External Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes for February 12, 2010

I. Call to Order: Chair James calls meeting to order at 2:13 pm

II. Roll Call
Members Present:  Stephanie James, Marissa Deherrera, Rohan Dixit, Christopher Prado, Nandini Premmanisakul, Alexandria L. Pierce, Kavyashree Thota, Kortnei Taylor, Ajibola Shunhuyi

Absent Members:  Melissa Grottka, Jennifer Case, Bob Williams (Ex-Officio), Emily Wirt (Ex-Officio)

Guests

III. Consent Calendar
A. Approval of Agenda
   Motion: (Dixit) to approve the agenda.
   Amendment 1: (Thota) to amend the agenda; to table the third item under the Consent Calendar i.e. “Appointments: University Wide Committees” until the next External Affairs Committee Meeting.
   Amendment 1 Carries.
   Main Motion Carries as Amended.

B. Approval of Minutes - 02/05/2010.
   Motion: (Dixit) to approve the minutes of 02/05/2010.
   Motion Carries.

C. Appointments: University Wide Committees - Tabled

IV. Special Presentation: none

V. Public Discussion: none

VI. Action Calendar

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A. New Business
   1. Peace Dot – MOU

Chair James gives a brief background on Peace Dot – MOU and following are the highlights of the discussion:
   - This program started in Fall 2009.
   - It is a website where organizations can publicize what they are doing to advocate for peace.
   - Stanford and Facebook already have their own.
   - The peace.csueastbay page is operated by Prof. Dr. Dan Martin.
   - This is an opportunity to create a MOU (kind of agreement) between ASI and Dr. Martin to make sure that whatever material related to ASI is posted on the website is reviewed by ASI. This is part of what the MOU will deal with.
   - Chair James asks for inputs from the committee members on what else they want to see happen with peace.csueastbay page and how do we want ASI to be involved with this project.
   - Dixit believes that this project is like a blog in which one can discuss peace related issues.
   - Chair James explains they are still trying to figure out whether it should be a blog (open forum) or a website.
   - Chair James states that Dr. Martin will be invited to the next External Affairs Meeting to explain in greater depth how Peace Dot works.

B. Old Business
   1. 34 million Friends:

Chair James gives a brief background on 34 million friends and discusses the various possibilities of conducting the event.
   - There are two possibilities regarding the wrist bands – giving them away for free at some games or events and the other option is to sell them in order to raise money.
   - Chair James explains that if the wrist bands are treated as free giveaway then we can attach a little piece of paper to explain how 34 Million Friends work, its cause and purposes and how to donate.
   - If the wrist bands are to be sold, then there has to be some sort of awareness education event about 34 Million Friends. It could be a speaker, a film or a
presentation. The money obtained from selling the wrist bands will be
donated to 34 Million Friends.

- Chair James opens the floor to discussion.
- Dixit suggests that after selling the wristbands, only the profit should be
donated to the organization and puts forward the idea of tabling in which
there will be leaflets explaining the whole concept of 34 Million Friends.
- Taylor states that creating awareness is important so that more and more
people are aware of the cause and are willing to donate.
- Various ideas were discussed. After a lengthy discussion, the committee
decided that there should be a large event to sell the wrist bands and at this
event they should have most effective ways to reach out to students and
thereby promoting the cause of 34 Million Friends.
- Shunlyi believes that there should be an athletic game similar to the “pink
game” for 34 million friends where people can make donations and the
event should have a speaker.
- Deherrera suggests that the speakers should be from 34 Million Friends so
that they are more knowledgeable and there should be an open question &
answer (Q&A) session.
- Taylor mentions that a good idea is to reach out to the different sororities on
campus so that they can vouch for this event.
- The committee decides on the timeline for this event which is the first weeks
of spring quarter 2010.
- Chair James requests the committee members to do their own research on
34 Million Friends.

VII. Round Table Remarks:
- Dixit: emphasizes the importance of having the vacancies of University Wide
Committees filled.
- James: states that there are 17 University Wide Committees and next week we will
be appointing to these committees and discusses the various vacancies in the
University Wide Committees.
- Deherrera: mentions that a mass email should be sent announcing these vacancies
in the University Wide Committees.
- Dixit: suggests that Friday should be the application deadline, by Monday we will
have the eligibility results from Judicial Affairs and then we can have the

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application scanned and sent to committee members for review.

VIII. Adjournment:
Motion: _______ to adjourn the External Affairs Committee meeting at 2:53 pm.
Motion Carries.

Minutes Reviewed by:

[Signature]

External Affairs Chair
Name: Stephanie James

Minutes Approved on:
02/2/2010
Date

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