

# Fresno State UFO Meeting

## Minutes

Tuesday, February 23, 2010 at Haak Center, Boardroom 4115.

Attendees: Jason Bush, Jenn Ivie, Amanda Mortimer, Sean Seepersad, Keith Johnson, Arun Nambiar, N.P. Mahalik, Srinu Konduru, Kristi Eastin, Brad Hyatt, Sergio LaPorta

Guest: Ken Ternate, talking about Dog Days

*Quorum present? Yes*

1. Meeting called to order at 12:21pm with introductions.
2. Minutes were approved.
3. Dog Days – Jason attended a Dog Days meeting and talked about what the UFO could do. Ken Ternate gave a short presentation about Dog Days. Staff at Dog Days were excited about the UFO being a part of Dog Days. Gave two handouts, one is the dates for Dog Days and the agenda for freshmen and transfers. 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.

Jason asked for a list of expectations (content, dates and time commitments) for each of the sections involved and then a sign-up sheet. Perhaps also have an orientation session for GE advising for the UFO members.

4. Vote on the quorum requirement, By-Law 5.08. A motion was put forward to change the quorum requirement from 51% to 33%. Jason also mentioned that the constitution document was never signed and so it could be changed without requiring the majority of members to approve it. Motion was approved by members.
5. Vote to change constitution, By-Law 10.01. A motion was made to change the wording of section 10.01 of the constitution from “vote of members” to “vote of Executive Officer members”. Motion was approved by members.
6. Updates: Amanda announced that the second happy hour will be on for tonight on Maple and Shaw. Amanda requested if CSALT can automatically send out reminders about the happy hour.

Kristi talked about the outreach for faculty for the various community resources. She talked with Mary Bennett and she suggested a Facebook page might be most effective. The page will be secure and only invited members will be able to access it. She expects it will be fully operational by the end of April.

Prem talked about the development program planning a talk titled “Experiences from the chairs.” There will be 3 department chairs who will give a 20 minute talk each on March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Srini talked with Mike Botwin about sharing his experiences as the senate chair. He agreed to talk with UFO faculty about faculty governance and the work of the senate. He is looking for a date in April to have the talk. Srini is also looking for suggestions about what should be in the talk.

Brad talked about the upcoming professional activities event. He's secured several panel participants and is waiting for a few more, anticipated date in April.

7. Sergio suggested that in future we establish a consistent time for UFO events. Ideas such as the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Fridays of the month were floated. Also important to advertise the 'free food' when offered such as with the Research/Grants event.
8. Next meeting will be March 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:15pm.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm