



MINUTES
DASB FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, January 26th, 2015
3:30 PM
Student Council Chambers A

Call to Order

Roll Call

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>	<u>Excused</u>
Rhea	x		
Quang	x		
Nehal	x		
Melanie	x		
Julia	x		
Thao	x		
Arjun	x		
Naeema	x		
Drew	x		

Public Announcements

Please note: Members of the public are limited to two minutes.

Approval of Minutes

Finance Committee Minutes January 21, 2015

Finance Committee Minutes January 24, 2015

- Naeema moves to approve the minutes
 - Seconded by Thao.

Business

1. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Increase DASB Fees for Eco Fund

This item is to hear Oscar present his proposal for a \$1 increase of the DASB Fund to start the Eco Fund.

Presenter: Oscar Cruz

Time: 30 Minutes

- Oscar presented with Thy and Matthew the resolution to increase the DASB fee to \$10.00, a \$1.00 increase and create the DASB Eco Fund. The main purpose of the Fund is to promote sustainability and food justice. It will join the global effort in fighting climate change and give De Anza Students voice in regards to sustainability.

- Oscar showed similar funds that are active in other colleges: UC Berkeley, Stanford, UC Santa Barbara.
- Oscar said this eco fund would make De Anza the first Community College to have this kind of fund. Oscar said this is the opportunity for the DASB Senate to leave a lasting legacy.
- Professor Wendy White stood to speak. She said the evidence for climate change is without argue and it necessitates a big movement towards sustainable living. She said the means to live sustainably is represented here in this presentation, and this eco fund is a channel for student voice, giving power back to the students. This is a concrete step that is in our control that can be used as a tool to educate and engage peers and a powerful statement to the faculty, and community. She said this fund represents an aspect of democracy and civic duty. She likes this project because it is looking long term.
- Quang asked who has access to the Eco Fund.
 - Oscar said the Eco Fund would be a DASB fund that can be accessed for different projects. If you are looking for funding, you would submit a proposal to the Eco Fund Coordinator, a paid position like the DASB Secretary, and it will be required that a professor oversee the projects.
- Quang said approx. \$70,000 will be collected but there are not many clubs on campus that would use it.
 - Oscar answered that this fund will not just be for the ES Committee, it will help stimulate creativity within the student body to create different projects. ES, Finance, DASB senate will oversee it.
- Arjun said is there is marketing and advertising for this project?
 - Oscar said yes, and there is systems in place that he does not have time to explain, but yes there will be.
- Thao asked if the coordinator payroll would come from the Eco Fund.
 - Oscar said yes either a student employee or a professional coordinator.
- Arjun said he is in favor of what Hakwoo proposed and the Eco Fund proposal but he is afraid they might conflict, he asked Oscar for his thoughts.
 - Oscar agreed and supports the other too, Oscar said this will increase the DASB Fund and the other is optional. He discussed with John how the fee is incorporated into the DASB Fee.
- Lisa clarified that the DASB fee is optional to begin with.
- Oscar said that yes, and because this is true, the whole thing is optional.
- **Nehal moves to extend time by ten minutes.**
 - Seconded by Julia.
- Melaine asked if ES will now have two funds.
 - Rhea clarified that this isn't just for ES but the whole campus has access. ES and DASB just oversee it.
- Lisa clarifies that this would increase the DASB membership quartly fee to \$10. It is tied to the DASB budget because its tied to card sales. If they estimate \$78,000 from card sales, you will have to earmark the \$1, and plan on this revenue to be for special sustainability related projects. There will need to be a faculty or administrator to oversee this.
- Quang asked if there has been anything like this.
 - Lisa said yes, a capital fund, when \$2 was earmarked for capital projects. This ended in the early 2000s.
- Julia asked what if only 30,000 used?

- Lisa said she needs to see the Code first and see how the allocations will be managed.
- Oscar said he worked with John on the Code.
- Julia repeated the question for John.
 - John said no, the money would go to the unspent money fund.
- Lisa said there is a carry-forward process for the next fiscal year if there is a need.
- Rhea asked John what the movement would be.

- John said you would move to approve the increase of \$1.00 to the DASB Membership to create the Eco Fund in DASB Accounts 41.

- **Thao moved to approve the increase of \$1.00 to the DASB Membership to create the Eco Fund in DASB Accounts 41.**
 - Seconded by Nehal
- Discussion continued.
- Arjun asked if there was a decrease in DASB membership when the last increase occurred.
- Thao said she doesn't expect a decrease.
- Quang is not worried either about participation. But would like to see strategy for how to use it.
- John asked does the community garden project need to come back every year for funds. What do you mean a self-sustaining projects? Use community garden as an example.
- Oscar explained that if \$5,000 is used for the community garden, they will need more funds in subsequent years from the Eco Fund as well.
- **Thao moves to extend time by 15 minutes.**
 - Seconded by Julia.
- Arjun said his sponsorship rests on whether or not this will conflict with the student representation fee. Arjun asked if they could be combined.
- John said that fee cannot be combined with this fee.
- Julia asked that is there 70,000 worth of work on campus in one year?
- Oscar said of course there is and there will be many projects created. Drew said who approves the projects?
- Eco Fund Coordinator would help application and recommend to DASB and Finance which projects should receive funding.
- Rhea said is this rushed? Do we have enough information to make a decision now?
- Oscar said he has seen how something like this can affect a campus and students. He said if we have the willingness
- Lisa asked can you send us the code?
- Professor Wendy said it might be useful to include a schematic or a diagram to see the process of how the chain of events from application to proposal to the decision. This will help spell it out for the Finance committee.

