

Fresno State UFO Meeting  
Minutes  
Thursday, April 29, 2010 at McKee-Fisk, Boardroom 203B.

Attendees: Jason Bush, Amanda Mortimer, Keith Johnson, Arun Nambiar, Prem Mahalik, Srinu Konduru, Kristi Eastin, Sergio LaPorta, Melanie Ram

Guests: Ken Ternate, Eddie Dominguez talking about Dog Days

*Quorum present?* Yes

1. Meeting called to order at 12:22pm with introductions.
2. Minutes not approved.
3. Dog Days revisited – Ken Ternate gave a short presentation about UFO involvement in Dog Days. Discussed the option of having a followup to the Dog Days in mid-Oct for spring semester advising once freshmen and transfer students were oriented to university life. Gave two handouts, one is the dates for Dog Days and the agenda. He suggested a couple of options for freshmen: 1. Taking part in the academic requirements (GE advising) – mostly completed by the Advising Services or EOP, 2. most faculty are already involved with major advising but perhaps doing a presentation to students and/or parents about classroom expectations, 3. Take part in either the greeting/welcome at the beginning of the day or the Dog Gone meeting at the end of the day. Ken is also open to other ideas that we might come up with to be involved in Dog Days.  
ACTION – Jason will email signup sheet, need to have these submitted to Ken ([kternate@csufresno.edu](mailto:kternate@csufresno.edu)) by May 13, 2010. Perhaps also have an orientation session for GE advising for the UFO members.
4. Summer Bash @ O'Neill park – Given the limited time, the tentatively scheduled May 8 bbq was unanimously decided upon to postpone till 1<sup>st</sup> week of Fall semester, tentatively Aug 27 (Friday). For several reasons including we could include family, if we are to be celebrating those that go on to tenure, they won't know till end of may anyhow, coincide with a UFO pep rally as an opportunity to attract new faculty.  
ACTION – Let's start planning now, Jenn will take lead.
5. Elections – Jenelle (Elections chair) sent out report on April 29 regarding status of elections. ...“Individuals were asked to indicate interest in one of the following options: (a) maintain your position (e.g., indicate which position), (b) resign your position (e.g. indicate which position), or (c) run for a board position (e.g., indicate which position)...”  
ACTION – Please send your preference to Jenelle by **Monday, May 3**.
6. Updates –  
Kristi gave an update on the Bb shell that she and John have been working on with digital campus. Template is up with basic headings such as 'favorite restaurants', 'daycare' etc. General idea is to flush out these items with potential to create threads.  
Given the limited time, the events for Brad (Professional activities panel) and Patrick (Learning assessment) will be postponed.  
ACTION – UFO executive will work over summer to add content to the interface, but we won't unveil till conversion to Bb9 is complete.  
ACTION – Both Brad and Patrick will plan their events for early Fall.
7. Survey – Jason introduced the survey structure intended for TT faculty that Sean has uploaded to QuestionPro. Discussed style, modifications and preferred format. Executive felt that using 'bubble'

responses would be better served and more likely to increase the response rate rather than having open-ended boxes for responses. Ellen has pledged, 2 x \$25 Starbucks cards for survey participants.  
ACTION – Jason will email link to survey for input on format.

8. Presentation to Council of Chairs (May 5) and Dean's meeting (May 11) – Via Ellen, we are on the agenda for these meetings to sell the UFO as an important and sustainable entity for university service. Jason, Jenn, Sean (all others welcomed) will give a 10-min presentation to each group highlighting our accomplishments this year and plans for next year.  
ACTION – Jason will email times of meetings. UFO Execs are encouraged to attend.

9. Next meeting will be **Thursday, May 13 @ 12:15pm** in McKee-Fisk (Social Science building) rm 203B.

Meeting adjourned at 1:20pm