



USUAA Assembly Meeting Minutes
March 6, 2009
Student Union, South Cafeteria, 3:00 PM

1. Call to Order

a. First roll call

[X] President Wing	[X] V.P. Hernandez	[X] Speaker McGrane	[X] Pro Tem Buchholdt
[X] Sen. Amico	[A] Sen. Behr	[X] Sen. Breyer	[X] Sen. Cassidy
[A] Sen. Elkins	[X] Sen. Gaina	[X] Sen. Givens	[X] Sen. Grubbs
[X] Sen. Guerra	[A] Sen. Hice	[X] Sen. Murrell	[X] Sen. Roulet
[A] Sen. Stefanovich	[X] Sen. Tran	[X] Sen. Vanderwall	[X] GCRep. Phipps-Graham
[-] RHA Rep. VACANT	[X] GSA Rep. Robinson	[X] Club Council Rep Yan	[A] GRD Peter Finn
[X] PRD Zach Liszka			

b. Approval of previous minutes

i. February 27, 2009

2. Communications

a. Persons to be heard

i. Guest speakers

1. Merica Hlatcu, candidate for Mayor- Not present

ii. Speakers from the floor- No Speakers present

b. Advisors

i. Administrative Assistant-Anita Bradbury

ii. Assistant Director of Student Life and Leadership-N. Hinkley Cahill- Deadlines for scholarships coming up.

c. Reports

i. Standing committees

1. Rules- Infraction before Rules that requires a subcommittee to review and rule on only this investigation. Nomination open to the floor Sen. Buchholdt –not accept; CC Rep nominates Sen. Givens- accept; Sen. Roulet nominates Sen. Amico-accepts; Sen. Gaina nominates GSA Rep-decline; Sen. Murrell-Nominates Sen. Grubbs- decline; Sen. Cassidy nominates Sen. Vanderwall-accepts; Sen. Gaina nominates Sen. Beyer-accepts. Motion to close nominations. Second. Nominations Closed: four nominations; Sen. Amico, Sen. Vanderwall, Sen. Givens and Sen. Breyer.

Sen. Givens- Have non-bias opinion.

Sen. Amico- Integrity is a big issue with me.

Sen. Vanderwall- Examining Constitution & Bylaws and taking action against it.

Sen. Breyer- Impartial to the matter.

Nominees exit the room.: Q: Sen. Murrell how to conduct the voting? Speaker passes to Hinkley: Vote for seat starting from four to one as nominated.

Seat 1: **Givens** 7, Amico 3; Vanderwall 2; Breyer 0

Seat 2: **Amico** 9; Vandewall 2; Breyer 0

Seat 3: **Vanderwall** 6; Breyer 5

Sen. Murrell- Speaker, please inform the committee members to speak with Hinkley after this meeting.

2. Finance- Cuts that are from your budgets please continue to cut the budget over by \$110,000. Questions: Sen. Givens- When are revised budgets due? A: Tuesday March 17, by 2pm, extended.

3. Legislative Affairs- Sen. Roulet elected new pro temp, AAIP discussion. HB 109 stuck in Education. House Finance Committee

cutting UAA budget. Mayoral debate (report later), Legislative Affairs as a whole is advising this assembly to NOT take a position on this issue.

4. Student and Academic Affairs- Sen. Gaina- Scholarship March 20 due. USUAA Leadership. Projects are in Finance for next year. Working with Faculty Senate/Student Relations.
5. Activities- Sen. Givens- Revising budget cuts, projects being addressed Dove Body show; Ski trip; Spring late night funding.
6. Sustainability- Sen. Tran- Not met; Sustainability Fair this week.

ii. Representatives

1. Club Council- Approved funds for 3 club events bachelor auction; ASL club lecture series; Dance club annual event. Welcomed a new club "Students for Concealed weapons on campus."
2. Greek Council- Review awards process and working toward end of semester.
3. Resident Hall Association- no representative appointed for spring 2009.

iii. Assembly boards

1. Graduate Student Association- 16 Scholarship apps; 9 in the fundable range. Graduate school discussions for increasing GSA budget next year.
2. Concert Board- not present
3. Board of Cultural Awareness-Not present
4. Travel Board- Deadline March 30.
5. Election Board- Not present

iv. Directors

1. Government Relations- Not present
2. Public Relations- Announcing final polls for habits and public perceptions of UAA. Polling questions announced.

