



STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING BOARD
February 5, 2009

The Student Center Governing Board at San Francisco State University held a meeting on **Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. in the Delmy Rodriguez Room.**

<u>Members Present</u>		<u>Members Absent</u>
Derek Aitken	Edwin Johnson	Dr. Will Flowers
Raul Amaya	Sokhom Mao	Rebecca Toporek
Kit Bomar	Jacqueline Mendez	
Sam Brown	Darlington Nwaokoro	
Dr. Linda Buckley	John Saadeh	
Tyler Cornfield	Don Scoble	
Guy Dalpe	Paloma-Dudum Maya	
Lili Cortez		

<u>Support Staff/Consultants/Presenters</u>	<u>Guests</u>	
	Jeremy Villalos	Rebecca Mendez
	Eric Andres	Abdul Awad
	Ryan Fetzer	Allison Schentrup
	Reem Mizirami	Jack Mizirami
	Christopher Black	Natalie Franklin

Recording Secretary: Lori Hostetter

i. The meeting was called to order by Cortez at 9:35 a.m.

Changes to the agenda for the meeting of February 5, 2009:

- Change “February 9” to “February 5”
- Change “Goals for 2008” to “Goals for 2009”

ii. Agenda for the meeting of February 5, 2009. Approved as amended.

iii. Minutes from the meeting of December 4, 2008. Approved

iv. Public Comment

Mr. Dillion expressed his concern about the support of the recreation and wellness center proposal. He stated that he was surprised to hear that this Board was in support of this center in light of the budget crisis. He added that this would be a poor time to consider expenditure this large given the current fiscal situation. He expressed his opinion that he would lose

confidence in this Board if this Board were to support this center without getting the student body involved.

Rebecca Mendez introduced herself and expressed her agreement with Dillon, stating that she would not want recreation center and would not want fees to increase especially for the use of student fee money for project outside the use student center.

Christopher Black stated that under the circumstances with the economy this would not be a wise choice. He added that it would benefit some in the future, but the need is to put money in education now.

Abdul Awad introduced himself and stated that he is on the Board of Directors of AS. He stated that he would like to echo some of these students, the recreation & wellness center is an excellent idea, however on the first day of spring the library construction ceased, and this hit students hard. He added that given this budget crisis, it would be bad to increase student fees.

Allison Schentrup introduced herself as the President of the Eco students' organization and stated that she would be making a formal presentation to discuss a way to develop a fund for sustainability for the center and the campus. She added that Eco students will bring their ideas to this Board later in spring and she stressed that the organization is going to need this Board's support before they present to the Student Fee Advisory Committee.

Amaya entered at 9:46 a.m.

Jeremy Villalos stated that he was there to follow up regarding a request for a fee waiver for their Pace event held last year. He added that he wanted to make sure that he brought it up to the Board and is requesting that some fees be waived. He added that this was an agenda item at the last meeting Board meeting in December.

Cortez directed **Jeremy Villalos** to talk to chair at the end of the meeting.

I. Chair's report

1. Newly Elected Members

Cortez welcomed the new Board members, **Tyler Cornfield, Jackie Mendez, Paloma Dudum-Maya** and the newly appointed alumni representative **Edwin Johnson**.

The members introduced themselves to the Board.

2. Annual Retreat Follow-Up

Cortez stated that the annual Board retreat was last weekend and reported that the retreat was very productive and everyone had good time. She added that the Board worked hard to come up with solid goals that will be discussed later on.

3. Committee Meetings and Times

Cortez stressed that once new chairships are chosen, the Board needs to make sure every committee is meeting at least once a month and reporting back to Board.

II. Annual Selection of Committee Chairs (A)

a. Nominations were open for the chair of the Executive Committee.

Amaya nominated **Saadeh** for chair ship of the Executive Committee.

Saadeh accepted the nomination.

Cornfield nominated **Brown** for chair ship of the Executive Committee.

Brown accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair.

The Board voted by ballot.

Motion to approve John Saadeh as the Executive Chair of the Governing Board.

Moved by Cornfield. Seconded by Mao.

1 abstention.

Motion passed.

Dalpe expressed his appreciation and gratitude for **Liliana Cortez's** service of four years on this Board. He noted her success with opening the new computer lab last semester which is a project in the works that it will become larger once in its permanent location. He thanked **Cortez** for her openness and willingness to solve the big issues that came up and her direction of the Board for the solutions that followed. He added that it was great working with **Cortez** and reiterated his appreciation of her service on the Governing Board.

