Minutes of the University of San Diego Interfraternity Council
February 14, 2013

I. Called to Order: A regular meeting of the USD Interfraternity Council was held on February 14, 2013 in UC 103. The meeting was called to order at 1:03. Mark Barnett, President and Stephen Hilger, Vice President Administration, presiding.

II. Creed

III. Roll Call
a. See attendance grid at end of these minutes

IV. Approval of Minutes: Motion was made by Phi Kappa Theta and seconded to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Motion Carried

V. Officer Reports
a. President – Mark Barnett
   i. Good job at the Informationals
   ii. GBD Training – Thursday, February 21st 12:15-2pm
      1. Owen will run the meeting, Mark is attending
      2. Fill out application that Mark will send out in email
      3. Email will include location
   iii. ‘How to Help a Friend’ Dinner/Discussion – Thursday, February 28th 5:30pm
      1. how to approach a friend on the subject of eating disorders
   iv. Meeting will always be at 1 from now on
b. VP Membership – Owen Buckley
   i. Rush Update
      1. Guidelines are outdated and inadequate
         a. Planning on revising and expanding them for next fall
         b. Not enough clarity in current Guidelines
      2. Talk with Lindsey Mercer in Shiley at 7:30
         a. Required for all PNM’s
      3. Phi Kap: Wants reminder for PNMs on how to sign up on IFC Website
         a. Sign up will be addressed at Talk with Lindsey tonight
c. VP Programming – Chris Barrett
   i. Themes for Greek Week
      1. Around the World: May be too easy to be offensive
      2. Jungle Theme: Not enough variety
      3. Hollywood: Confirmed Greek Week Theme
         a. Integrate jungle into this theme
   ii. Consensus from Greek Week Delegate meeting
      1. Relay races moved to Tuesday during Dead hours on lawn between Maher and Immaculata
      2. Trivia will not be an event this year
      3. Possible can drive
   iii. Faculty Appreciation Night: Tuesday, March 19th @UC Forum C at 7
      1. Delegates email cwbarrett.84@gmail.com with 2-3 faculty nominations
      2. Speech will be given on how Greek Life impacts the school and how teachers impact our lives as members of Greek Life.
   iv. Goals for Next Week
      1. Greek Week activities will be finalized by Greek Week Delegate meeting on Tuesday, February 19th
         a. Each individual days theme will be discussed and decided at this meeting
b. Add bonus point system to Greek Week with Can drive is a possible option
d. VP Communications – Spencer Montoya
   i. Diversity Week -- March 11-16
      1. Watch your language – Do not use derogatory terms that have become common in contemporary language
         a. Solid Public Relations from this event
         b. Suggestions?
            i. No suggestions
   ii. AS Meeting
      1. Meal plan rules are being revised
   iii. Baseball game tomorrow – Encourage attendance
      1. Tickets may be sold out
e. Special Events Coordinator – Brandon Hood
   i. Philanthropy meeting went well
      1. Letter Writing theme decided: When We Were Young
         a. Wants to focus more on the kids
      2. Revamped letter writing:
         a. Students will address envelopes in advance
         b. Oriented to encourage more than just Greek members to show up
   ii. G.I.F.T. proposed by Trevor Olson
      1. See discussion in Old Business
f. VP Administration – Stephen Hilger
   i. Reminder: Send out chapter rosters
   ii. Dues are due March 1

VI. Other Reports
a. Advisor – Emily Cunningham
   i. Approved events
      1. February 21st – Phi Kappa Theta and Kappa Kappa Gamma
      2. February 22nd – Delta Tau Delta and Alpha Phi
b. Wellness Advisor – Dr. Bob Ballantyne
   i. Staff psychologist with advising center
   ii. Greek life is important so he wants to establish a connection between wellness
   iii. Happy to help out with stress coming from occupying leadership positions or help out members of fraternities who need it
      1. Available from 1-2 in the SLIC
   iv. Announcement: Weekly wellness workshops
      1. Mondays from 1:30 – 2:30pm @ Serra Hall 215
      2. This coming Monday: Develop concentration and focus

