

UPUA 4th Meeting of the General Assembly
April 23, 2008

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- 4 1. Call to order- Called to order at 8:28 PM
- 5 2. Adoption of the Agenda
- 6 a. Changes
- 7 i. Special Presentations moved to after adoption of past general meeting minutes
- 8 ii. Executive Appointments: Legal Affairs Advisor- Husafeh Mun
- 9 iii. Executive Appointments: Panhellenic: Lisa Pigar
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- 11 3. Adoption of the past general meeting minutes
- 12 a. adopted
- 13 4. Special Presentations
- 14 a. Dr. Latta-
- 15 b. Dr. Roy Baker- The problem happened Ohio State football weekend whenever someone
- 16 from Ohio State brought alcohol into the Phi Delta Theta fraternity house. The issue is
- 17 not between Penn State and Phi Delta Theta, but Penn State's policy is that since they
- 18 lost their national charter they cannot be a recognized fraternity at Penn State. For us
- 19 now it is hard to do anything with the chapter because they were expelled and no
- 20 longer considered a part of that fraternity.
- 21 i. Richard Shermanski- Are they listening to your opinion?
- 22 1. Dr. Roy Baker- This is not our decision, it is nationals. They are a
- 23 nationally dry chapter, and they do not offer an exemption based on
- 24 special achievements.
- 25 2. Dr. Latta- They are going to try to regain their charter, if it is regained
- 26 they will be recognized by Penn State.
- 27 ii. Samantha Miller- Why was the letter telling them they could not live in the
- 28 house not sent out until April?
- 29 1. Dr. Latta- We have been in contact with the Alumni since February.
- 30 2. Dr. Roy Baker- We chose not to make them leave after Christmas break.
- 31 We sent this letter after other communication.
- 32 3. Dr. Latta- We were in contact with the Alumni because they are the
- 33 ones that have the contract to the house.
- 34 iii. Steve Lucas- IF they do not have housing, where are they supposed to live?
- 35 1. Dr. Latta- they were told in February, so they could start looking then.
- 36 2. Steve Lucas- With all due respect, February is still very late to find
- 37 housing.
- 38 3. Dr. Roy Baker- They knew in August that if they violated the policy they
- 39 would not have housing. This is a tremendous liability for the people
- 40 who own the house and Penn State. We went out on a limb allowing

- 82 a. John Richter- I think it's a great idea to move I'm Pissed about This to the internet, but
83 you need to make yourself available to show the students that you're there. Even
84 though only 5 people may come, you will still know how they feel. I think you should
85 maybe rethink that decision. I don't know how I feel about Phi Delta Theta, but 41
86 people living in the house without knowing who's liable could be bad. I do not think it
87 should be torn down and turned into a park, the house should at least stay with them
88 until the hearing.
- 89 i. Andrew Karasik- DO you think the I'm Pissed About This campaign could make
90 people think we don't know what they need?
91 1. No, it is good to get their opinion because we don't necessarily know.
- 92 6. Report by the President
- 93 a. Facilities Fee- As of know their first plan is a connector from The White Building to the
94 HUB.
- 95 b. Alumni Council Events- Spanier says he raises close to a million dollars a day.
- 96 c. Off-Campus Student Councils- very impressed, great chance to communicate with
97 different officials.
- 98 d. Thanks to Kevin, Dr. Lotta and Dr. Baker. I have a lot of respect for the commitment you
99 have given to your cause Kevin.
- 100 i. Erik Haussman- What exactly are we voting on? Letting them stay for another
101 year?
102 1. Gavin- We are asking that they are given a chance to stay, or at least
103 given housing.
- 104 7. Report by the Association Directors and Staff
- 105 a. Mike Anderson- had to leave, but currently working on committee applications
- 106 b. Matt Sharoff- Met with UPAC last night, overall it went well, but we'll see how it goes.
107 Will discuss the budget later in the meeting.
- 108 i. Sean Meloy- How much money is in the unrestricted account?
109 1. Sharoff- \$16,000. We're still working on that. We don't have the exact
110 answer.
- 111 ii. Christopher Nock- Who will be writing the language of the budget?
112 1. Sharoff- Myself with the help of Gavin.
- 113 iii. Steve Lucas- When should we hear back from UPAC?
114 1. Sharoff- Probably next week.
- 115 8. Committee Reports
- 116 a. Ralph Crivello- Steering
- 117 i. Very long, 4 ½ hour steering meeting on Sunday. Hopefully you got the minutes,
118 I plan to continue having those mailed to you.
- 119 ii. Facilities Fee- Steering committee wasn't comfortable to select a course of
120 action without your feeling so we added it into the discussion.
- 121 iii. In the process of finalizing room reservations. Looking to provide refreshments
122 during these meetings.