Cortez expressed her appreciation to the Board. She added that she couldn't see her college career without SCGB and thanked the Board for the opportunity for this experience, noting that she has learned and grown so much from her service on this Board.

b. Nominations were open for the chair of the Audit Committee

Saadeh nominated **Bomar** for chair ship of the Audit Committee.

Bomar accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Bomar as the chair of the Audit Committee.

Moved by Scoble. Seconded by Buckley.

Motion passed.

c. Nominations were open for the chair of the Community Relations Committee
Saadeh nominated **Brown** for chair ship of the Community Relations Committee.

Brown accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Brown as the chair of the Community Relations Committee
Moved by Aitken. Seconded by Cornfield.

Motion passed.

d. Nominations were open for the chair of the Finance Committee
Saadeh nominated **Mao** for chair ship of the Finance Committee.

Mao accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Mao as the chair of the Finance Committee.
Moved by Aitken. Seconded by Buckley.

Motion passed.

e. Nominations were open for the chair of the Human Resources Committee
Saadeh nominated **Mendez** for chair ship of the Human Resources Committee.

Mendez accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Mendez as the chair of the Human Resources Committee.
Moved by Scoble. Seconded by Dudum-Maya.

Motion passed.

f. Nominations were open for the chair of the Master Plan Committee
Saadeh nominated **Dudum-Maya** for chair ship of the Master Plan Committee.

Dudum-Maya accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

**Motion to approve Dudum-Maya as the chair of the Master Plan Committee.
Moved by Cornfield. Seconded by Mendez.**

Motion passed.

**g. Nominations were open for the chair of the Rules Committee.
Brown nominated Cornfield for chair ship of the Rules Committee.**

Cornfield accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair.

**Motion to approve Cornfield as the chair of the Rules Committee.
Moved by Scoble. Seconded by Aitken.**

Motion passed.

**h. Nominations were open for the chair of the Vendor Services Committee
Dudum-Maya nominated Amaya for chair ship of the Vendor Services Committee.**

Amaya accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

**Motion to approve Amaya as the chair of the Vendor Services Committee.
Moved by Scoble. Seconded by Nwaokoro.**

Motion passed.

**i. Nominations were open for the OSPLD Advisory Committee Rep
Saadeh nominated Nwaokoro for the OSPLD Advisory Committee Representative for the
Board.**

Nwaokoro accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

**Motion to approve Nwaokoro as the OSPLD Advisory Committee Representative.
Moved by Amaya. Seconded by Dudum-Maya.**

Motion passed.

j. Nominations were open for the Student Fee Advisory Committee Rep
Aitken nominated **Brown** for the Student Fee Advisory Committee Representative for the Board.

Brown accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Brown as the Student Fee Advisory Committee Representative.
Moved by Scoble. Seconded by Cornfield.

Motion passed.

k. Nominations were open for the chair of the Arts Committee-Native American Mural Project
Dudum-Maya nominated **Mendez** for chair ship of the Arts Committee-Native American Mural Project.

Mendez accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations for chair

Motion to approve Mendez as the chair of the Arts Committee-Native American Mural
Moved by Brown. Seconded by Aitken.

Motion passed.

III. Committee membership

Dalpe stated that there is a current list of members included in this meeting's Board packet for each committee's chairs to follow up with contacting each member of the committee and bringing all contact information to the March Board meeting. He added that chairs should contact the SCGB secretaries to work with them to set regular committee meeting times each month. He noted that if any Board member has any questions, to please contact him.

IV. Goals for 2009

Motion to adopt goals as prepared by the Governing Board at 2009 Annual Board retreat last weekend.

Moved by Aikten. Seconded by Brown.

Motion passed

V. Recreation and Wellness Center Referendum

Dalpe prepared a resolution and directed the Board to read it over and consider this document for any motion today. Saadeh asked the secretary to read the motion aloud for the Board. The motion is as follows:

STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING BOARD Recreation and Wellness Resolution I

February 5, 2009

The Governing Board,

***Noting* that the Associated Students of San Francisco State University made the creation of a Recreation and Wellness Center its primary goal in 2008,**

***Acknowledging* the commitment of the Associated Students to realize its goal through the hiring of the consulting firm of Brailsford & Dunlavey for preparing the necessary documents in support of having a University wide referendum,**