- **Quang moves to end discussion.**
 - Seconded by Thao.
 - Julia objects.
- **Hand vote to end discussion.**
- **Motion fails.**
- Discussion continues.

- Rhea asked if it's too late to push this off one week?
- John said this could be included at the very end...but it has to go the president office then the board of trustees.
- Quang wants to support.
- Thao said that she supports this.
- Julia suggested that they do a mock year with a smaller budget of 30,000 to see if the demand.
- Lisa suggested that going off what Julia said, an option is to reduce the restricted reserve which would also take a vote from the board of trustees.
- John said taking 30,000 out of that would be a drop in the bucket. There is 500,000 in that reserve.
- Rhea said now we need to amend.
- **Rhea moves to end discussion.**
 - Seconded by Julia
- **Finance Committee votes to approve the increase of \$1.00 to the DASB Membership to create the Eco Fund in DASB Accounts 41-.**

	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>
Rhea		x
Quang		x
Nehal		x
Melanie		x
Julia		x
Thao		x
Arjun		x
Naeema		x
Drew		x

Motion does not pass.

- **Rhea moves to take \$50,000 from restricted reserves to fund the Eco Fund presented by Oscar in the 2015-2016 year.**
 - Seconded by Julia.
- Nehal said \$50,000 is a lot. Quang agrees.
- Drew said \$35,000 is half of \$70,000.
- Oscar said anything between \$30,000-40,000

- **Arjun moves to amend the motion by striking \$50,000 and amending it to \$30,000 from restricted reserves to fund the Eco Fund presented by Oscar in the 2015-2016 year.**
 - Seconded by Rhea.
- **Rhea moves to end discussion.**
 - Seconded by Naeema

	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>
Rhea	x	
Quang	x	
Nehal	x	
Melanie	x	
Julia	x	
Thao	x	
Arjun	x	
Naeema	x	
Drew	x	

- **Finance Committee approves to take \$30,000 from restricted reserves to fund the Eco Fund presented by Oscar in the 2015-2016 year.**

2. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION Urgent

Title: Additional Funding Request from SRS Committee for Tent City

This item is to hear Naeema Kaleem present her proposed request of \$5,500 for Tent City and trip to Sacramento.

Presenter: Naeema Kaleem

Time: 30 Minutes

- Naeema presents on her funding request with a PowerPoint presentation.
- Jon said yes it is about 155 students.
- Arjun asked why a third bus?
- Naeema said because they want to give other students the opportunity to do something like this.
- Especially a lot of Poli 101 students.
- Friday Feb. 13th 2015 is the deadline
- Julia asked how certain are you about having Robert Rich as a speaker.
- Naeema said Anita Adams and Jaymar as well as an intern are all working on this.
- Arjun clarified the question about what is being supported: these are issues like free education
- **Arjun moves to approve \$5,500 for Tent City and trip to Sacramento.**
 - Seconded by Quang
- Discussion occurred.
- Julia said if not Robert Riech, then will you get someone else?
- Naeema said project phoenix will also be incorporated to recruit other students.

- Thao said SRS is the only organization that's overseeing. It's going towards the students and their awareness of equity.
- **Rhea moves to end discussion.**
 - Seconded by Nehal.
- Lisa said there is \$3,297 in Summer/Fall and the difference.
- **Arjun moves to amend the motion to approve \$3,297 from summer/fall special allocations and the difference of \$2,203 from the winter/spring special allocations.**
 - Seconded by Nehal.

	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>
Rhea	x	
Quang	x	
Nehal	x	
Melanie	x	
Julia	x	
Thao	x	
Arjun	x	
Naeema	x	
Drew	x	

- Motion passes unanimously **to approve \$3,297 from summer/fall special allocations and the difference of \$2,203 from the winter/spring special allocations.**
- Lisa said there needs to be clarity in accounting here for what's being used for advocacy.
- **Due to an oversight in accounting, there was an agreement to use fund from advocacy instead of special allocations.**
- Finance held a roll call vote again to clarify the accounting.

	<u>yes</u>	<u>no</u>
Rhea	x	
Quang	x	
Nehal	x	
Melanie	x	
Julia	x	
Thao	x	

Arjun	x	
Naeema	x	
Drew	x	

- **Motion passes unanimously.**

3. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION/ACTION

Title: Budget Deliberations

This item is to discuss the budget requests and strategies going into our budget deliberation period and prepare a recommendation for the Senate.

Presenter: Rhea Goveas

Time: Unlimited

Burning Issues

Announcements/Informational Reports

Adjournment

6:35PM

Approved by the Senate: Date _____

Minutes taken by DASB Secretary Brian Romaine.

- Signed: _____