

## **Minutes of the July 27, 2023 Meeting of the ASUCLA Communications Board**

**Board members present:** Jesse Coronado, Arpit Gaind, Andrea Gambino, Steve Greim, Alexandre (Alex) Holt, Shantall Medina, Sylvia Robledo, Samira Singleton, Kristen Weiss, Doria Deen

**Board members absent:** Cecilia (CeCe) Barikhan, Jessica Behmanesh, Judy Hernandez, Navdha Sharma, Ida Tongkumvong

### **Agenda**

- I. Call to order (Singleton)**  
Singleton called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.
- II. Approval of the agenda (Singleton)**  
Robledo moved to approve the agenda. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed by consent.
- III. Approval of June 5, 2023 minutes (Singleton)**  
This item was tabled.
- IV. Executive Committee report (Singleton)**  
Singleton said the committee met on July 14 and discussed Constitution changes, and they approved an increase to the summer Daily Bruin editor and assistant editor's stipends from 30% of their full stipend to receive 50% of their full stipend.
- V. Operations Committee report (Holt)**  
Holt said that the outgoing editors/general manager were on summer break, and the future editors were all in place and getting ready for summer training.
- VI. Finance Committee report (Weiss)**  
There was no report, however Weiss said that the Daily Bruin editor pay was increased because of increased online publishing and meetings scheduled during the summer.
- VII. Media Director's report (Deen)**  
Deen said the Minnesota trip went well. Several of the editors were able to attend the Mega Journalism training. She also went over the May financial statements.
- VIII. Public Comment (Singleton)**  
There was no public comment.

## **New Business/Discussion Items**

### **IX. May financial statements (Deen)**

Deen said that total income was \$201,485 and budgeted income was \$211,485 leaving us <\$10,000> (<5%>) below budget. Web Media and Outdoor were up 53% and 56% to budget respectfully. Daily Bruin was down 16% to budget. Year-to-date income was \$1,399,137, and budgeted year-to-date income was \$1,444,010 leaving us <\$44,873> (<3%>) less than budget.

Total expense was \$176,988 and budgeted expense was \$140,317 leaving us <\$36,671> (<26%>) under budget. Year-to-date expense was \$1,342,906, and budgeted year-to-date expense was \$1,396,890 leaving us \$53,984 (4%) better than budget.

Net revenue was a \$24,497 and budgeted net revenue was \$56,231 and budgeted year to date net revenue was \$47,120 leaving us \$9,111 (19%) better than budget. Cash reserves stood at \$779,000 leaving us \$450,000 above policy.

## **New Business/Action Items**

### **X. Executive Session (Singleton)**

Greim moved to enter executive session at 11:18 a.m. Gambino seconded the motion. The motion passed by consent.

Robledo moved to exit executive session at 11:46 a.m. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed by consent.

### **XI. Media Grievance (Singleton)**

This item was canceled because the grievance was resolved.

### **XII. Constitution changes (Singleton)**

Singleton said the following changes were proposed:

Article III. Membership, Section C: Appointment of Members, #6

Current language:

*The Faculty member shall be appointed by the Academic Senate for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Proposed language:

*The Faculty member shall be appointed by the Academic Senate, then shall be nominated by the Operations Committee, and appointed by a majority vote of the Board, with quorum, for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Gambino moved to approve the changes. Holt seconded the motion. The motion passed by a member vote of 9-0 with no abstentions.

Article III. Membership, Section C: Appointment of Members, #7

Current language:

*The Administration member shall be chosen by the Chancellor for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Proposed language:

*The Administration member shall be appointed by the Chancellor, then shall be nominated by the Operations Committee, and appointed by a majority vote of the Board, with quorum, for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Holt moved to approve the changes. Weiss seconded the motion. The motion passed by a member vote of 9-0 with no abstentions.

Article III. Membership, Section C: Appointment of Members, #8

Current language:

*The Alumni member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the UCLA Alumni Association for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Proposed language:

*The Alumni member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of the UCLA Alumni Association, then shall be nominated by the Operations Committee, and appointed by a majority vote of the Board, with quorum, for one year, and may be re-appointed.*

Gaind moved to approve the changes. Gambino seconded the motion. The motion passed by a member vote of 9-0 with no abstentions.

Article III. Membership, Section C: Appointment of Members, #11

Current language:

*All new terms shall begin August 1 and end July 31.*

Proposed language:

*All new terms shall begin August 1 and end July 31. In the event new student members are not appointed by USAC and GSA by the June board meeting, an interim chair, vice chair, and executive committee from returning board members shall be appointed until the fall.*

Weiss moved to approve the changes. Gaird seconded the motion. The motion passed by a member vote of 9-0 with no abstentions.

**XIII. Adjourn (Singleton)**

Holt moved to adjourn the meeting at 12:10 p.m. Greim seconded the motion. The motion passed by consent.

*\*\*Addendum to minutes*

These constitution changes were nullified due to procedural concerns. This addendum is being added as a point of clarity.