



# MEETING MINUTES

## 10.22.2014

5:00-7:00 PM ASUCI Conference Room  
Student Center UC Irvine  
*Fall Quarter Week 3*

Present

Nicole Larson  
Janice Lee  
Krista Linzner  
Drei Nguyen  
Asia Lee



- ✓ Administrative – 20 minutes
  - a. Commissioner Updates
    - Janice
      - ✓ Announced TGIF internship to Vet Club and Burley Zebra Finch Lab.
    - Drei
      - ✓ Tried reserving booth for the week but unable to without signer present/no open spots.
    - Krista
      - ✓ Contacted Stephanie but still needs to meet.
    - Asia
      - ✓ Emailed CORE office about Funding 101 Meeting.
      - ✓ Emailed Involvement Fair mailing list (issue reaching about 20 of the people who signed up – difficult to read their handwriting).
    - Nikki
      - ✓ Received one more intern application and suggested not interviewing this round of interns and accepting them based solely on applications (all commissioners think it's still a good idea to intern to compare applications to how they are in person).
  
- ✓ Project Applications –30 minutes
  - a. Costa Rica Research Symposium
    - Funded for \$5,000 last year (including catering, food reservations, and poster materials for research) compared to over \$6000 this year.
    - Nikki: Last year, room reservation was also an issue (wanted to reserve student center instead of MPR). Is room reservation funding necessary?
    - Asia brought up issue of advertising. Right now, they're having the research symposium and the dining night (only reaches out to freshmen and might not be very effective, since freshmen have to eat there anyway).
    - All commissioners agree that this year's application is virtually the same as last year and could use an update. Nikki says it is an option to ask them to expand.
    - Drei: May be more useful if they worked together to implement their learned information in a collaborative project.
    - Should TGIF fund the make-your-own shampoo? The activity has been localized to the front of Mesa Commons in the past. All commissioners are leaning towards not funding this. Nikki will email applicants with these questions and table the issue for now.
    - Also leaning against funding materials for presentations at symposium.
  - b. Cross Cultural Center Water Bottles
    - Nikki brings up the point that we are going to be dealing with water bottles for the rest of the year, so we need to be careful in terms of setting precedence. How do we feel about funding water bottles for events that aren't related to sustainability at all?
      - ✓ The water bottles aren't related to the event. TGIF to ask CCC to add another sustainability component or cut down on some of the funding (e.g. pay for fewer water bottles).
      - ✓ Drei: Aluminum water bottles tend to be cheap quality.



- ✓ Nikki: Concerns that these water bottles are not lowering UCI's carbon footprint, and people may not even be using these water bottles (a lot of other organizations give out water bottles)
  - ✓ Leaning towards no:
    - a. The event does not relate to altering carbon footprint of UCI or enhancing sustainability.
  - ✓ Drei: Possibly a yes if we only fund one event and only if they add another big component of sustainability. If the event is promoting different cultures, couldn't it promote a "culture of sustainability"?
  - ✓ Janice: If this is an event involving several booths or presentations, we could ask them to incorporate eco-friendly messages into each of these booths.
- Water Filtering Stations
    - ✓ Project requesting installation of additional water stations in the following locations: 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of Ayala Science Library, Information and Computer Science Building I, Social and Behavioral Sciences Library.
    - ✓ Confusion with the request for the addition of a gooseneck fountain in ICS1 location. The application notes that such fountains are susceptible to vandalism but contradicts itself by requesting one.
    - ✓ Also, the budget is confusing overall. Nikki will email applicant with questions regarding funding requests for carpentry, paint, etc. and why they are necessary. She will also ask why the overall cost of each station is cheaper than in past years.
    - ✓ Not ready to vote on this until we ask them some questions.

**Motion to vote on Sustainable Water Bottles for Cross Cultural Center 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**0 YES 5 NO 0 ABSENT**

- Asia seconds
- NO: Nikki, Asia, Janice, Drei, Krista