VII. Old Business
a. G.I.F.T.
   i. Didn’t tie in to St. Jude’s Letter Writing
      1. May Distract from St. Jude’s
      2. Better to save as an event for a different week
b. Out of Town Formal Proposal
   i. Sigma Phi Epsilon – Concerned that proposal won’t be considered before deadline tomorrow
      1. Feels backed into corner
      2. Proposal may do more damage than intended
      3. Support new member development and old member retreat portions
      4. Should explore these portions separately
ii. Sigma Phi Epsilon –
   1. Are we going to have to submit academic requirements?
   2. Mandy – You must submit what you are doing at that event and administration will decide if its educational in nature
iii. Delta Tau Delta –
   1. Would be good to put something forward
   2. Asking Mandy: What would be our next step?
iv. Mandy – Meeting with Dr. Avery tomorrow
   1. No feedback because we haven’t received anything
v. Phi Kappa Theta – This proposal says that we are willing to put in more effort and it reaffirms our principles. Passing this would show that we are committed and serious to finding a resolution. If we want to effect policy change, we must work hard over a long period of time with Panhellenic.
   1. Lambda – Agree that we are united in our cause to better Greek Community
vi. Delta Tau Delta: What happens if the majority of our members still go?
   1. As long its not a fraternity event, every individual is free to do what they like on their own time
   2. Must be done on individual basis, not fraternity basis
vii. Change to IFC By-laws
   1. Guest AS Senator – Understands that this move by administration was made because they were fed up with problems in Greek life, so why are these same changes being made to general student organizations.
      a. Mandy: Impact will be minimal on other student organizations and Concern is universal for all student organizations
   2. It will be up to individual organizations to prove the educational value to administration in order for out of town event to be approved
   3. Mandy – Must be primarily educational, but social aspects will be a part of any out of town event.
viii. Phi Kappa Theta: Are changes being made to Greek Guidelines and Student Organization guidelines separately?
ix. Lambda Chi Alpha: Are there other student organizations that are in fear of losing out of town trips?
   1. No there are no other events of this kind that currently take place
   2. Behavior in Greek system is why this change is being made
   3. AS Senator – Just found out last Sunday that all student organizations are being effected. Didn’t feel that the administration was transparent outside of IFC.
      a. Planning on making a proposal to address this in Thursday AS meeting
x. Phi Kappa Theta – This will be a statement of what were willing to do, rather then an actual change
xi. Lambda Chi Alpha – If this policy goes into effect, have fraternities considered financial aspect of bringing in an educational speaker on their own budget?
xii. Sigma Phi Epsilon – Proposal was made with intention of being a Greek Guideline change so delegates do not feel as if they are comfortable committing themselves to everything outlined in this proposal.
xiii. Phi Kappa Theta – Shouldn’t waste time voting on it. We need to work as presidents with Panhellenic to create Greek Guideline change
   1. Meeting with Panhellenic should be put on calendar to address this issue in particular
VIII. New Business
a. Vegas – University does not have numerical rule about attendance qualifying an outing as a chapter event, but some national chapters have those rules
b. Phi Kappa Theta – Table discussion about UGA til next week
   i. Previous leadership placed UGA on this week
   ii. In the future, we should be more mindful of scheduling these events around recruitment
c. Wants more time to change up Rush video, at least 2 days in advance
d. Vegas was supposed to be taken out of videos, felt vegas played too large of a role in Lambda Chi Alpha’s video
   i. Clarification needs to be made in Greek Guidelines

IX. Chapter Reports
a. Beta Theta Pi:
   i. Good rush week
   ii. Looking forward to UGA
b. Delta Tau Delta:
   i. March 16th -- Delt Dodgeball is back
c. Lambda Chi Alpha:
   i. Rush is going well, good luck
d. Phi Gamma Delta:
   i. Battle of DJ’s – March 8th
      1. Wants a DJ to volunteer from each fraternity
      2. 300$ prize for winner
      3. Interested participants email mortazavi@sandiego.edu
      4. 7-9pm @ Sportscenter
e. Phi Kappa Theta:
   i. Rush is going well, good luck with rest of week
f. Sigma Phi Epsilon:
   i. Rush is going well, good luck with rest of week

X. Announcements
a. None

XI. Adjournment
a. Motion: Delta Tau Delta
b. Second: Lambda Chi Alpha

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