

Fresno State UFO Meeting
Minutes
 Tuesday, Aug 24, 2010 at Haak Boardroom (HML 4115)

Attendees: Jason Bush, Arun Nambiar, Sergio LaPorta, Melanie Ram, Marnel Niles, Emily Nusbaum, J. Daniel Herring, Ellen Junn

Regrets: Amanda, Kristi, John, Brad, Keith, Jenelle, Jenn, Patrick, John

Guests: none

Quorum present? Yes

1. Meeting called to order at 12:18pm with introductions.
2. Minutes from 5-13-2010 not approved since not an official meeting
3. UFO Welcome Bash @ O'Neill park – Scheduled for Friday, Sept 10 bbq from 4-6pm, dependent upon availability. We want to include family and possibly bring in a few of the newly tenured faculty for a Q & A. It will be BYOB and potluck. coincide with a UFO pep rally as an opportunity to attract new faculty.
ACTION – Jenn will look into reservation/alcohol policy
 - Sergio & Marnel will assist with food gathering
 - Ellen will seek subsidy funds from Provost and alcohol permit once agenda received
 - Jason will look into invites for newly-tenured
 - Marnel will develop invite for RSVP
 - ALL executive officers will be tasked with bringing at least one other TT colleague!
4. Elections – Jenelle (Elections chair) sent out results on May 24 regarding status of elections—only 11 ballots were returned. A few write-ins were provided and an additional ballot sent out for June 7—only 3 ballots returned. Given the attrition and open positions, some executives expressed interest in moving positions, notably, Patrick Berends was appointed to Secretary, taking over Sean's role.
ACTION – A few positions are still vacant, please tap your colleagues who need university-level service: Treasurer, Affinity Group Chair, Leadership Development Chair, Diversity/Multicultural issues Chair
5. The issue of a nominal UFO dues was brought up, no consensus, but interest was garnered, a \$1 fee?
ACTION – To be tabled for next meeting.
6. Summer Dog Days participation summary – Nothing happened, planning was not consistent
ACTION – Jason will communicate with Student affairs staff Ken Ternate to revisit the idea of UFO participating in a followup to the Dog Days in mid-Oct for spring semester advising once freshmen and transfer students were oriented to university life.
7. Survey summary – Nothing happened, time got away.
ACTION – Jason and Jenn will followup to get survey out in next few weeks.
8. Kristi gave an update by email stating that database on the Bb shell was 'in progress'.
9. Ellen talked about the AASCU red balloon launch on how to improve/change learning environments. Once feedback about areas to focus on is determined, perhaps UFO wants to get involved with initiative—would be working on a team with Provost office.

10. Ellen talked about the possibility of a publication based on the formation of UFO. Would potentially go to a higher ed journal so particularly good RTP credit for those needing pubs in that field. She would be looking for a team of writers to complete various sections.

ACTION –Ellen will send pdf or link of previous similar paper. If interested, let Ellen know.

11. Ellen indicated that we will be put on the agenda for the next Chairs meeting to present as we did for the Provost Leadership Team on May 11.

12. Upcoming Activities and Planning:

Melanie – wants to organize a research event for Nov dependent upon a common theme.

Brad – indicated by email that he wants to hold a professional development event in early Oct

Amanda – indicated by email that she plans to keep doing monthly teaching meeting, will put together/advertise for next month.

ACTION –ALL officers need to brainstorm about their events and be prepared to discuss at next meeting.

13. Next meeting will be the week of Sept 13

ACTION – Next meeting times will be scheduled with Doodle

Meeting adjourned at 1:16pm