Meeting Minutes
Harvard Extension Student Association
Sunday, March 2, 2008
6:30 P.M.
Science Center, Room 113, Cambridge

Attendance
Carlos De La Rosa, President
Andre Bisasor, Vice President
Anna Weisfeiler, Secretary
Amy Szczygiel, Treasurer
Nicki De La Rosa, Events Coordinator
Kevin Pasha, At-Large Rep
Cristina Monfasani, ALM Museum Studies Liaison
Amy Hull, ALM Candidate

I. Call To Order

Call to order at 6:50

II. Approval of Minutes

Motion to table the minutes until next meeting made by AW, seconded by ND; Motion passes.

III. Reports and Motions
A. Secretary – Anna Weisfeiler
   i. Motion for Election Committee Formation
      AW makes motion to form an election committee for the spring election for the offices of President and Vice President; Seconded by ND. Motion passes.

      Committee will be of an odd number of people. Those who are running are not eligible to serve on the committee.

      The chair recommends looking at last year’s organizing documents.
Nicki De La Rosa volunteered for the Committee.

AW will seek out others as well.

B. Treasurer – Amy Szczygiel
   i. Report on Funds

   Nothing has changed since the last meeting.

C. Student Life – Mark Walton
   i. Motions for Bylaw Changes

   Mark is unable to join us due to flight delays.

   Motion to table until next meeting made by AW; Seconded by AS; Motion passes.

D. President – Carlos De La Rosa
   i. Dean’s Initiatives – HESLS Town Hall
    Discussion of Dean’s Initiative (background)

    AB met with Shinagel and Neugeboren. They were of the mind that a Town Hall meeting may be counter-productive. There is little that could be done to change the proposals’ trajectory. It would therefore not be ideal to have a town-hall event that gave the impression that students could influence the outcome.

    Another concern was that passionate, vocal extremes might lead to confusion among the students in attendance.

    This is an initiative(s) that is being dealt with at the FAS level.

    The deans expressed some support for a town-hall to discuss the status of the extension school and how to improve various programs etc. i.e. a more broad-based discussion rather than a discussion premised on these initiatives. There was no explicit prohibition against having a town-hall and the deans wanted us to make our decisions as a student-run organization. Having a discussion or presentation on the HESA website was viewed as a more favorable way of addressing the issues raised.
Based on the current status of the pending changes, the town hall has been tabled.

CD wants to create a feedback email inbox for comments and feedbacks on the changes.

ii. Scholarships Initiative

CD would like to set aside no more than $2,000 for a minimum of one scholarship but possibly splitting it.

In the past, the Coop has given $5,000. They have not been re-approached this year.

This would be for those taking the pre-requisite for a program. The Financial Aid office has not been consulted on this.

ND would like to have more background and restrictions determined before voting on approving any money for this.

CD would like to re-approach the Coop as well to see if we can get some sort of matching.

AS will look into the financial aid office side of it and should expect to have a report/proposal for the next meeting.

AB: can we seek other scholarships from the community?
CD: If you find someone who is interested, let us know.

iii. HEEC Event Fast Track Authority

HES has not been able to secure a site for the proposed date but then last minute, once they had decided to change the date, a spot opened up. So the date and location are up in the air right now.

Another donor has been found for the initial retainer for the performer (of $1500)

IV. Public Comments
CS: The Museum club along with the Running Club (now expanded to include hiking) … all have events coming up. Are funds available? The Running club is looking for hire a trainer possibly. Looking for a payment both from the students and a partial cover from HESA.

CD: submit a proposal of what you have and are looking for.

CS: Museum club is planning a trip to the Peacock Museum

ND: Just have receipts and submit within 60 days.

V. Adjournment
Motion to adjourn by AW; Seconded by KP; motion passes. Meeting adjourns at 7:46.

If you have any subject that needs to be addressed by this Governing Board, please email Anna Weisfeiler, Secretary at annaw@post.harvard.edu or Carlos De La Rosa, President at carlos2008@mac.com.