***Further Acknowledging* that the results of the student survey prepared by Brailsford & Dunlavey shows a favorable support for building a Recreation and Wellness Center at San Francisco State University,**

***Emphasizing* that the survey also show that students may support a fee increase in order to fun the Recreation and Wellness Center,**

***Further Emphasizing* that it is the responsibility of all University student majority governing bodies to provide for the opportunity of all students to have their voice head on issues that may increase their educational costs,**

***Recognizing* that any fee increase needed to support the Recreation and Wellness Center needs to be a Student Body Center fee,**

- 1. Supports* the process of putting before the student body, through a campus referendum, the option of voting for or against the building of a Recreation and Wellness Center at San Francisco State Universtiy;**
- 2. Affirms* that the cost of building said Center is to be funded by students through an increase in the Student Body Center fee;**
- 3. Further Affirms* said increase needs to be in the range of \$160.00 dollars per Semester to support a project of this scope;**
- 4. Commits* to faithfully bear the fiscal responsibility of administering this fee under the requirement s of San Francisco State University and the California State University Chancellor' Office should the referendum pass;**
- 5. Requests* from the University that, for publishing purposes, this fee be shown as a fee item separate from the current Student Body Center fee of \$84.00 dollars per Semester.**

Motion to adopt the Recreation and Wellness Resolution I.

Discussion:

Motion to have a ballot vote for this current motion.

Discussion:

Mendez that in light of the students to concerns, she would not feel comfortable voting on this motion at this time. She added that the project scope is not clear to her and she feels this is a big commitment for the Board to make and would like more time to consider voting.

Dalpe noted that the proposal document indicates this is not a vote in favor of or not in favor of a location of Center; it is simply a vote that it is to provide the students with chance to a vote on this campus, for students to vote yes or no on this referendum. He added that the CCSC would be putting this referendum to a student vote for students to decide and that informational packets to students would be provided before in ample time of the voting itself. He noted that the next step in this process would be for AS to present the Recreation and Wellness Center project to the Student Fee Advisory committee and at that point, the advisory committee would vote in support of or not in support of this referendum going to the students for the final vote.

Brown stated that he would like a presentation be given to students for this before the final vote is made. He emphasized that the Board needs to maintain transparency regarding this issue and that Board members need to be clear about the project before voting on it.

Amaya expressed his feeling that the project was presented to the Board and that the Board should vote on this motion at this time.

Aitken expressed his concern that not voting on this motion might be prohibiting the democratic process for students. He added that the final decision should be up to the student body population and this Board should encourage this referendum going to a vote by students.

Cornfield stated that as an elected member, he feels that student representatives should vote for what they believe in and what they feel students would want.

Brown stated that his request is to not block the democratic process and have full student inclusion in this process since the \$81 million projected cost to build this Center is being paid for by students, students need to be involved in every step along the way.

Bomar expressed his feeling that this board hasn't reached a comfort zone with the information regarding this Center and since the Board has heard from students at large that that are against the concept. He added that he would like to revisit comments about the economic situation when fee increases were considered for this project and would like to hear from AS representatives to know where they are at with this issue. He noted that this does present a great opportunity for these two Boards to work together and it would be wise for this Board to seek their direct input.

Mao stated that he appreciated the students that came out to speak and noted that their comments gave some insight into what students want. He added that this Board is in a difficult place in this topic, and will move carefully in deciding this issue, for the record.

Nwaokoro stated that as an AS Board member and a member of this Board, he is here to support students. He mentioned that AS surveyed 30,000 students about the Center and considering mostly what to provide to students to enhance student life and how to create this place for the future student body. He added that the final vote would go out to students to decide and that it's in the best interest of students now to support this referendum going out to a student vote.

Brown expressed his concern that the process for acquiring this Board's support was hasty, and that students of this Board were not involved in this process until a few weeks before this meeting. He added that there hasn't been enough clarification on the process or scope of the project for this Board to be voting on this matter at this time.

Mendez reiterated that more clarification should be provided for this Board before the Board votes.

Saadeh reiterated that all this Board is doing is making a decision for the students to consider this vote, this Board is not voting to do this project, this Board is supporting this referendum going out for student votes.

Mendez expressed her concern that if there is not clarification about this project on this Board, how do Board members explain this to students when we're not sure.

Brown stated that due to this being a large project of \$81 million dollars, students needed to decide if they want this by vote. He stated that he felt alternative-funding options had not been sufficiently researched and that he felt the overall cost of this project could be lower.

