

Minutes of November 11th 2003 Regular Senate Meeting

The regular senate meeting starts at 6:15PM with 30 senators and all the executives in the meeting room.

A motion to move old business item A (Appointment and approval of new committee members) and new business item A (Election of new speaker) to after the approval of minutes is made by Salih. Motion to end discussion on the above motion is made by Christine and it passes by in favor 24, oppose 2 and abstain 5. Motion made by Salih (to move old business item A and new business item A to after the approval of minutes) passes unanimously.

Motion is move new business item C (NYPIRG (Melissa Morahan)) after committees' report is made and it fails by in favor 6, oppose 22 and abstain 5.

Motion to remove all the three paragraphs right after the appointment and approval of standing committees in emergency September 23rd senate meeting and approve the rest is moved by Christine. Discussion on this motion is taken up and President explains that it's the power of the president to nominate standing committees and the senate shall only approve or disapprove the committees. Motion to end discussion on this motion is made by Maria and it passes by in favor 25, oppose 3 and abstain 7. The motion made by Christine passes by in favor 23, oppose 10 and abstain 3.

Motion to remove the word "senator" after Alok (in October 14th minutes) and add that Tanya asked the treasurer, "How many members on budget committee, that are also members of SBCSSA were present when a decision on the funding proposal for the Moon festival party is made", "The speaker didn't allow Board of appeals to present the report as there is none qualified to answer questions by the senate present" to the October 14th senate meeting minutes is made. The motion to end discussion on the above motion is made by Masa and it passes unanimously. The first motion passes by in favor 33, oppose 1 and abstain 5.

Motion to post minutes of regular senate meetings at least one week before the next senate meeting is made and it passes unanimously.

Committee Reports:

Standing Committee Report by President:

President asks interested people to come forward to be on the committees.

For Alcohol Revision Policy Committee Abhishek Datta shows show interest and a motion is made by Salih to approve Abhishek. The motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve Smitha on Housing Planning Advisory (HPAC) Committee is made and it passes unanimously.

Motion to approve Jamie Page on SB Child Care Board is made by Salih and it passes by in favor 35, oppose 1 and abstain 2.

Motion to approve Christine on Student Life Advisory Council is made and it passes unanimously.

Motion to fill standing committees first and send available university committees positions to the senate list is made and it passes unanimously.

About the Budget Committee President says that Venkat and Shawn decided to resign from the Budget Committee and so he nominates Jean Cadet and Christine as voting members on BC and Abhijit as BC alternate.

Motion to approve all the members of Budget Committee (Rong Su, Song Gao, Chris Labarbera, Jean Cadet, Christine Promin, Abhijit Sengupta (Alt) and Guofeng (Alt)) is made by Salih and it passes unanimously.

Motion to end discussion on the standing committees and vote on the members of the committees is made. The motion passes unanimously.

Motion to approve BoA members (Bin Tang, Sabrina Hom, Wenyi Zhang, Sivaraman Prakasan and Yu Zeng) is made by Masa. The motion fails by in favor 13, oppose 23 and abstain 1.

Christine suggests that the president nominate Sabrina, Wenyi, Shiva, Abhishek, and Salih for BoA Committee since Abhishek and Salih expressed interest.

President says that overturning the minutes is not overturning the committees approved on September 23rd meeting and he sticks to his earlier nominations.

Shawn suggests that the senate should move on and let the executive council decide on the BoA committee.

Motion to limit discussion outside the agenda for only 2 minutes is made and it passes unanimously.

Motion to move on to GSO Budget and consider all the committees Lounge, Elections, and Housing that are not approved in this senate meeting as interim is made. This motion and the motion to end discussion on this motion pass unanimously.

Christine moves a motion to rescind the previous motion (The motion to consider committees as interim). The motion fails (requires 2/3 majority, quorum 36 senators) by in favor 22, oppose 13 and abstain 1.

Budget Committee Report by Treasurer:

(Please check the budget report by Treasurer, Treasurer).

Motion to move the RAP amount for each individual from \$200 to \$250 is made and it passes unanimously.

Motion to approve the budget as presented in the last senate meeting with the above amendment is made by Sabrina. The motion fails by in favor 10, oppose 17 and abstain 3.

Motion to reduce club allocations from \$10,000 to \$5,000, allocate \$200 for clubs with less than 50 members, \$350 for clubs with members from 50 to 200, allocate \$500 for clubs with members greater than 200, keep the speaker series at \$6,000 is made. Motion to end discussion on the above amendments to Budget by Christine is made and passes in favor 23, oppose 4 and abstain 1. The earlier motion passes by in favor 22, oppose 5 and abstain 2.

Motion to approve the budget by adding Cabaret grant \$550, increasing allocation for WUSB from \$1500 to \$3000 is made. The quorum in the meeting is 29 and the above motion passes (with 2/3rds majority) by in favor 26, oppose 0 and abstain 3. The GSO Budget with the above changes passes.

Motion to fund the conference by Ecology Dept \$835 from speaker series is made and it passes unanimously.

On Diwali party proposal by IGSA, Treasurer says that IGSA submitted the proposal late and there is no recommendation from the budget committee.

Maria moves a motion to move on to the next budget item by ending discussion on the IGSA Diwali party proposal. The motion passes unanimously.

Thanksgiving party proposal by IGSA:

Motion to approve the budget committee recommendation to give \$750 and suggest that IGSA apply for the club allocation fund is made and it passes unanimously.

Motion to discuss the BoA report as Chris, the BoA chair from last summer, is in the meeting and not move on to new business is made and it passes unanimously.

Chris Noto gives a brief summary of the BoA report. The question and answer session begins and it is agreed to limit the discussion to 10 minutes and allow a motion to end discussion in the middle of the discussion.

President objects to the procedure being followed by Shawn.

Motion to end the discussion after a minute is made by Christine and it passes unanimously.

The discussion on BoA report ends and Shawn asks President to leave the room to allow the senate to make a decision on the findings. President says that it is still unconstitutional, while leaving the room.

Shawn says that President can give a presentation for a minute and President says that he tried his best to represent all the student bodies. President also informs that he persuaded many students not to bring the referendum on activity fee again. He then leaves the room.

Motion to amend the recommendation by the BoA committee that the senate censures the President (on allegation number 3), to remove him from the office is made. Chris accepts the amendment. Discussion on this motion is taken up. Masa says that the senate should deliberate further on the report.

Motion to end discussion is made and it passes by in favor 21, oppose 1 and abstain 4.

Quorum in the meeting 27.

Motion to approve the board of appeals findings is made and it passes by in favor 20, oppose 6 and abstain 1.

Motion to remove President from office is made. Motion to end discussion on the above motion is made and it passes by in favor 18, oppose 7 and abstain 2. A senator from AMS Department (Bin Xu) is not allowed to vote saying that he came after the question for voting is made.

Voting on the motion to remove President from the office is taken up and it passes (by 2/3rds majority) by in favor 18, oppose 8 and abstain 2. Another senator from Marine Sciences Department (Xiaosong Yang) is not allowed to vote as he came in when the counting of votes started.

President was called in to the meeting to be informed of the senate's decision on the findings of the Board of Appeals. President says that the entire procedure is unconstitutional.

Maria says that the senate needs to elect a new speaker. Prasanna Kumar Thoguluva gives his nomination for the speaker position and Shiva supports his nomination. Some senators nominate ArieH Grossman for speaker position, but he declines his nomination.

One nomination left for the speaker position. Quorum 22.
The motion to accept Prasanna as the Speaker of the Senate passes (in favor 19, oppose 0, abstain 5).

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 10:15PM passes unanimously.