



Executive Committee

October 16th, 2024

3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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Zoom Call:<https://sfsu.zoom.us/j/91666786157?pwd=YlFGZHYzbGoySThwT25aU3dVay9VOT09>

Meeting ID: 916 6678 6157

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Minutes

I. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 3:34pm.

II. Roll Call

Brandon Foley, President (chair) - Present
Fayeeza Shaikh - Chief Justice - Present
Bella Martinez-Bernal, VP Internal Affairs - Present
Andrea Soto, VP External Affairs - Present
Lorena Mejia, VP Finance - Present
Maya Bal, VP Academic Affairs - Excused
Dr. Jamillah Moore, VP SAEM - Excused
Alejandro Rios, Executive Director - Present

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda for October 16th, 2024.

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal, VP Internal Affairs. Seconded by Fayeeza Shaikh - Chief Justice.

No discussion

Yes: Fayeeza, Bella, Andrea, Lorena (4)

No: 0

Abstain: 0.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from October 2nd, 2024.

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal, VP Internal Affairs. Seconded by Lorena Mejia, VP Finance.

Motion to amend the minutes to change “Brandon also mentioned his responsibility to collaborate with the faculty representative on academic matters.” to “Brandon also mentioned Maya Bal - VP Academic Affairs’s responsibility to collaborate with the faculty representative on academic matters”

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal, VP Internal Affairs. Seconded by Lorena Mejia, VP Finance.

Yes: Fayeeza, Bella, Andrea, Lorena (4)

No: 0

Abstain: 0.

V. Open Forum

None.

VI. Discussion Item

a. Chief of Staff Nomination (Brandon Foley - President)

The committee will discuss selecting a Chief of Staff nominee.

Brandon Foley - President expressed his support for **Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity** as the new chief of staff, emphasizing her well-rounded experience and campus leadership involvement, particularly in community organizing. He acknowledged that all four candidates, including **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep** and **Elsy**, performed admirably but highlighted **Elsy's** diverse background, including her work with CFA and the student union, as the main reason for his preference.

Lorena Mejia - VP Finance, on the other hand, supported **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep**, citing his strong communication skills and ability to handle intense discussions. She mentioned that the qualities necessary for the chief of staff role, such as being composed and articulate under pressure, are strengths that **Dylan** has demonstrated. **Lorena** acknowledged the difficulty of the decision but ultimately favored **Dylan** due to these characteristics.

Fayeeza Shaikh - Chief Justice shared her appreciation for both **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep** and **Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity**, recognizing their commitment and their efforts in exceeding expectations as board members. She emphasized the importance of being well-rounded for the chief of staff role. **Fayeeza** appreciated **Elsy's** strengths in community outreach, particularly her involvement with groups like CFA and YDSA. However, she highlighted her personal experience working closely with **Dylan** on the Academic Affairs Committee, where she has observed his assertiveness and willingness to express his views, even in heated discussions. Additionally, she praised **Dylan's** active participation in open forums and his assertive yet open approach to feedback, which she sees as vital traits for a chief of staff. As a result, **Fayeeza** leaned slightly more in favor of **Dylan** for the role.

Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs, expressed her view that **Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity** experience is more intersectional and particularly relevant, especially in terms of civic engagement, which she considers essential for the chief of staff role. She emphasized the importance of grounding the board’s work in the historical context of how the Board of Directors at San Francisco State University used to operate, even before any current members were involved. **Bella** acknowledged the exceptional efforts of both candidates, **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep** and **Elsy**,

noting that they have both gone above and beyond expectations. However, she highlighted **Elsy's** experience as being particularly impactful and aligned with the needs of the board.

Andrea Soto - VP External Affairs emphasized that both **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep** and **Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity** have done an outstanding job in their current roles, acknowledging the phenomenal work they've accomplished even from a virtual perspective. She praised **Elsy** for being a highly performative and informative vice chair, admiring the extensive research and dedication she has demonstrated. **Andrea** also highlighted **Dylan's** adaptability and his ability to quickly assume his position on the board last year, commending his refreshing and valuable perspective. She noted that whoever takes on the role of chief of staff will need to adapt quickly and lead with a holistic approach. Ultimately, **Andrea** expressed her support for **Dylan**, emphasizing his adaptability, ability to command a room, and his potential to lead in an ethical and nonpartisan manner.

Maya Bal - VP Academic Affairs expressed her excitement and admiration for both **Dylan James Beck Gillespie - Education Rep** and **Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity**, emphasizing how incredible they both are as candidates. She conveyed her enthusiasm for continuing to work with both of them, whether in their current roles or if one of them becomes the new chief of staff. **Maya** shared her positive outlook, stating she believes whoever gets elected will be great and looks forward to the future with excitement.

Brandon Foley - President asked the committee members whether they preferred to vote on the decision today or wait until Wednesday. The majority expressed a preference to vote today, aiming to have a recommendation from the Executive Committee ready before the matter goes to the board for final approval.

Brandon Foley - President asked if anyone was against their second preference for the chief of staff position. **Brandon** asked **Fayeeza Shaikh - Chief Justice** if, by being in favor of **Dylan**, she was against **Elsy**. **Alejandro - Executive Director** interrupted with a point of order, informing **Brandon** that he cannot explicitly ask that question. **Brandon** then conducted a straw poll about tabling the item to the next meeting which concluded with the majority of the members voting no.

VII. Action Items

a. Chief of Staff Nomination (Brandon Foley - President)

The committee will take action on selecting a Chief of Staff nominee.

Motion to nominate Elsy Hernandez-Monroy - Dir. Social Justice & Equity as AS Chief of Staff.

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs, No Second

Motion Failed

Motion to table action item "a".

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs, No Second

Motion Failed

Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs acknowledged that the decision was being tabled due to

how people feel about what qualities the chief of staff candidate should have. She emphasized that everyone seems to have a clear person in mind for the role, rather than there being a split vote. **Bella** expressed understanding of the frustration, particularly because she had wanted to move forward with the decision too. However, she noted that it's important to keep things fresh in everyone's minds after the interviews. She reassured that while the delay might seem frustrating, it doesn't hurt the process or the timing of the decision. **Christine Amador - AED of Governance** suggested that if everyone was at a stalemate and unable to make a decision, they could table the item for now and find a new time next week to meet and continue the discussion.

Motion to table action item "a".

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs, No Second

Motion Failed

Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs suggested that it is better to table the action item to the next meeting as the meeting has already gone over time.

Motion to table action item "a".

Moved by Bella Martinez-Bernal - VP Internal Affairs, Seconded by Andrea Soto - VP External Affairs

Yes: Bella, Andrea, Lorena (3)

No: Fayeeza (1)

Abstain: 0.

Motion Passes

VIII. Announcements

None.

IX. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:03pm.

Approved by: **Brandon Foley - President**

Signed by:

Brandon Foley

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Respectfully submitted by: **Tushin Kulshreshtha, Head VP Assistant**

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