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**STUDENT CENTER GOVERNING BOARD**  
**September 14, 2006**

The Student Center Governing Board at San Francisco State University held a special meeting on **Thursday, September 14, 2006 at 9:30 a.m. in the Delmy Rodriguez room.**

<p><u>Members Present</u></p> <p>Amrah Salomon-Kit Bomar Johnson Asella Donovan-Blood Mirishae McDonald Lily Cortez Cindy Morales Guy Dalpe Evelyn Hooker Arline Van Ness Héctor Cardenas Maya Whearty Derek Aitken</p>	<p><u>Members Absent</u></p> <p>Maire Fowler Meredith Duke</p>
<p><u>Guests</u></p> <p>Jason Shuffler Alon Shalev Aimee Barnes Dona Standel Charlie El-Qare Fred Astren Brian Gallagher Ramsey El-Qare</p>	<p><u>Support Staff/Consultants/Presenters</u></p>

Recording Secretary: Natalie Christou  
Minutes Transcribed by: Aarti Shah

- i. The meeting was called to order by Cortez at 9:44 a.m.**
- ii. Public Comment**

**Charlie El-Qare** informed the Board that he was the Palestinian Mural Committee representative. He added that he was prepared to answer questions regarding the mural.

**Gallagher** requested an audio recording of the proceedings.

**Cortez** stated that an effort would be made to provide the recordings.

**Dalpe** pointed out that recordings are not usually offered to members of the public. He mentioned that members of the public are encouraged to provide their own recording devices.

**Salomon-Johnson** pointed out that the Governing Board meetings are public and students have expressed frustration that copies of the tapes are not made available. She recommended that the Board provide audio tapes of the meetings in addition to the minutes.

**Van Ness** pointed out that the September 14, 2006 agenda did not list 'approval of the agenda' as an action item. She added that action regarding the Palestinian Mural was tabled at the previous meeting because documents pertaining to the item had not been provided. She expressed her frustration that she had not received relevant documents in a timely manner for the present meeting.

**Cortez** stated that she would allot time for the Board to review relevant documents before a vote would be taken.

**Aitken** reiterated that the Board members were delivered the final copy of the mural art descriptions on the day of the meeting. He expressed his concern that the late delivery would make it difficult to review the modifications.

**Dalpe** attempted to clarify that the art on the mural had not been changed. He informed members that only the art descriptions have been modified.

**Salomon-Johnson** declared her frustration with delayed document delivery. She added that she requested the documents for meetings be delivered one week in advance. She recommended that the Board move forward with the current meeting despite challenges with document delivery.

*Morales arrived at 9:51 a.m.*

**McDonald** noted that the revised mural descriptions were approved at the committee level on September 13. She recommended that the Board take a recess to review the documents before a vote is called.

**Dalpe** spoke on behalf of the staff that prepared the documents. He mentioned that in most instances documents are delivered adequately in advance. He explained that several committees were still in the process of approving documents until the day before the scheduled Board meeting.

**Van Ness** clarified that her comments were not intended to be derogatory to the staff. She expressed her concern that a five-minute recess would not be sufficient to review the documents. She asked whether the changes in the election packets had been clearly stated in the documents.

*Whearty arrived at 9:53 a.m.*

**Cortez** replied the changes in the elections packet are indicated with strike-through symbols and italics.

**Dalpe** attempted to clarify that italics in bold note the most recent changes.

**Motion to approve the agenda. Moved by Cardenas. Seconded by McDonald. Motion approved. Agenda approved with 9 yays, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.**

## **I. Palestinian Mural**

**McDonald** indicated that the purpose for the special meeting was to discuss the Board's plan of action regarding Corrigan's mural moratorium. She stated that the Palestinian Mural committee members have discussed issues that they plan to bring to Corrigan. She added that the Palestinian mural had been altered to emphasize that the featured figure is holding a pen. She stated that there were not yet finished sketches regarding this change. She opened the floor for questions.