- 123 iv. Budget- draft dispersal to committees. Trying to draw up what each committee
124 will be doing and breaking down how much money will be needed. Change
125 from FAB to UPAC, so we will no longer be given lump sums of money.
126 v. Last general meeting, work session next week.
- 127 b. Chris Morrell- ID
128 i. Budget
129 ii. 2 executive board appointees
- 130 c. Nick Mance- Facilities
131 i. My Twenty Meeting- taking samples from residence hall areas, the one with the
132 most recycling will win an unannounced prize. Hoping for OPP and Old Main to
133 go more "green". Asking My Twenty if we could help them any way in the
134 future.
135 ii. Plans to attend a few more meetings before the end of the semester.
- 136 d. Samantha Miller- Governmental Affairs
137 i. Legislation for Phi Delta Theta house
138 ii. Budget- relatively low, most of budget consists of programming costs
139 iii. Meeting Friday and during work session next week
- 140 e. Matt Smith- Academic Affairs
141 i. Met with Communications and Health and Human Development Councils-
142 hopefully we can add them both as representatives to our council.
143 ii. Faculty Senate Meeting next Tuesday
144 iii. Attended Book Swap meeting- ITS will pay a student to develop our book swap
145 1. Ralph- If you know anyone tech savvy, let us know so we can
146 recommend people to ITS.
- 147 f. Hillary Gupta- Programming
148 i. Resolution for Finals Treat
- 149 g. Steve Lucas- Diversity/Campus Life
150 i. Went over budget
151 ii. Would like to open membership up to other students, affiliate members
152 iii. Engage liaisons from other groups on campus
153 iv. Plan to invite interested students to our meeting on Friday
154 1. Andrew Karasik- Will they have a voting say?
155 a. They will in our committee if they are affiliate members.
- 156 9. Liaison Reports (None)
157 10. Old Business (None)
158 11. New Business
159 a. Confirmation of Executive Board Departments/ Positions
160 i. Mr. Huzefa Mun–Legal Affairs
161 1. Internally elected from department of legal affairs. For UPUA I would
162 serve as a liaison between legal affairs and UPUA.
163 a. Andrew Karasik- could you explain the difference between
164 UPUA and Legal Affairs?

- 165 i. We provide a service to students who are in trouble
166 with legal affairs. This is confidential which is why we
167 are a little bit separate, but we're connected by budget.
- 168 b. Ralph Crivello- Could you highlight some of the items for legal
169 affairs in the budget?
- 170 i. PR campaign, laptop(it makes it more confidential to be
171 able to meet in private places)
- 172 2. Debate
- 173 a. Gavin Kierans- it is customary that whoever is internally elected
174 by Legal Affairs takes the UPUA position.
- 175 b. Chris Morrell- He was affirmed by the internal development
176 committee.
- 177 3. Mun Approved 29-0-0
- 178 4. Lockman Approved 29-0-0
- 179 b. Summer and Fall 2008 UPUA Budget- Presented by Chris Morrell and Matt Sharoff
- 180 i. Amendments
- 181 1. Line 10: executive budget changed from \$10,000 to \$9,600
- 182 2. Line 24 and 25: removed
- 183 3. Line 21: new total \$27,100
- 184 4. Line 27: new overall total \$70,738.94
- 185 5. new total Remained of unrestricted amount gone to steering
186 committee, but line item budget must be approved by the ID
187 committee.
- 188 a. Samantha Miller- Is this all pending UPAC's allocation?
- 189 i. Chris Morrell- Yes
- 190 b. Andrew Karasik- If something was requested to UPAC but
191 stricken today, will it have to be given back?
- 192 i. Ralph Crivello- yes
- 193 ii. Matt Sharoff- budget is pretty much self explanatory
- 194 iii. Discussion
- 195 1. Sean Meloy- can each committee chair generally go over their budget
- 196 a. Steve Lucas- UPUA banner, business cards, pamphlet to but in
197 different student offices, t-shirts to give out at events, buttons
- 198 i. Lombard- Are programs in your budget?
- 199 1. Lucas- yes, so my budget will be cut about in
200 half.
- 201 b. Hillary Gupta- ice cream finals goodbye, paternoville,
202 homecoming, conference table, fridge, frames
- 203 c. Matt Smith- closed, developmental programs, academic council
204 socials
- 205 i. Karasik- Are you aware you can request money as
206 programs for all the budget items not granted?