v. Executive reports

1. Vice President Hernandez- Inventory in office and will send out via list serve. If you have a desk please pack up in a box; things will be moved from the office to the hallway for carpet cleaning. Help is needed. Second- Legislative Affairs has stated this assembly is not to have an opinion on HB109. International Women's day is after spring break.
2. President Wing- Executive meeting after this meeting. Section 10 to be finalized. Coalition application for speaker position nomination are needed, will send over list serve when available.

d. Appointees to UAA committees

3. Old Business

4. New Business

a. Referendums-

i. 09-02 Service Awards (tabled on 1/16/09)- Motion to bring back to table. Second. Sen. Murrell authored – Read referendum to change the USUAA Constitution & Bylaw for service award because of violation of terminology with UAA Accounts Payable regulations. Questions: Sen. Gaina- Has the accounting issues been cleared? A: It was a terminology change for us and an ethical manner. Once this has been changed and we send it, we will be in compliance. Discussion: None. Immediate VOTE: 16/0/0 Referendum passes and will appear on spring ballot.

Role	Call	Vote	Referendum 09-02	(Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)
[Y] Speaker	McGrane	[Y] Pro Tem	Buchholdt	[Y] Sen. Amico
[Y] Sen.	Breyer	[Y] Sen.	Cassidy	[Y] Sen. Guerra
[Y] Sen.	Givens	[Y] Sen.	Grubbs	[Y] Sen. Stefanovich
[Y] Sen.	Murrell	[Y] Sen.	Roulet	[Y] Sen. Tran
[Y] Sen.	Vanderwall	[Y] GCREP.	Phipps-Graham	[Y] GSA Rep. Robinson
[Y] RHA Rep.	VACANT	[Y] V.P.	Hernandez	[Y] Club Council Rep Yan
[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen. Behr
[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen. Elkins
[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen. Gaina
[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen.		[Y] Sen. Hice

Sen. Grubbs- Second. Motion to move into REF 09-04. Objection: Gaina- need to be completed by 5pm today. Withdraw objection.

ii. 09-03 Government Relations Director- Sen. Murrell- This Referendum works in conjunction with the recycling position and ties into the Bylaw Amendment 09-13 for Government Relations Director position. Question: Sen. Breyer- Are we to delete 09-03 and create a new bylaw from 09-13? A: Yes. Discussion: No discussion. No Opposition. Immediate VOTE: 15/1/0. Passes and will appear on the spring ballot.

Role	Call	Vote	Referendum 09-03	(Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)
[Y]	Speaker	McGrane	[Y]	Pro Tem Buchholdt
[N]	Sen.	Breyer	[Y]	Sen. Cassidy
[Y]	Sen.	Givens	[Y]	Sen. Grubbs
[Y]	Sen.	Murrell	[Y]	Sen. Roulet
[Y]	Sen.	Vanderwall	[Y]	GCRep. Phipps-Graham
[-]	RHA Rep.	VACANT	[Y]	V.P. Hernandez
[Y]	Sen.	Amico	[-]	Sen. Behr
[-]	Sen.	Elkins	[Y]	Sen. Gaina
[Y]	Sen.	Guerra	[-]	Sen. Hice
[-]	Sen.	Stefanovich	[Y]	Sen. Tran
[Y]	GSA Rep.	Robinson	[Y]	Club Council Rep Yan

Pro Temp Buchholdt to step in to chair meeting, for Speaker McGrane who sponsors Referendum 09-04.

iii. 09-04 Speaker – Sen. McGrane- Referendum read into record and introduced. Question: President Wing- Is the pro temp going to be elected per academic year or would it be per semester? A: Continuity would be best. Q: Sen. Breyer- Continuity is the key, and should happen for the good of the body. Discussion: Sen. Cassidy- I understand the reason why this was pushed forward. I encourage you to vote against this referendum, incoming senators should have the right to vote in a new speaker and pro temp each semester. CC Rep- because a speaker has sponsored this it seems the speaker has encountered difficulty and with good reason this is a good piece of legislation. Comment: Sen. Amico- I can understand the frustration. Pro Temp- Discussion period ends, motion to extend? So moved. Second. Vote: 8/6/0 extended five minutes. Sen. Roulet- Electing in fall effective through spring is reasonable. Sen. Cassidy- New senators have the right be nominated as a speaker. Sen. Givens- Main issue for this referendum is to get this on the ballot to let students vote on this regardless of what we want. Sen. Murrell- motion to close debate. Second. VOTE: 11/4/0. Immediate Vote: 14/2/0 Passes and will appear on the ballot.