**Van Ness** inquired whether the figure would continue to hold a key in his other hand.

**McDonald** replied in the affirmative.

**Cortez** asked who would attend the meeting with Corrigan.

**McDonald** replied that the Palestinian mural committee and one member from the Native American committee would attend the meeting. She added that a date has yet to be determined.

**Gallagher** spoke regarding the issue.

**Ramsey El-Qare** requested that **Cortez** attend the meeting with Corrigan.

**Cortez** stated that she would like the entire board to be updated regarding the Palestinian mural. She added that she has not been able to attend committee meetings because of time conflicts.

**Ramsey El-Qare** pointed out that Saffold suggested if **Cortez** were to attend the meeting with Corrigan, she attend as a member of the Palestinian mural committee. He indicated that he was uncomfortable with **Cortez** distorting her title for the meeting.

**Cortez** assented with El-Qare's concern.

**McDonald** informed the Board that she and **Dalpe** could draft a letter to Corrigan requesting a meeting. She stated that planned to present to Corrigan a letter from the chair of the Board supporting the mural, petitions from students in support of the mural and a letter from the Native American Mural Committee.

**Aitken** noted that at the July Governing Board meeting proponents of the mural stated that the pen did not resemble the sword. He asked the reason the committee was altering the image.

**Charlie El-Qare** explained that the emphasis on the shape of the pen was ensure that the public realized the symbolism of the pen as mightier than the sword.

**Gallagher** stated that most individuals were aware of the pen's symbolism. He noted that three people had expressed mistaken interpretations of the symbol.

**Bomar** pointed out that **Saffold** may act as a liaison during the meeting with **Corrigan**. He suggested that in order to avoid misrepresentation, **Cortez** contact Saffold about attending the meeting as the chair of the Board. He expressed concern with the expectations of the Board and committee regarding the meeting with Corrigan. He pointed out that a meeting with Corrigan has already occurred during an ASI Brown Bag lunch. He noted that there was a Governing Board staff representative present at the meeting. He emphasized that **Corrigan** expressed himself strongly at that meeting. He cautioned the Board that he felt their expectations for their meeting with Corrigan were exceedingly high. He expressed his concern that members were not prepared to move forward if their demands were not met. He warned members against using the meeting to persuade the Corrigan that his views of the mural elements are incorrect. He recommended that another Board member, in addition to the chair, attend.

**Salomon-Johnson** inquired whether **Bomar** would be able to attend the meeting.

**Charlie El-Qare** reiterated an interest for **Bomar** to attend the meeting.

**Bomar** stated that as an ex-officio, his attendance might not be appropriate. He expressed appreciation for the invitation. He emphasized that the planned meeting with Corrigan would be the first time that board members – other than he and **Cardenas** – would hear Corrigan discuss his position on the mural. He stated that he felt Corrigan was not amenable to revising his position on the mural.

**Cardenas** mentioned that he felt there were two main points that Corrigan made at the ASI brown bag meeting. He noted that those two items were: the process of acquisition and the way the Board handles space for future murals. He indicated that he felt Corrigan was primarily concerned with the process rather than the actual elements of the murals. He stated that Corrigan was agreeable to meeting with the Palestinian Mural Committee that would be mediated through Saffold. He added that Saffold has suggested potential dates to meet with Corrigan.

**Van Ness** inquired whether Corrigan was strongly against the murals.

**Bomar** noted that Corrigan did not discuss specifics regarding the murals. He added that **Cardenas** accurately represented Corrigan's comments.

**Gallagher** pointed out a 1994 Golden Gator article about Corrigan's trip to Israel requested that the article be called into question for possible bias. He noted that according to 1996 Golden Gator article, **Saffold** has been called into question for her opinion on ethnic communities. He recommended that the articles be submitted for the record.

