

Wednesday, October 21, 2020; 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

## Meeting Minutes

Zoom Meeting | Meeting Minutes Approved on October 28,2020

Name	Association	Voting Privilege <sup>1</sup>	Attendance <sup>2</sup>
Julian Brambila	Undergraduate, Chair	X	P
Angelica Garcia	Undergraduate, ASUCR VP of Internal Affairs	X	P
Ivan Fernandez	Undergraduate	X	P
Lennin Kuri	Undergraduate	X	P
Yulissa Navarro	Undergraduate	X	P
Hannah Kim	Undergraduate	X	P
Salvador Jr. Olguin	Undergraduate		P
Aaron Walter	Undergraduate		P
Judit Palencia Gutierrez	GSA	X	P
Arielle Manganiello	GSA	X	P
Mark Wiley	GSA	X	P
Jared Smith	GSA		A
Sabrina Schuster	Staff	X	P
Sally Tavizon	Staff	X	P
Rong Hai	Faculty	X	AL
Michalis Faloutsos	Faculty	X	P
Luis Huerta	Ex-Officio, ASUCR President		A
Nichi Yes	Ex-Officio, GSA President		A
Cathy Eckman	Ex-Officio, VCSA		P
Militza Seehaver	Staff Support, VCSA		P
Daisy Rivera	Student Secretary, VCSA		P

<sup>1</sup> “X” indicates voting privilege

<sup>2</sup> P: Present | A: Absent | AL: Arrived Late | LE: Left Early

Call to Order: **3:00 PM**

1. Approve the Agenda
  - *Motion to Approve the Agenda by Arielle Manganiello, Seconded by Michalis Faloutsos*
    - ***Agenda Approved without Objections***
2. Approve Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2020
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* informed the committee that October 14, 2020 meeting minutes would be ready for review and approval at the next week's October 28, 2020 meeting.
    - *No meeting minutes approved*
3. Vice Chair Discussion – Nominations and Interview Questions
  - *Mark Wiley* inquired about the Vice Chair position and whether the Vice Chairperson would, hypothetically, take over Chairperson duties in the event that the Chairperson were to become unavailable to serve for SSFAC.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* confirmed that the elected Vice Chairperson would temporarily take on the duties of the Chairperson in the event that the Chairperson was unavailable.
  - *Michalis Foultsos* asked for clarification as to what the role of SSFAC Vice Chairperson entails.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* briefly summarized the Vice Chairperson would work closely with the Chairperson and the committee in implementing Bylaws and General Priorities throughout the fiscal term.
  - *Militza Seehaver* advised the committee that page 8 of the Bylaws provide a more detailed outline of the SSFAC Vice Chairperson role and position.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* gave the committee members a brief moment to overview the previous year's Vice Chair Interview Questions and prepare for discussion of revisions.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* commented on question #4 of the Vice Chair Interview Questions and suggested for the question to ask about how the candidate would navigate the current budget reduction situation.
  - *Michalis Faloutsos* suggested to edit question #8 to the Vice Chair Interview Questions to inquire about the candidate's view on the role of the Vice Chair as it relates to Chair position and what the candidate expects to gain from the role.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* suggested to make a revision to question #7 of the Vice Chair Interview Questions and for it inquire on the candidate's plan to disseminate the information and efforts of SSFAC across campus through a virtual format.
  - *Sally Tavizon* suggested a revision to further clarify question #4 of the Vice Chair Interview Questions and for it inquire on the candidate's suggestions in addressing the campus budget reduction.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* read through the revised Vice Chair Interview Questions to the committee for general consensus and approval. At which time, *Ivan Fernandez* suggested a revision to be made to question #5 of the Vice Chair Interview Questions and for the question to inquire on the candidate's prior experience dealing with internal conflicts, along with providing an example of how previous conflicts were handled.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* inquired on whether the finalization of the Vice Chair Question revisions require a voting process.
  - *Cathy Eckman* reminded the committee that no voting process is mandatory for Vice Chair Question revisions and that the Questions should be consistent for all of the candidates running for the Vice Chair position.
  - *Chair Julian Brambila* finalized the Vice Chair Questions with the committee as a whole and called for the nomination process to begin.

- *Chair Julian Brambila* reminded the committee that the nominee must accept the invitation to run for Vice Chairperson before entering the interviewing process and that self-nominations were accepted as well.
- *Chair Julian Brambila* nominated *Yulissa Navarro* and *Ivan Fernandez* to run for the SSFAC Vice Chair position. *Sally Tavizon* nominated *Arielle Manganiello* to run for the SSFAC Vice Chairperson position.

#### 4. CFAO Update

- *Cathy Eckman* advised the committee that the state of California moved forward with the budget cut plan to the UC campuses of about \$31 million dollars that is expected to have an impact ranging from \$77 million to \$97 million dollars over the next two years due to unfunded salaries, benefit costs, and various merit programs.
- *Cathy Eckman* explained that the 10% to 15% budget cut plan has been submitted by the affected departments and that we shall remain patient until more information about moving forward becomes available. *Cathy Eckman* elaborated on the effects that the budget reduction will have on SSFAC and on how the financial impact committee will confer with key leaders at UCR to make the final recommendation in regard to how the budget reduction will be applied by the end of November.
- *Cathy Eckman* informed the committee that the SSFAC December meeting shall remain under tentative status subject to whether there is an update on the budget reduction plan. Additionally, *Cathy Eckman* continued that if more no updates become available the committee will confer in January of 2021.
- *Cathy Eckman* advised the committee of a proposed plan of curtailment in a salary-saving efforts although the use of vacation time to mitigate budget cuts will still require salaries and benefits to be paid. Furthermore, *Cathy Eckman* advised the committee that the funds distributed by SSFAC are not utilized for academic instructional expenses.
- *Cathy Eckman* expressed that she and *Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Dr. Brian Haynes* continue to engage in the conversations to protect the fees and their intended use.
- *Cathy Eckman* welcomed the committee to ask questions although at this time there may be more questions than answers surrounding the conversation on budget reductions.
- *Mark Wiley* extended his thanks to *Cathy Eckman* for her transparency regarding the conversation on budget reductions.
- *Cathy Eckman* expressed her gratitude for the committee's efforts and continued to express the importance of keeping everyone informed as the committee serves to voice student opinions.

#### 5. Chair Comments

- *Chair Julian Brambila* reiterated the Vice Chair Nomination process and reminded the three nominated committee members to review the Bylaws and respond by the end of the day to confirm their acceptance of the nomination.
- *Chair Julian Brambila* reminded the committee that the Vice Chair Election will take place during the next zoom meeting.
- *Militza Seehaver* reminded the committee of the \$3,000 stipend given to the elected Vice Chair of SSFAC, along with a \$1,128 stipend.

#### 6. Questions

- N/A

#### 7. Adjourn: **3:50 PM**

- *Motion to Adjourn by Ivan Fernandez, Seconded Angelica Garcia.*

*Adjournment Approved without Objections.*