

**Special Budget Review Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 8pm**  
**Senate Chambers (W20-400)**

- I. Lucia's announcements:
  - a. Many budget items are same
    - i. UA Senate, Executive Committee, Operations, Constituency fund
    - ii. PR, Finboard, SCEP
  - b. All items are zeroed out at end of term
  
- II. 5 minute silent review of budget before discussion
  
- III. Floor open for item discussions
  - a. Funding of PR poster, because ½ of academic year over
    - i. Paul: we should put it because DormStorm is still on there
    - ii. Martin: gives visual layout of poster
      - 1. Part Senate, UA Exec, portion for changes
    - iii. Lucia: Maybe we should look into alternative forms of poster, e.g. Velcro, since spending a large amount on a poster that is always changing doesn't make sense
    - iv. Consensus: Still fund it
  - b. Traveling Exec meetings – Maggie: were they effective?
    - i. Martin: Simmons (handful of attendants), Macgregor (~50), Senior House (20-30)
      - 1. have posters w/questions soliciting feedback and comments
      - 2. Hans: perhaps we should think about permanent posters → leave posters and then come back so that people have time to think about comments/suggestions
  - c. Operating budgets → what are the office improvements? UA tshirts?
    - i. Martin:
      - 1. office improvements → didn't use last term
      - 2. may need new table because leg falling off, would use money to upgrade tech,
      - 3. tshirts: issues with colors, design has gone back to Mason
      - 4. motion to reduce to \$1500, approved
  - d. NomComm
    - i. Paul: What is \$ for banquet used for?
    - ii. Martin: students on these committees and administrators/faculty go to banquet
    - iii. Lucia: same as amount requested last term, Spring nominations process is one new addition because nominations process occurs in Spring
    - iv. Hans: How good of an ad in Tech are we getting for \$600?
    - v. Friendly motion to amend to \$200, approved
    - vi. Martin: Perhaps put more \$ into DomeView

- vii. What about Special Programs Funds under Executive Committee? → Maggie
  - 1. Martin: used to fund dinners/outreach type events with administrators; also known as Exec Discretionary fund
  - 2. Hans: opposed to having Exec Discretionary fund
    - a. Ali: disagrees, Senate even has one
    - b. Paul: Should rename to “Exec Discretionary Fund”
- viii. Finboard website construction cost → Ali
  - 1. Hans: carried over from last semester because no work was done last term; currently in talks about plans
- ix. CSSP fund → Paul
  - 1. Martin: CSC just produced report on student spaces and one of the suggestions is to create a lounge within the Student Center
    - a. asking UA and GSC to fund some of these campus improvements, i.e. coffee shop
  - 2. Ali: perhaps reduce to \$1000 to see what can be done, reallocate if doing a good job
  - 3. Hans: shouldn't fund commercial renovations, e.g. if Starbucks wants to come in, should pay for their own renovations
  - 4. Lucia: in favor of giving \$1500 because we'd be renovating a student space for students since no progress has been done up to now
    - a. but agree that renovation funding should come from renovation group
  - 5. Kate: remember uproar from dollar bill lounge, what if same reaction?
  - 6. Lucia: perhaps we should stipulate survey
  - 7. Martin: have committee chairs and planners come speak about the report and the proposed renovations so that Senate has a better understanding
- x. Election Commission → what are the costs for the packet distribution? (Hans)
  - 1. Lucia: leftover from last term, will be changed for this term to be only UA P/VP/Class Council
- xi. Wellness Week → Hans
  - 1. Lucia: Want to do some kind of communication w/student and faculty
- xii. Office hours → how effective? (Hans)
  - 1. Martin: perhaps change to \$100
  - 2. Ali: if used properly could be successful
  - 3. Friendly motion to amend to \$100, approved
- xiii. Dorm Storm costs are too high (Maggie)
  - 1. Martin: cost a lot, but all used last time
- xiv. Senate outreach to faculty costs (Hans)
  - 1. Irina: if in line with Senate projects, Senators can take faculty member to dinner prior to Senate meeting

- xv. Should give money to Athletics Committee on tentative basis → Hans
  - 1. Martin: met with former vice chair of committee who will probably take over as chair
    - a. Athletics week likely to happen, Marathon Week is unsure
    - b. Riley: Maybe give them a small amount and then go into Senate Discretionary Fund if they come up with specific event
    - c. Friendly motion to remove Marathon line item, approved
- xvi. CSSP should be under reserve → Hans
  - 1. Martin: Dollar bill lounge and reading room → plans hopefully taking place within week
  - 2. Ali: perhaps shouldn't delete dollar bill lounge line item
  - 3. Motion to remove dollar bill line item and remove Coffee Lounge line item and then put into Invested Reserve
- xvii. Motion to adjourn: approved

IV. Announcement: Update schedules (in previous email sent by Irina)

V. Meeting adjourned at 8:59pm