**Astren** expressed concern with submitting the articles. He advised the Board against the action.

**Cortez** stated that the articles would be reviewed to determine if they are relevant to the discussion.

## **II. Palestinian Mural Final Art**

**Motion to approve the Palestinian mural final art descriptions. Moved by Salomon-Johnson. Seconded by Cardenas. Five yays. Two nays. Motion passed.**

**Cortez** opened the floor for discussion.

**Aitken** requested a recess to review the packet.

*Recess commenced at 10:13.*

*Recess ended at 10:25 a.m.*

**Cortez** opened the floor for questions.

**Aitken** expressed his concern that the Board was not given adequate time to review the documents. He stated his reluctance in approving the document without adequate preparation time.

**Van Ness** inquired whether the only modification in the mural is the angle of the pen.

**Charlie El-Qare** stated that he asked other students about their reaction to the art. He noted that most students that he spoke to approved the mural. He added that the decision to change the angle of the pen was to make this symbolism more clear.

**Salomon-Johnson** requested the ASI representatives submit a full list of all the student organizations that support the resolution that the committee passed regarding the mural.

*Donovan-Blood submitted a list to Salomon-Johnson.*

**McDonald** added that the list should include the League of Pissed-Off Voters.

**Charlie El-Qare** pointed out that more organizations would likely be added to the list.

**Cortez** emphasized that the Board was approving the descriptions, not the murals.

**McDonald** noted that the descriptions of items number seven through fifteen had been modified.

**Dalpe** pointed out that many of the provided documents, including the two letters to the chair from Corrigan and the resolution are supporting documents for the Board. He added that the intent is not for the documents to be approved.

**McDonald** indicated an interest to hear opinions from all Board members regarding the mural.

**Charlie El-Qare** stated that the Board was given adequate time to review the descriptions. He stated interest in hearing the Board member's reactions on the descriptions.

**Dalpe** suggested that a representative explain the changes that were made to items seven through 15.

**McDonald** gave the floor to **Charlie El-Qare**.

**El-Qare** stated that the document detailing the art descriptions had never been previously approved. He added that this was the first presentation of the document to the Board. He added that the previous document was presented to the committee as a guide to the elements.

**Dalpe** noted that the assertion was correct. He emphasized that the Board members should make an effort to become familiar with the changes on the document.

**Salomon-Johnson** called it to question. She requested a roll call vote.

**Aitken and Van Ness voted nay. Salomon-Johnson, McDonald, Whearty, Morales and Cardenas voted yay.**

### **III. Elections Packet**

**Motion to approve the Elections Packet of 2006. Moved by McDonald. Seconded by Salomon-Johnson. Approved with 0 nays, 0 abstentions.**

**Cardenas** explained the changes to the election packet were made visible in italics and bold. He stated the dates of the election were changed to November 14 and 15. He added that these changes would be outlined in a timeline on page 8. He indicated that on page 21 the committee recommended that students be permitted to spend \$150 on their campaign. He suggested that the slate expenditures should be reduced to \$375.

**Salomon-Johnson** expressed frustration with the confusing nature of the former elections packet. She noted that the revised packet is clearer and student-friendly. She pointed out that the election cost was reduced so that low-income students would not be discouraged from competing with students with more expendable income.

**Hooker** expressed appreciation for clarifying the lower spending limit .

**Van Ness** pointed out that on page 21, item B, the \$325 limit had not been crossed out. She expressed frustration that the document was confusing.

**Aitken** expressed thanks for those involved in the process of revising the packet.

**McDonald** pointed out that the packet emphasized that all petition signatures must be obtained from students.

**Hooker** asked where the packet included information on poll workers.

**Cortez** responded that the information on poll workers had moved sections.

**Salomon-Johnson** noted that **Dalpe's** changes attempted to keep items in the proper categories.

**Bomar** complimented the efforts in the packet. He inquired whether a staff member has been appointed as a liaison for the committee to respond to questions regarding elections.

**Dalpe** replied that the business manager would train office staff about the elections packet. He noted that the strike- outs and italics would be eliminated in the final copy.

