Chair, Gabriel Risk Martins, has called a meeting of the External Affairs Council on Wednesday, November 15th, 2017 at 10:00am – 12:00pm in Delmy Rodriguez (T-152) in the Cesar Chavez Student Center.

I. Call to Order
Meeting called to order at 10:08am.

II. Roll Call
VP of External Affairs – Present
VP of Internal Affairs – Present
VP of Finance – Present
Senior Rep – Unexcused
LCA Rep – Present
HSS Rep – Tardy

III. Approval of Agenda
Motion to approve the agenda for November 15th, 2017.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by VP of Internal Affairs.

The following changes have been made to the agenda:
Motion to add New Business Item C (Discussion/Action Item).
Motion to add New Business Item D (Discussion Item).

No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes for September 13th, 2017.
Moved by VP of Internal Affairs, seconded by VP of Finance.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes for October 11th, 2017
Moved by VP of Internal Affairs, seconded by VP of Finance.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

Motion to approve the minutes for October 25th, 2017.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

V. Announcements (2 minutes each). Please submit literature to Chair when meeting begins.
No announcements.

VI. Public Comment (2 minutes each). Must pertain to jurisdiction of Board. Please observe proper decorum. The board is not required to respond.
No public comment.

VII. Closed Session Pursuant to Education Code 89307 of the California Code for the purpose of to consider the appointment, employment, and evaluation of performance, discipline, or dismissal of an employee.
No closed session.
Motion to move into Old Business Item A.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion Passed.

VIII. Old Business
   a. Approval of the revised External Affairs Council Charter (Action Item)
      The council will take action to approve the revised External Affairs Council Charter.

      VP of External Affairs said that the since the External Affairs Council Charter has already been revised
      and discussed, then it is ready to be approved and taken to the Board.

      Motion to approve the revised External Affairs Council Charter.
      Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by VP of Internal Affairs.
      No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

      Motion to move out of the orders of the day into Old Business Item C.
      Moved by LCA Rep, seconded by VP of Finance.
      No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

   b. OneCard Town Hall (Discussion/Action Item)
      The council will discuss and possibly take action on the OneCard Town Hall.

      The council discussed how much money should be allocated towards incentives to get students to come.

      VP of External Affairs believed it to be important to provide some sort of incentive. However, he also
      believed that the OneCard Town Hall event is an opportunity to discuss something important that students
      would come to regardless.

      VP of Internal Affairs wants to approve a budget for $400.

      Motion to approve a budget of $400.
      Moved by VP of Internal, seconded by VP of Finance.
      No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

      Motion to move back into the orders of the day into New Business Item B.

   c. International Women's Week (Discussion Item)
      The council will discuss International Women's Week.

      VP of External Affairs planned to discuss this event with the Social Justice and Equity Chair at the
      California State Student Association (CSSA) to see if they can make this a CSU system-wide event. VP of
      External was unable to speak to programs because he was out of the country, but he plans to speak to
      programs as soon as possible.

      VP of External Affairs invited the rest of the council to share their thoughts and concerns if they had any.

      No further discussion on the topic.

      Motion to move into New Business Item A.
      Moved by VP of Internal Affairs, seconded by VP of Finance.
      No opposed. No abstentions. Motion Passed.

IX. New Business
   a. USSA Membership Possibility (Discussion Item)
      The council discuss the possibility of becoming a member of USSA next academic year.
VP of External Affairs spoke a bit about USSA, the United States Student Association, that aims to amplify students' voices on a national level. He said that joining the USSA would be a good opportunity for students at SFSU because it would help them have a voice nationally. As it stands, San Francisco is a such a diverse campus, and more west coast presence would always be welcomed at these events. He brought up that in order to vote, schools would have to pay a $0.50 fee per student.

VP of External Affairs said that they should charge all students $1 – $0.50 would go towards paying the mandatory USSA membership fee, and the other $0.50 go towards paying for student transportation to these events.

VP of Finance and LCA Rep liked the idea.

VP of Internal Affairs said that it may be better to have the $0.50 membership fee be mandatory, but the other $0.50 be an opt-out fee. This way, it does not look like students are paying for delegates to travel, a cost that historically would be paid for by the school's budget. This also allows students to opt-out if they are uncomfortable or unable to pay that extra $0.50.

VP of External Affairs agreed. He also believed that the way the USSA is framed to students would be important. He wanted to stress that the USSA is a way for students to have their voices heard nationally.

VP of Finance clarified that it would be a total of $17,000 collected through the $0.50 student fees, and an additional $17,000 collected through the optional $0.50. These costs would cover student membership as well as transportation for student delegates. He also planned to get data to see how many students opted out of the current $2 fee, and bring that data to the next meeting. That data could be used when the council presents this to the Board.

VP of External Affairs planned to discuss this further at the next meeting.

HSS Rep entered the room at 10:20am.

Motion to move out of the orders of the day into New Business Item C.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion Passed.

b. CSSA Strategy and Preparation (Discussion Item)
The council will discuss strategies and approaches to the San Luis Obispo CSSA Plenary.

HSS Rep left the room at 10:41am.

VP of External Affairs wanted everyone to bring up the document about CSSA. He invited the rest of the council to familiarize themselves with the material on the document. He also stated that they will further discuss additional planning about CSSA with other Bay Area school representatives from Sonoma, East Bay, and San Jose.

HSS Rep entered the room at 10:45am.

Due to unforeseen circumstances, VP of External Affairs stated that he will not be able to leave to the conference until 2:00pm. However, the driving situation will remain the same.

Motion to move into New Business Item D.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by VP of Internal Affairs.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

c. Beyond the Bomb (Discussion/Action Item)
The council will discuss Beyond the Bomb and possible take action on it.
Representative from Beyond the Bomb, an international organization that speaks out against the proliferation and use of nuclear weapons, spoke a bit about their goals and current campaign. Their current campaign, the “100 Cities Resolution Campaign,” hopes to pass similar resolutions against nuclear weapons across 100 cities in the United States.

Their resolution aims to sit down with regional representatives to convince them to put a stop to the country’s growing nuclear arsenal. The resolution the organization is proposing is a timely issue because, for the first time ever, students have a president in office who plans to expand the country’s nuclear arsenal.

VP of External Affairs will bring this up at the next External Affairs Council meeting.

Motion to move out of the orders of the day into Old Business Item B.
Moved by VP of Finance, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.

d. Resolution on Mental Health (Discussion/Action Item)
The council will discuss resolution on Mental Health and possibly take action on it.

VP of External Affairs talked about a plan to increase the amount of money allocated to more counselors and the counseling department. There is a plan in place to hire approximately 17 more counselors to better serve students. This is an on-going issue that will continue to be discussed.

VP of External Affairs planned to bring this to the Board at the next External Affairs meeting.

X. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn meeting at 10:58am.
Moved by HSS Rep, seconded by LCA Rep.
No opposed. No abstentions. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned.

Approved by: Gabriel Risk Martins

Respectfully submitted by: Ian llano