- 207 1. Smith- yes, but it is still extremely frustrating.
- 208 d. Samantha Miller- brochures, business cards, student lobby
- 209 transportation costs, discretionary funds
- 210 e. Nick Mance- printing and copying charges
- 211 f. Chris Morrell- election costs, public polling
- 212 g. Overwhelming frustration in the UPAC system
- 213 2. Andrew Karasik- What we went for last night was operational funding
- 214 3. Gavin Kierans- There is a big difference between FAB and UPAC. A lot of
- 215 what we need is needed now, not 40 days before.
- 216 4. Ralph Crivello- FAB dissolving took everyone by surprise, UPAC should
- 217 be given back the authority FAB had. We were under the impression
- 218 that the policies of lump sum funds given by FAB would also be given by
- 219 FAB. The only way we can now get program funding is from UPAC, so
- 220 we have to rethink how some of our programs will be run. The
- 221 committee chairs responded very quickly to the budget request,
- 222 especially because it was something new due to the new system.
- 223 Would like to move to reinstate line 24&25 of the budget.
- 224 c. Amendment to reinstate line 24&25 in the budget.
- 225 1. Ralph Crivello- I feel that the secretary and clerk should be given some
- 226 money because it is a lot of work and they are not elected. This is a
- 227 labor intensive task. This has always been the way to get students to
- 228 help, and enter the organization.
- 229 2. Sean Meloy- If people want to have these positions, it should not be due
- 230 to the money.
- 231 3. Benjamin Lombard- Last year's precedent was not paying the secretary.
- 232 4. Ralph Crivello- It is hard to entice people without giving money. It is
- 233 also a reward. The precedent is from USG, Legal Affairs, Academic
- 234 Affairs Committee, Other Big 10 Schools. We should give back to the
- 235 individuals who are giving to us. Will entice proper individuals.
- 236 5. Erik Haussman- How much did this debate have to do with us starting
- 237 late today?
- 238 a. Chris Morrell- Nothing. The meeting starting late had to do with
- 239 the writing at the bottom of the board.
- 240 6. Samantha Miller- I am not pro paying secretary or clerks because if you
- 241 look at the way we are fighting for money, we are not in the position to
- 242 ask for funding for this. In the future if we are given lump sums, maybe.
- 243 7. Nick Mance- I think by not paying these individuals we go against the
- 244 precedent of paying individuals. It also motivates people to do better
- 245 work.
- 246 8. Sean Meloy- We also requested for a staff assistant. I would like to
- 247 remind members of the assembly that items should not be passed in
- 248 order to allow us to go home earlier.

