

TSO COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, February 4, 2014, Room 1125, 4:30 to 5:32 p.m.

Council members present: Linda Alatraste, Virginia Binder, Tim Hay, Edie Heppler, Dee Koger, Arlene LaTurner, Ahbream Paige-Alatraste, Kathy Shoemaker, Bev Vernon

Members excused: *Rick Bodlaender*

Guests: Carol DeCoursey, Steve Funk, Bill Greaver, Anna Hersey, Faisal Jaswal, Penny Rathbun, Chris Steele, Mona Zimmerman, and others

- The meeting was opened at 4:30 p.m. and led by Bev Vernon, Secretary. Bev Vernon was acting as head of the meeting due to the current lack of a President and absence of the Vice President. The meeting was abbreviated because of the discussion about tuition conducted during the first hour.

A motion was made by Tim Hay and it was seconded to accept the resignation of Bill Stephens as TSO President, retro to January 28, 2014. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Faisal Jaswal, Asst. Dean for Student Programs, returned following the previous discussion about tuition at the general meetings and asked to be heard.
 - He reported good news. The proposed tuition increase for spring quarter would be 10%, not the excessive amount indicated at the earlier meeting. He said that the administration would try not to raise the tuition for fall quarter and that subsequent increases would be leveled in a measured way. Guest Chris Steele suggested that it is most helpful to raise tuition based on the fiscal year so that students could plan their expenditures.
 - Edie Heppler commented to Faisal that the previous volunteer efforts of TAG were no longer wanted and therefore the tuition would be impacted. Faisal indicated that the activities previously performed by volunteers were now being performed by the BC-CE administration in addition to their regular workload.
 - Faisal stressed that strong communication between TSO and TELOS and the administration is important. As one of over 130 regular student programs with faculty advisors, TSO and its advisor, Linda Roddis, should receive the orientation training given to other groups.
- Steve Funk requested to be officially sanctioned to communicate about tuition increases with the BC-CE administration on behalf of TSO.

In the absence of the president, Edie Heppler moved and it was seconded that Steve Funk be the contact and point person for communication about tuition increases with the administration. The motion was approved unanimously.

- Steve indicated that he would report back to the TSO Council in a timely manner.

Kathy Shoemaker moved and it was seconded to install Rick Bodlaender as president of TSO through June 2014, retroactive to January 28, 2014. This motion followed several others that were rescinded. There was much discussion about the time frame of the Presidency and the procedure for selecting a Vice President in the event that the Vice President moved into the President's position to fulfill the term. It became clear that the by-laws were not sufficient to provide direction and needed to be clarified and updated. Several guests including Mona Zimmerman, Penny Rathbun and Anna Hersey added insightful points to the discussion. ***Kathy's motion was passed unanimously.***

A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes of the January 7, 2014 TSO Council Meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Committee Reports

- Linda Alatraste, Chairman of the Marketing Committee reported that the Committee was still waiting for a meeting with the Administration. Information about the website will be sent after the Friday, Feb. 7

Marketing Committee meeting. The flyer for the TELOS Spring Open House on Friday, March 14, 2014 was distributed.

- There were no reports from the Curriculum, Events or Fundraising Committees this month.

Old Business/New Business

- The topic about the role of TSO was tabled until the next meeting. Kathy Shoemaker commented that at present the role seems to be comparable to the PTA rather than the School Board.

Calendar Reminders:

Tue., 3/4/14, 3:15pm – TSO Council meeting, Room 1118.

The meeting was closed at 5:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia Binder substituting for Beverly Vernon, Secretary