

Engineering and Applied Science Tribunal

General Meeting Minutes

3-7-2016

The meeting was called to order by Carlo Perottino at 5:30 pm, in 405 Old Chem. Frazier Baker recorded the meeting minutes.

New Business

Nominations:

Max Inniger – Pres
Emily D. – Senator
John - Pres
Tim K – Senator
Lillian – Senator
Khaled – Senator
Himadrin – Senator
Scott B – Pres
Varun – Senator

Nominations will be open via Email to Carlo Perottino thru March 21st
Validity of nominations subject to audit.

Fossil Free UC – Guest Speakers

2 Degrees Celsius
4.5 Degrees Fahrenheit
Delta in temperature that would make things go bad
Most of the warming has happened over the last 40 years
We would need to cap our emissions at 565 Gigatons of CO2
2,795 Gigatons of CO2 currently being burned around the world
5x the limit
Shoreline recession, flooding, severe weather patterns, drought
Economic instability due to reliance on fossil fuels
Fossil Fuel Industry has known about problems of Fossil Fuel Emissions for 40 years
Funded climate change deceit
Block renewable energy initiatives
Climate change is urgent, we need to do something 20 years ago, but now is the best we're working with
Fossil Free UC wants UC to immediately freeze new investments in the top 200 publicly fossil fuel companies and commit to divesting endowment funds for those companies within the next five years.
\$1.15 Billion Endowment UC
\$4.1 million in Fossil Fuel Industry
Oil and Gas investments have fallen by 2.9 million

Divestment has been used to create pressure in other situations, i.e. apartheid in South Africa

Boycotting, Divestment, and Sanctioning – 3 methods of holding Fossil Fuel Companies accountable

Don't want to bankrupt companies, just get them to reciprocate

What is the financial impact of divestment on students?

Endowment is separated from tuition

\$1.2 million short-term, one-time loss

Perhaps increased managerial costs to manage

Endowment is from private donors, oftentimes alumni

FossilFreeUC is also trying to educate people on climate change and sustainability

FossilFreeUC is not duplicating the efforts of the sustainability commission,

FossilFreeUC focuses mainly on the political and financial aspects

Co-op opportunities

Marathon did pull entirely from Dayton, overall, Dayton's co-op placement did not go down overall, people were placed in other companies.

Co-op companies make the choice whether or not to continue to hire or keep co-ops

Scholarship Funds

Marathon donates money to a diversity in engineering scholarship

If they used it to retaliate, we could rally financial support from other places

Plans of Action if Divestment goes through

Educating students is definitely good thing

Students are constituents in this university, an investment in us is a reflection of us

Comparison of Fossil Fuels to Slavery

Similar issue in the energy sector prior to abolition

Before Divesting in something that we think is immoral, there should be public discourse, there should be discussion,

Have you considered partial divestment? Can we show our lack of support in a less drastic manner.

Fossil Fuels (when combined transportation, heating/cooling, industrial fossil fuel pollution) produce about 60% of the pollution contributing to global climate change, agriculture produces about 18%.

What is profit outlook after divestment?

Dayton is doing fine post-divestment

University is trying to initiate sustainability in routes that are feasible

Socially Responsible Investment Forum

Officer Reports

President – Carlo Perottino:

Attendance: Present

Carlo will be out of town Tuesday-Thursday

Call or email if you need help

Next week – special extra meeting

Same time, same food, same place, next week

Vice President – Dane Sowers:

Attendance: Present

Associate VP – McKenzie Kinzbach:

Attendance: Present

Treasurer – Max Inniger:

Attendance: Present

Secretary – Frazier Baker:

Attendance: Present

Senators – Tim Kemper & John Lewnard:

Attendance: Present

- Senate Introduced Enactment bill to decrease honoraria by \$34,000; president, vice-president, etc.
 - To go towards SG spending
- Appropriation Bill – Denied funding request from EWB-UC
- Resolution Bills
 - Grade forgiveness would allow students who switch majors with D's or F's that do not pertain to new major
 - Mid Semester Review – Requests professors to update grades on blackboard once before withdrawal date
- Presidential Election Winners: Mitchell Phelps & Brooke Duncan
- UFB Situation
 - UFB has ran out of money
 - Student groups can no longer receive funding
 - Tribunal is looking into options to fund Engineering student groups in this emergency situation
 - UFB just elected a new exec board
 - Ask if you want to see email.
- Check emails about food
 - There is a survey if you don't want food

John thanks everybody who has been filling out surveys

Committee Reports

FELD – Paige Johnson:

Attendance: Present

Dodgeball event with exec coming up

Special Events – Emma Lowe:

Attendance: Absent
Cyclones Game
 Dollar beer night
Relay for Life
 Signups available for Tribunal Team
Selling Pancakes
Community Service
 VA Hospital
 Spending time with veterans
 Habitat for Humanity RESTORE
 Email for more info

Recognition – Rugved Mavidpalli:

Attendance: Present
Nominations are open for Students of the Year for different years (sophomore, junior, freshman, etc)

SOCC – Heath Palmer:

Attendance: Absent
Week of the 14th is next meeting
 Transition from old CampusLink to new CampusLink

Collegiate affairs – Khaled Aboumerhi:

Attendance: Present

Innovation – Emily Demjanenko:

Attendance: Present
 Exploratory Week
 No limit on spots you can sign up for
Audit Course Surveys
PO submitted for 3D printer
Microwaves in Engineering Buildings
Stress Relief for Finals Week
CEAS Alumni Night
Come to .the committee meeting if you have questions or suggestions
Offcampus Housing Portal
 Has potential for people who need subleases
Offcampus housing portal <http://offcampushousing.uc.edu/>

Order of the Engineer – Sean Gleason:

Attendance: Present
Take an oath & pay \$10 to get a ring, certificate, and post-ceremony reception
For graduating seniors from CEAS, specific majors

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MONDAY – SPECIAL MEETING, SAME TIME, SAME FOOD, SAME PLACE

The next meeting will be held on **March 14th, 2016 3.14.16** at 5:30pm in 525 OldChem.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm by Carlo Perottino.