- 249 9. William Barr- It seems that we already have a lot of people applying for
250 these positions. If we don't have trouble filling them, we should do it
251 for free.
- 252 10. Steve Lucas- How much time would these clerks have to give to UPUA?
253 a. Ralph Crivello- 4 hours mandatory.
- 254 11. Steve Lucas- \$150 a semester is not that much money to be helped with
255 paperwork, and other things that would be very helpful.
- 256 12. As representatives we get the sheer satisfaction of drafting legislation to
257 help the student body. They are helping us do our job. I think they
258 deserve money for the help they will be giving us.
- 259 13. Samantha Miller- How available will these people be to us, the members
260 of the council?
261 a. Ralph Crivello- they are meant for the chairs of the committee
262 (clerks).
- 263 14. Sean Meloy- The secretary and the clerk should be able to share in the
264 satisfaction because they are important. I do not think that financial
265 gain should be an issue. They should be truly trying to help Penn State.
- 266 15. Samantha Miller moves to separate paying of secretary and clerks.
267 Motion fails.
- 268 16. Ralph Crivello- People should want to be involved in UPUA. We are
269 looking at this in the wrong way. Really this gives back to the students.
270 If we pay them, we have ownership. It's a gateway, but not glamorous.
- 271 17. Samantha Miller- Does the secretary sit on the executive board?
272 a. Ralph Crivello- yes
- 273 18. Motion fails to be re-added to budget.
- 274 d. Re-enter debate
275 i. Budget passes by vote of 27-1-1
- 276 e. Resolution 3-08 *Property Retention for the Phi Delta Theta Fraternity-Government*
277 *Affairs*
278 i. The nature states that Phi Delta Theta is in danger of losing their house, and
279 there has been precedent to tear down the house and put a park in its place.
280 Graham Spanier says, "Penn State is one of the most student centered
281 universities." This is not student centered. The plan of action is to give them 3
282 years to get on their feet. We are not legislating 3 years, but that they must
283 have a partner by December 31, 2008. Penn State should not seize their house,
284 allow them to stay, and keep the house erect.
- 285 1. Questions
286 a. Steve Lucas- Is this legislation saying that UPUA will let them
287 stay in the house for the 3 years?
288 i. Gavin Kierans- if they have merged or are close, then
289 they should be able to continue on.
290 b. Chris Nock- What happens after December 31, 2008?

- 291 i. We will reexamine. December 31, 2008 is the
292 minimum.
293 c. Erik Haussman- If we ask to stay until December 31, 2008 and
294 they are not done will we extend?
295 d. Gavin Kierans- this is nonbinding.

296 2. Discussion

- 297 a. Chris Morrell- this legislation shows that we care, something the
298 university hasn't necessarily shown.
299 b. Samantha Miller- What makes the difference is the fact that the
300 fraternity has been extremely proactive to approach this
301 situation.
302 c. Erik Haussman- They have been here for over 100 years
303 conducting things in their own manner, a different group of
304 people made it a dry fraternity. It wasn't put in in the right way.
305 It would be hypocritical to not agree because we believe in
306 putting legislation in properly.
307 d. Samantha Miller- This is not about the alcohol policy, but it is
308 about the fact that it is historical. So we're protecting the space
309 and the students.
310 e. Chris Nock- By passing this we are giving the fraternity a cushion
311 to fight for what they believe in, rather than having to look for
312 housing. It would only distract them to have the university
313 attack them at the same time.
314 f. Ralph Crivello- This legislation is allowing them to stay in the
315 house as long as they actively look to merge or regain their
316 national chapter.
317 g. Benjamin Lombard- I am in favor of this, but a little leery in
318 binding to this in the future. I'm not sure what the student
319 perception of this will be.
320 h. Steven Lucas- I fully support giving them time to find a different
321 organization to merge with, but I do not this we should further
322 advocate this issue. If they are given another semester it gives
323 them time to look for something else.
324 i. Gavin Kierans- This is specifically about housing, not supporting
325 what they did.
326 j. Daniel Lersch- Mistakes were made, however as students I think
327 we should try to show our support. We are giving them a
328 second chance for housing and as students.
329 k. Mike Wallace- We do have an obligation to fight for them.

330 3. Resolution passes 27-0-2

- 331 f. Resolution 4-08 *Student Finals Treat*
332 i. May 1st

- 333 ii. Budget approximately \$750
- 334 iii. This will allow students to feel a part of the university, and that we're doing
- 335 something for them. This worked well last year, and we're sure it would this
- 336 year too.
- 337 iv. Questions for adding to floor
- 338 1. Andrew Karasik- Why May 1st?
- 339 a. Right before finals
- 340 v. Questions about Resolution
- 341 1. How will you advertise?
- 342 a. Facebook, radio, people talking, "prime HUB time"
- 343 2. Is this coming from the restricted or unrestricted account?
- 344 a. It will come from the lump sum.
- 345 3. Will there be sprinkles?
- 346 a. If y'all want?
- 347 4. Could we mix this with the other resolution? Camp out at Phi Delta
- 348 Theta?
- 349 a. I'm gonna say no.
- 350 5. What flavors?
- 351 a. Peachy Paterno, Death by Chocolate, Peanut Butter Swirl,
- 352 Vanilla, Chocolate Cookie Dough, Mint Chocolate Chip
- 353 6. Will the ice cream be delivered in bowls or cones?
- 354 a. Bowls
- 355 7. Who's serving?
- 356 a. You are, you'll be getting an email.
- 357 vi. Debate
- 358 1. Kaitlyn Kunkle- everyone should work at least 45 minutes, be
- 359 enthusiastic, wear your UPUA shirt
- 360 vii. Resolution Passes 28-0-1