Role	Call	Vote	Referendum 09-04	(Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)
[Y]	Speaker	McGrane	[Y]	Pro Tem Buchholdt
[Y]	Sen.	Breyer	[N]	Sen. Cassidy
[Y]	Sen.	Givens	[Y]	Sen. Grubbs
[Y]	Sen.	Murrell	[Y]	Sen. Roulet
[N]	Sen.	Vanderwall	[Y]	GCRep. Phipps-Graham
[-]	RHA Rep.	VACANT	[Y]	V.P. Hernandez
[Y]	Sen.	Amico	[-]	Sen. Behr
[-]	Sen.	Elkins	[Y]	Sen. Gaina
[Y]	Sen.	Guerra	[-]	Sen. Hice
[-]	Sen.	Stefanovich	[Y]	Sen. Tran
[Y]	GSA Rep.	Robinson	[Y]	Club Council Rep Yan

iv. 09-05 Placing a USUAA Student Government fee on the ballot- Sen. Murrell referendum read into record. Cutting budget cuts back programs and staff. With an increase we would like to improve the programs instead of continuing to cut back and become stagnant. Questions: Sen. Breyer- This year's budget expenses were, pass to Hinkley- Hinkley- expenses are upwards of \$300,000. Discussion: GSA- Conversation to increasing fees needed to happen, have only seen one increase in seven years since I have been here. It is the duty of the body to push this to fund projects. Sen. Breyer- Motion to Amend ballot questions. Second. POC: Roulet- Amendment how, to ensure the student body is all covered. Sen. Amico- Fees are a great way to improve the programs we have and could have. Questions on the amendment: Sen. Buchholdt- why should we be charging students that take a 1 credit activity class? Sen. Guerra- Were does it state that it is a permanent amendment? Discussion on the amendment: Vice President Hernandez- Students will be more likely to vote for an incremental increase rather than the flat fee if given two options. CC Rep- Taxation without representation, are the students taking at least 3 credits? Sen.

Roulet- Move to adjourn debate on amendment. Second. VOTE: 13/2/0 Amendment dismissed. Main Motion to place referendum on ballot: Discussion: Sen. Guerra- To put this on the ballot may give students the wrong impression, please vote to put on ballot. Sen. Roulet- We are currently not voting on an increase, students have options for voting and we should pass this. Hinkley- fee increase would not pass for a full calendar year. January 2010, effective increase. You still have to make \$110,000 cuts for FY10 budget to pass. You have to go into summer session to reallocate for spring semester should the increase pass. Speaker- 5 minutes discussion time expires. Motion to move into additional 5 min? Second. VOTE: 4/8/0 motion fails. Move to Immediate vote to place Referendum 09-05 on spring ballot. VOTE: 12/3/0 Referendum passes and will be placed on spring ballot.

Role Call Vote Referendum 09-05 (Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain)			
[Y] Speaker McGrane	[Y] Pro Tem Buchholdt	[Y] Sen. Amico	[-] Sen. Behr
[N] Sen. Breyer	[N] Sen. Cassidy	[-] Sen. Elkins	[-] Sen. Gaina
[Y] Sen. Givens	[Y] Sen. Grubbs	[Y] Sen. Guerra	[-] Sen. Hice
[Y] Sen. Murrell	[Y] Sen. Roulet	[-] Sen. Stefanovich	[Y] Sen. Tran
[N] Sen. Vanderwall	[Y] GCREP. Phipps-Graham	[Y] GSA Rep. Robinson	[Y] Club Council Rep Yan
[-] RHA Rep. VACANT	[A] V.P. Hernandez		

Sen. Gaina- Excused from USUAA meeting to chair DAC meeting. Time: 5:25 pm.

b. Bylaws

i. 09-13 Government Relations Director-After 6PM tabled to next meeting March 20.

