passed would it pass or still be unconst

Frank: it would be my call

Richter: then I move to vote

Hillary: point of inquiry; if we do this it should be stipulated that the resolution is a good idea but we need to do it constitutionally so we're not violating const rules; 2 wrongs don't make a right; I second motion

Crivello: technically the motion that was ruled didn't even entertain

Emory: is the resolution on the floor? Mr. chairman?

Frank: I believe it is on the floor; ruling that

Crivello: I move to commit the ID committee to charge the authority

Holmes: outside members serve as an advisory capacity to serve on the board

Hillary: can do whatever once it's in ID committee

Crivello: motion was charge ID committee to make it comply, not to scrap it; according to const anyone can advise committee

Hillary: move to vote

Frank: there is a motion on the floor to vote by secret ballot whether to pass or fail this resolution

Crivello: you want to vote on the resolution

Russ: object

Richter: move to vote; on the resolution

Seconded.

Move to vote

Crivello: John wants to vote on doc as it stands now

Doreen Strauss: Want to vote to end debate

Richter: are we sending back resolution or constitution

Frank: we are voting on whether or not we're going to vote on the resolution before us to close debate; all those in favor

Hilary: vote on whether to vote the resolution up or down

12 – in favor

11—opposed

2—abstain

Crivello: committee adjust language appropriately to make it an advisory document

Second? Holmes

Question Chamberlin: to send it back to ID?

Crivello: an advisory doc so another special committee can meet

Move to previous- 2nded

Frank: all those in favor of closing debate on proposal? To End Debate?

Passes.

All those in favor of re commit to ID committee the power to re write language of document so that it is an advisory doc and there are no semantic problems?

Frank in favor? 14. Opposed 9. Abstentions 3.

Passes in opinion of chair, referred to ID committee

Holmes motion to adjourn

Hillary: Seconded

Frank: all those in favor of adjournment? Say I

Adjournment.