361 12. Discussion

- 362 a. Facilities Fee Options
- 363 i. Ralph Crivello- 3 options: not do anything, oppose in public forum, draft guiding
- 364 principles that are acceptable to us and students.
- 365 ii. William Barr- we have already said we opposed it.
- 366 iii. Daniel Lersch- After attending a facilities fee meeting, CCSG made it very clear
- 367 that they need this money. They talked about a tier system.
- 368 iv. Gavin Kierans- I do not get the impression that anyone will accept the tier
- 369 system.
- 370 v. Matt Smith-There is no offer to have anything firmly in place before they bring
- 371 forward the facility fee. There is nothing to guarantee the tiered system.
- 372 vi. Daniel Lersch- Is this legal? Can we research more into this?
- 373 1. Clubs are part of the university so we can't sue them, but individuals
- 374 could.

- 375 vii. Samantha Miller- I think we should stay fundamentally opposed if for no other
376 reason that the actual study they did is 2 years old and not representative of all
377 the students. We should demand they compile a new study.
- 378 viii. Gavin Kierans- They are not counting everything in this report. Also, they said
379 76% would be okay to pay some sort of pay, but the question actually asks if
380 they would contribute once they graduate.
- 381 ix. Andrew Karasik- Parts of the resolution were not accurate. We should say what
382 we are opposed to, and if the fee is passed without us there should be
383 guidelines.
- 384 1. Gavin Kierans- this would have to happen by this Friday.
- 385 x. Steven Lucas- I think they will push it through regardless. Therefore, I think we
386 should propose a structure for governing this fee. This will give us a way to give
387 students a voice in this fee. It would be a compromise, but we would not
388 compromise student representation.
- 389 xi. Ralph Crivello- We are in a bad position. I agree with Steve, it is going to
390 happen. They know this is going to happen, they have the plans. We should
391 propose a governing structure that they need to follow. That way students can
392 decide what the fee is, or at least have a voice. We'll accomplish both goals to
393 leave an option.
- 394 xii. Samantha Miller- I don't disagree that they'll do this anyway. Primarily we need
395 to represent students, and they are all against it. They cannot afford anymore,
396 and do not need what they are proposing to do. We need to represent them to
397 be accountable. But I do agree that we have a backup plan. I do not think it
398 should be the only thing we put out there or the first plan. I think it would
399 simply be an advisory board that does nothing.
- 400 xiii. Sean Meloy- I think we need to be fully opposed, but we do need a backup plan.
- 401 xiv. Christopher Nock- Explain why we are fully opposed to the fee and also show
402 our recommendations to what should be changed.
- 403 xv. Nick Mance- I think the Facilities Fee Organization proposal does a great job of
404 saying what should happen. But I don't know how this advisory board will have
405 power and push the administration.
- 406 xvi. Gavin Kierans- we have basically until tomorrow to draft something.
- 407 xvii. Ralph Crivello- We are going to take a straw poll. The steering committee will
408 take that feedback to either draft a plan or write something that says we are
409 fully opposed.
- 410 xviii. Straw Poll- propose structuring guidelines:2 , opposing outright:4, do nothing:8,
411 combination of opposing and working on guiding principles: 24. Steering
412 committee will work on this.

413 13. Comments for the Good of the Order

- 414 a. 2 seniors put together "The Reel Student Film Festival". Asking to be recognized as a
415 student event, "to approve of this message". These films were chosen by students.
416 UPUA will give them lime green paper to print flyers.

- 417 b. Can we be told about resolutions before they are in The Collegian
418 c. We're really trying to inform general members better.
419 d. Please dress business casual.
420 e. During questioning please ask Valarie for a clarification if needed, but only one question
421 at a time.
422 f. If talking please stand.
423 g. If you know anyone who would be interested in student affairs tell them to come to the
424 UPUA office 1:30 PM on Friday.
425 h. There is an academic affairs meeting 327 HUB at 7:30.
426 14. Closing Roll Call and Adjournment