S.U.M.S Community Advisor Board Meeting

Date: 5/26/2017

Time Started: 11:11 am

Time Ended: 12:00 pm

Department Members Present: Jeffrey Saikali

Department Members Absent:

Officers Present: Zack Garza, Aiden Yoon, Simon Hu, Keenan Chan, Peter Amidon

Officers Absent:

Secretary Present: Simon Hu

Meeting called to order at 11:11 am.

Roll was called.

Regarding the Integration Bee, **Zack Garza**, the President for SUMS, commented that **SUMS** will be reaching out to professors—specifically professors who are currently teaching the 20-series classes—to ask them whether or not they would be willing to advertise the event to their students, and possibly provide extra credit to students that attend the Integration Bee. **Jeffrey Saikali**, the Community Advisor for SUMS, commented that while it is generally a good idea to politely ask professors if they are willing to provide students with extra credit, it is very likely that professors will not agree to provide extra credit to students that attend the event. In order for professors to consider providing extra credit, there has to be an equal opportunity for every student in the course to attend the event. If this is the case, we should not be personally offended; it is because the professor does not want to manage extra credit opportunities on top of their teaching responsibilities. **Jeffrey** further suggested that someone who professors know should do the outreach, so as to provide credibility for the effort. **Zack** commented that he has been the only one creating content for the event, though he has received assistance from previous SUMS officers. **Jeffrey** commented that the Integration Bee should be planned by multiple people, so we should do outreach to volunteers to get their assistance. **Jeffrey** hopes to attend the Integration Bee.

Regarding SIAM/AMS membership, **Zack** informed **Jeffrey** that he has not made any headway on finding signatures for the petition. In addition to this, **Zack** feels that there is not much interest both in the officer board *and* the general body that he is willing to put in the time to further this cause. **Jeffrey** commented that the membership process should be done by multiple people, so we should reach out to volunteers for help. **Zack** further commented that he would be willing to assist in the process. **Jeffrey** suggested that we have some sort of history page on the SUMS website (ref: <http://sums.ucsd.edu>) to motivate incoming students to get involved.

Regarding the Departmental Reviews, **Zack** informed **Jeffrey** that a few students attended the departmental review. **Zack** expressed the concerns discussed at the previous meeting, to the department heads, but their attitude towards the concerns showed that they may possibly have no interest in making changes. **Zack** further commented that everyone only had good things to say about **Jeffrey**.

Regarding the future of SUMS, **Zack** informed **Jeffrey** that for the fall quarter, we currently have four events planned: GBM, Workshop, Movie Night, and Lightning Talks. **Zack** further commented that we will be holding another meeting today from 4:30 pm - 5:30 pm, specifically for planning next quarter’s events.

Regarding **Zack**’s time in SUMS, **Zack** feels unsure about his future contributions to SUMS. A lot of the work and responsibilities fell onto him, he didn’t achieve the goals he personally wanted to achieve through SUMS, and he found the overall experience unsatisfying. **Zack** further commented that he would still like to host workshops, be it through SUMS or by himself. **Zack** commented that he felt all the events weren’t planned ahead of time; most events were planned the night before. He further commented that there has been lackluster communication between the officers, especially on Slack. **Jeffrey** asked if we had been able to get volunteers involved in the planning process. **Zack** commented that there were efforts to reach out to volunteers, especially when it came to food planning, but found that volunteers did not reply to messages on Slack. As such, the communication between the officer board and volunteers was extremely unsatisfactory. **Jeffrey** commented that this may be due to several reasons, one of which includes the officer board using too many methods of communication, resulting in volunteers feeling overwhelmed by the sheer amount of communication channels.

Regarding **Peter Amidon**’s time in SUMS, **Peter**, the Technology Coordinator for SUMS, is proud of his accomplishments regarding the website. He commented that the past two quarters, he has been focused on creating the infrastructure for the website, with the goal of making it transferrable to future iterations of SUMS. **Peter** also commented that he was working towards making the website completely autonomous. **Peter** will be returning for the 2017-2018 operating year.

Regarding **Keenan Chan**’s time in SUMS, **Keenan**, the Publicity Chair for SUMS, commented that he helped create the Facebook pages for events and managed the printing of flyers, some of which he designed. **Keenan** further commented that due to stress and coursework, he was unable to do an effective job as the Publicity Chair, which he apologizes for. He was overcommitted this quarter and that resulted in him doing an unsatisfactory job as the Publicity Chair. Due to increased coursework, **Keenan** informed **Jeffrey** that he will not be returning for the 2017-2018 operating year.

Regarding **Aiden Yoon**’s time in SUMS, **Aiden**, the Vice President for SUMS, commented that he handled the finances for the organization. **Aiden** further commented that he neglected his duties as the Vice President, and that most of those responsibilities fell onto **Simon Hu**, the Secretary for SUMS. He apologized for neglecting his responsibilities. **Aiden** commented that looking back, he realizes there was a huge communication issue between the officer board, which led to a huge amount of the frustration. **Aiden** further commented that improvements could have been made. [Addendum: **Simon** and **Zack** commented that they acknowledge **Aiden** met with **Jeffrey** yesterday.]

[Addendum: Regarding **Simon**’s time in SUMS, **Simon** wrote meeting agendas, took minutes, and handled administrative duties when the President was unable to. **Simon** commented that he felt overwhelmed by the sheer amount of responsibilities that fell onto him. **Simon** further commented, but failed to inform **Jeffrey**, that he will not be returning for the 2017-2018 operating year, since he will be leaving to become the Outreach Chair for IEEE. However, **Simon** commented that he would stay as the Secretary if the position cannot be filled, but would prefer to take on a smaller role.]

Regarding communication, **Jeffrey** suggested that we not limit our communication to just digital communication. Digital communication takes out the humanity from the situation and this can lead to pent-up frustration. **Jeffrey** also suggested against the use of profanity. Should it come to the point where profanity is used, **SUMS** should hold an emergency meeting with **Jeffrey**, provided we give him ample notice.

Regarding the 2016-2017 operating year for SUMS, **Jeffrey** commented that he would like to commend all the current officers for the work they’ve put into the organization. He noted that the officers for the 2016-2017 operating year accomplished more than the 2015-2016 officer board, and he would like to continue working with us in the future. **Jeffrey** further mentioned that he attended Movie Night and commended us for being able to manage all the logistics behind the event.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 pm.