

John F. Kennedy University Student Government
Meeting Minutes: September 23, 2011
5:30pm- 7:30pm at Pleasant Hill Campus Admissions Office

Student Government Members:

Present: Rebecca Roveto, Yuki Yoshii, Danielle Coody, Edward Clelend, Asia Kowolski, Calli Nelson, and Erika Winn

Absent: Deanna Jimenez, Sahar Amin, James Bennett, and Nathan Villarante

Others Present:

Wendy Campbell Parco

Proceedings:

-Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:30pm by President Rebecca Roveto

Opening Business- Rebecca Roveto:

-Rebecca announced that the agenda will be emailed 5 days prior to the meeting from now on. After we receive the preliminary agenda, we will be able to request any changes. Rebecca will make changes and send out the final agenda 24 hours before the meeting. Any students (not in student government) who would like to be put on the agenda need to request 5 days in advance. We agreed that we will require that students who would like to attend and present at our meetings shall use the appropriate channels and that we will be having both open and closed meetings.

-Rebecca proposed that the student government write a monthly newsletter and publish it on the student government website, notifying the student body by email that the letter is up and on the website for viewing. Proposed topics of the newsletter include:

what student government is doing, what projects we are working on, what we are funding this month, when our meetings are being held, which meetings are open and which are closed, what it means to attend an open meeting and what it means to attend a closed meeting, the protocol for presenting something to student government

-suggestion for one meeting to be closed and one open (students can attend and watch us work) with public comment section on the agenda (students who have requested to present at the meeting can do so)

-The newsletter idea was accepted. Rebecca is going to do the first newsletter which will happen sometime in the next month and it will publish on a regular date. We will share the responsibility of writing the newsletter with each member writing one month.

Treasurer update- Danielle Coody:

-Danielle briefly described some of the budgeting issues as they relate to the student associations, possibility of merging some associations or making some into clubs.

-We briefly discussed the current method in which money is disbursed to the student associations, however we agreed that more clarity is needed around both the way in which an association should request money and our policy for how we disburse the money. There is a precedent in place in which sanctioned student associations are automatically given \$500 once they have submitted a proposal that outlines how they will be spending the money.

-Danielle requested an hour be set aside in the next meeting to talk about the budget in detail.

-Rebecca agreed to schedule an hour of budget for next meeting.

-Rebecca tabled the student association issue, but we agreed that for now the associations can wait for the seed money (some student associations have been asking about it).

- Danielle made the motion to grant an additional \$420 to Berkeley Graduation celebration- we previously gave \$1750, but coordinator made an error and is in need of money to pay the venue. Calli seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously passed.
- Danielle requested that we make some decisions about the way we handle graduation parties at some time in the near future. Wendy said that we are getting a schedule of graduation events from the Deans.
- We discussed the historical uses of funding and clarified our stance on equality as an organization.
- We briefly stalked about problems with communication and how that affects the equal distribution of funds. We agreed that it is important for Campus Representatives on the board to keep communication happening and situation equitable
- Rebecca and Danielle are going to work together to get a detailed agenda for budget issues for next meeting.
- Danielle expressed that there is a need to rewrite treasurers role and vote on it in the future.

Vision and Expectations- Rebecca Roveto:

- Rebecca is going to set the agenda and lead the meetings
- Board members can be in communication with Rebecca if something is not working for them in the running of the meetings.
- Rebecca introduced herself and expressed that she sees this as a great opportunity to work as a creative and unified team in an environment that is both educational and corporate. She intends to get the most out of the next nine months as possible. She said that we are the people who are learning how to change the world and she sees this board as being the foundation of that.
- The schedule of friday meetings (for the quarter) will be sent out before the next meeting.
- The next meeting is October 7th and attendance (as always) is crucial.
- Rebecca tabled the following items on the agenda since we were short on time:
Three goals of this administration beyond what is expected/Start Survey Monkey process to students, Meeting with students at each campus, Group picture for website, Assign projects for board members
- Calli volunteered to make a Google group for the board (or get with Padmini and revive the old one).

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Minutes submitted by Campbell Campus Representative, Erika Winn.