ii. 09-14 Service Awards – Sen. Murrell Bylaw read into record.- Questions: Sen. Gaina- Section six, Clause four- Should events be mentioned in order of occurrence? Sen. Murrell- This is not exclusive, just an example. Q: Sen. Roulet- same section, sub-clauses five and six a senator needs to give two hours to one of the events in four and one in five. For a total of four hours. Q: Sen. Gaina- Can it be made to state program support to all USUAA sponsored events? Sen. Murrell- If you would like to make an amendment after clause four and add Clause five. Q: Sen. Breyer- Is it the intent to be eligible in spring semester & not fall? A: Must have continuing internal integrity for credit hours per semester. Discussion: GSA Rep- Move to amend Section four to clause two for clarity. Second. GSA Rep- RESENDED amendment. Motion on Bylaw Amendment. *GSA Rep- Section Four, add Clause four amendment. Second. Clarify the instead of senator service award.* No questions on amendment. Sen. Roulet- Motion to approve. Second. Sen. Murrell- Motion to close debate 15/1/0 passes. VOTE: 16/0/0. Motion to amend- Sect six, clause four sub-clause four: second. Sen. Roulet. Immediate Vote: 16/0/0. *Amendment passes.* Main Motion Debate- Sen. Gaina-Motion to amend sect six, clause five and eliminate clause six to be included with clause five. POC: Sen. Murrell- not sure why there is an amendment on this part, it is written specifically for a reason. Point of Personal Inquiry- Sen. Grubbs. Speaker: add the amendment to the motion. Sen. Gaina- Amendment sub-clauses five and six to be joined together. Sen. Cassidy- Second. Sen. Gaina- This is too wordy, but would like to respect Sen. Murrell's work. Discussion on the amendment: Sen. Roulet- Motion to adjourn debate on amendment. Second. Debate Adjourned, Amendment dies. Back to Main Motion to pass the Bylaw: Sen. Breyer- Motion to table to author, to be addressed meeting after Spring Break, due to time. Second. Tabled.

Sen. Murrell- Motion to move into Bill 09-17. Second.

c. Bills

i. 09-17 Election Board- Sen. Murrell Bill read into record. Colin Haughey- \$75 for advertising, significant amount of funds for advertising. Full page ad for candidates showcase. 3/4 page ad for candidates' debate. Inform students of the election. Sen. Guerra- Have you asked other places to funding other than USUAA? Sen. Cassidy- How much was spent on ads for last year? A: Do not know, I am new to the board. A: CC Rep (former chair of Elections Board)- About \$30. Sen. Breyer- Do we have the money, has it passed through Finance? Sen. Murrell: Yes, we do and yes it passed through Finance. Discussion: Sen. Roulet- It is important to

have advertisement for an election. Q: Sen. Cassidy- Are we suppose to be spending this amount on something like this. Motion to change from \$2500 to \$1750. Second. POO- Sen. Murrell- 1st reading, no amendments can be made. Speaker-Correct. Save amendment for then. Back to discussion on the Bill: Hinkley- If you have questions on the amount of expenses Election Board is given, please come to election board meetings. Sen. Amico- This seems expensive, but it is a good use of funds. Sen. Roulet- Point out Election board is a USUAA board and we should be in support of them. Vice President Hernandez- This assembly should be aware of the students' disgust with this body. Special elections were not properly advocated for and it was made clear by the student body. It is not fair for us to be accused of rigging election. USUAA fully funds election Board. CC Rep- It is important to inform students of their right to vote, this should be passed. President Wing- We still managed to have a good special election, but this would enable us to have a better turn out for general elections.

Motion to move back to the agenda. Ref 09-03

ii. 09-18 Majors Fair Jessica Phipps Graham (first reading~Bylaw waived for voting)- Questions: Sen. Roulet- where did the funding come before? A: portions of each staff member in Residence Life gave a portion of their budget. Q: Sen. Guerra- How will you coordinate the fair? A: We have been working for four weeks, and have asked departments to set up tables, large response from them. Q: Sen. Buchholdt- The event is March 18, is your intent to waive the bylaws and vote today? A: Yes, Move to waive Article five to waive second reading. Second. VOTE to waive 2nd reading: 14/1/0 Bylaws waived. Questions/Answers on Bill: Sen. Givens- Prize distribution process? A: Participants are given cards to accumulate gold stars from the booths in the room; cards are then put into random drawing. Discussion: Sen. Murrell- Pass this legislation to help housing students who live their. Motion to close debate. Second. Immediate VOTE: 13/2/0 Bill 09-18 Passes.

Role Call Vote Bill 09-18 (Y=Yes; N= No; A= Abstain			
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[N] Sen. Breyer	[Y] Sen. Cassidy	[-] Sen. Elkins	[-] Sen. Gaina
[N] Sen. Givens	[Y] Sen. Grubbs	[Y] Sen. Guerra	[-] Sen. Hice
[Y] Sen. Murrell	[Y] Sen. Roulet	[-] Sen. Stefanovich	[Y] Sen. Tran
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[-] RHA Rep. VACANT	[-] V.P. Hernandez		

Murrell- Motion to move to Roll call. Second. Move to roll call time is 5:58 PM
Senator projects

4. For the Good

- d. DAC- Rep left meeting at 5:25 pm.
- e. The cup- Postponed to next meeting 3/20/09.

5. Closing Roll Call

[X] President Wing	[A] V.P. Hernandez	[X] Speaker McGrane	[X] Pro Tem Buchholdt
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6. Adjourn 6:00 pm