Student Media Board
Minutes
Nov. 10, 2009

Attending:
Dr. Jerome Ratchford, Michelle Azriel, Aixa M. Pascual, Dr. Jan Phillips, Hugh Sheely, Kevin Schmidt, Katherine Tippins, Patti Gregory, Justin Hayes, Ed Bonza.

Absent: Maria Yanovsky.

The meeting was called to order by secretary to the board, E. Bonza at 11:15 a.m.

As several new members were present, introductions were made.

K. Tippins, current editor of The Sentinel newspaper, confirmed her interest in a second term (spring term, Jan. 2010 - April; 14 issues). Consistent with SMB bylaws, the board discussed first interviewing the current editor before opening the search, if necessary. A motion was made to interview K. Tippins. Moved by H. Sheely, seconded by K. Schmidt. As there was no discussion, the board moved into the interview.

After the interview the board moved into closed deliberations at 11:31 a.m. The candidate and non members were asked to leave. A motion was made to continue the appointment of K. Tippins for a second term. Moved by J. Hayes. J. Phillips seconded. The motion passed 9-0-0.

Currently the SMB interviews all top positions for all media groups. A proposal was made to transfer selection and appointment authority for the radio station's General Manager and Program Director to the OWL Radio Executive Board. Moved by M. Azriel. H. Sheely. The motion passed 9-0-0.

A survey on Sentinel readership had been conducted by J. Hayes. J. Hayes agreed to share the results of the study at the SMB's next meeting, for discussion and possible action.

Open positions on the board (currently 3 student positions and one Staff Member, University at large) were discussed. Members were encouraged to forward suggestions. E. Bonza promised some action prior to the next meeting. Selection of SMB chair would also be done at this meeting.

Updates for all media groups were made by respective editors or managers at 11:57 a.m.

The board agreed to meet again before the end of December.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m.

Please review and let me know of any errors.

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