*Charlie El-Qare, Brian Gallagher, Ramsey El-Qare left at 10:41 a.m.*

#### **IV. Elections Committee Membership**

**Cortez** noted that members were needed on the Elections Committee.

**Morales** indicated interest to serve on the committee.

**Whearty** pointed out that the committee would require a minimum of two members and a maximum of four members.

**Motion to add Morales to a member of the Elections Committee. Moved by Van Ness. Seconded by McDonald. Motion passed.**

#### **V. Announcements**

**Cortez** stated that members should sign-up for t-shirts.

**Astren** asked the reason the Palestinian Mural descriptions were not discussed further.

**Salomon-Johnson** replied **Cortez** opened the floor to questions. She added that because there was no further comment she called the vote.

**McDonald** emphasized the importance of Board members to express their opinion about action items.

**Astren** expressed frustration that the issue was not discussed further.

**Cortez** reiterated that she asked for questions and concerns. She encouraged **Astren** to continue attending Palestinian mural committee meetings.

**Bomar** expressed concern that the Board did not discuss the letter the Corrigan sent to the Board. He reiterated that the Board should consider “what if” scenarios to address Corrigan’s concerns.

*Donovan Blood left at 10:57*

**Salomon-Johnson** stated that the Rules Committee had met since Corrigan sent the letter. She added that the rules committees has been working diligently on potential changes. She added that she felt the policy changes should be implemented in the future rather than retroactively.

**Hooker** asked whether the September 7, 2006 agenda had been fully completed.

**Cortez** replied in the affirmative.

*Ramsey El-Qare entered at 10:59 a.m.*

**Dalpe** stated that the Board as an entity has not publicly endorsed a position or empowered the Palestinian mural committee to take a stand on the Board’s behalf regarding the mural issues. He noted that this has caused confusion amongst Board members.

*Barnes and Charlie El-Qare entered at 11:01a.m.*

**Van Ness** emphasized that the arts policy has historically been a significant aspect of the Board.

**Cortez** commented that the arts policy is emphasized in the Big 11 Goals.

**Salomon-Johnson** stated that the draft documents incorporate these issues.

**Motion to allow the Palestinian Mural committee to represent the Board at the meeting with President Corrigan. Moved by McDonald. Seconded by Salomon-Johnson.**

**Bomar** pointed out that this a special meeting and felt that the Board could not deviate from the stated agenda. He indicated that the subject should be discussed further at the next meeting.

**Dalpe** stated that a motion was out of order and violated the by-laws because the Board cannot transfer its responsibilities to another body.

**Hooker** expressed agreement with Dalpe.

**McDonald** attempted to clarify that the motion was intended to ensure that the Board was in agreement with the Palestinian Mural committee.

**Hooker** asked if the Board was invited to the meeting.

**Salomon-Johnson** stated that according to Saffold the Board is discouraged from attending.

**Cortez** noted that she felt uncomfortable allowing a committee to represent the Board if members are not invited.

**Van Ness** asked the motion to be withdrawn because it was not listed as an action item.

**Salomon-Johnson** stated that she would like **Cortez** to be present at the meeting with Corrigan and suggested that the Board invite Corrigan to the next Governing Board meeting. She stated that more discussion was necessary.

**Cardenas** suggested that **Cortez** meet with Corrigan.

*Van Ness and Barnes left at 11:12 a.m.*

*Quorum lost at 11:12 a.m.*

**Cortez** acknowledged the concerns of Board members. She stated that it is unclear where the Board stood on the mural issue. She declared that she would look further into a meeting with Corrigan.

**Salomon-Johnson** emphasized that clarity was not the issue regarding this mural because the Board voted to move forward regarding the art.

**McDonald** noted that Cortez was included in the list of members to meet with Corrigan.

**Cortez** expressed thanks for the guests attending and offering their input.

**Aitken** noted that administrators should vote on their own consciences and they do not represent parties outside of the Board.

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Guy Dalpe, Executive Secretary Governing Board Date