Bomar stated that this is a conundrum that this Board must deal with, as it is the process of moving forward with the referendum that this Board is voting on now. He added that the process is not over, this Board, as well as AS will be working with consultants to define this plan. He added that this referendum must go through other committees for support and approval before the referendum is passed to a student vote.

Buckley clarified that what it is that this Board is voting on is whether or not to continue this process and to continue the discussion of this project, which is still open to details.

Scoble pointed out that the operative key in the proposed resolution document is in item 1, which states clearly that this Board is supporting this referendum going through the process to go before a student vote.

Mendez stated that since this vote is in support of this process, she reiterated that she feels unsure of that process and what the next steps would be, and therefore would not be ready to vote at this time.

Dalpe clarified that the AS Board and this Board will be working with consultants to put together a presentation to go in front of the Student Fee Advisory committee, then if that committee supports this project to go to a student vote, then at that point, the referendum would happen and all of that takes place while a lot of the details are being solidified so that students still have input. He added that this vote today is not the end vote, the Board is voting to continue

with this process, and before the referendum goes to student vote, an informational packet will be distributed highlighting all the options and costs of the project which outline what students will be taxing themselves for in order to realize the Recreation and Wellness Center.

Natalie Franklin introduced herself as the President of AS, and emphasized that this project is time sensitive and that the opportunity to present this project might not exist next year, which is why AS wanted to seize the opportunity now. She added that this Board would be informed of all meetings and kept current with updates.

Brown inquired to **Franklin** if students could attend the presentations made by Brailsford & Dunlavey, the project consultants.

Dalpe stated that the times for these meetings could be posted.

Franklin answered affirmatively. She added that all SCGB Board members were invited and encouraged to attend as well.

Mr. Dillion stated that after hearing this discussion, it is his understanding that this Board is not voting yes or no, this Board is voting to put the issue to a student vote, which means that this Board is voting to continue this process or not. He stated that after hearing more about this project, he still didn't see the value in putting efforts towards this project or continuing this process. He added that he felt that this was a backhanded way of supporting the Recreation Center project.

(The Board agreed to move forward with voting on the current motions)

Motion to have a ballot vote for this current motion

Moved by Brown. Seconded by Mendez.

3 Yays. 8 Nays.

Motion failed.

Motion to adopt resolution Motion to adopt the Recreation and Wellness Resolution I.

Moved by Aitken. Seconded by Scoble.

3 Nays. 8 Yays.

Motion passed.

III. 2009/2010 Budget Timeline

Dalpe reminded members that the timeline was presented at the previous Board meeting and stated that the budget timeline needed Board approval to move forward.

Motion to adopt the 2009/2010 Budget Timeline.

Moved by Aitken. Seconded by Buckley.

Motion passed.

IV. First Quarter 2008/2009 Investment Report

**Motion to accept the 2008/2009 Investment report as presented to the Board.
Moved by Aitken. Seconded by Nwaokoro.**

Motion passed.

V. First Quarter 2008/2009 Financial Report

**Motion to accept the 2008/2009 Financial report as presented to the Board.
Moved by Nwaokoro. Seconded by Scoble.**

Motion passed

VI. Managing Directors Report

1. Audit proposals

Dalpe stated that this item will be coming from the Audit committee with recommendation the to Board as how to move forward.

2. LCL Restroom

Dalpe informed the Board that the architect has been successful with state architect in getting the plans approved. He noted that the plans are much more involved and the approval process took longer than anticipated but we are at the point of working with capital planning to go out to bid for a contractor and once that is done, this project will move forward with renovation before end of semester.

Mao exited at 10:44 a.m.

VII. Announcements

Brown announced that La Raza would be holding an event in Malcolm X Plaza and asked if any interested Board members would like to table for this event, to please contact him directly if available between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.

Barnes announced that as a shared project with the College of Ethnic studies, a new course, Ethnic Studies 697, is designed for student leaders and student organizations to aide in leadership development. She added that if any is student looking for units, this class is a great way to get college credit for leadership roles and participation on campus. She added that Dr. Ken Montero teaches the class and that herself and Horace Montgomery will be TA's for this semester. She added that this class meets every other Wednesday and students will be required to identify a project for the semester.

Amaya stated that AS would be hosting several events throughout the semester and will be putting together a calendar of these events. He added that AS would like to include SCGB events on their calendar and to please contact him with tentative events and dates.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Guy Dalpe, Executive Secretary, Student Center Governing Board

Date