

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA SEMINOLE CLUB
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 15, 2009

Opening:

Sheila Riley called the meeting to order at 10:21am and certified a quorum. In attendance were Jeanette Merkel, Sheila Riley, John Spruill, Krystle Tabangcura, Jeremy Jungreis and Kristine Adams. Not in attendance were Jason Burns, Amanda Thompson and Tennie Wiggins. Betty Clopton, former club president, and Marlene Henderson attended the meeting. The agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved. Jeanette gave the treasurers report with no significant issues to report.

Reports:

All the reports were reviewed as posted in the meeting agenda. I have only included significant discussions, concerns and action items addressed. Attached to these meeting minutes is a "Quick Summary" which Sheila wrote to summarize the action items from the meeting. I will refer to this "Quick Summary" through the meeting minutes. Please be aware that actions items are listed in both this document and the Quick Summary. Neither document should be used for an exclusive action item list or summary.

During the President's report, a motion was made to have Betty Clopton fill John Rogers' vacant board spot thru the end of the year. This motion passed with six yes votes and one abstention. See the Quick Summary for Sheila's action item.

During the SCSC Website update, we discussed the ability to collect dues, merchandise payment, etc. thru a PayPal portal. Sheila is going to discuss this with John Rogers who has been spearheading the development and upgrade of the website. The Website discussion led into more discussion on SCSC E-News. The Quick Summary covers all the issues identified during this discussion.

During the Social/Event discussion, Krystal had some great ideas on how to improve the social aspect of the club. Some of these ideas included fielding a kickball team, sponsoring a SCSC sports team in a local league, and having a football season kickoff party at Happy Endings sports bar. Krystal agreed to serve as Social Chair and would continue to improve our activities in this arena.

The Social/Events discussion continued by reviewing the E-Industry Night held on February 8, 2009 at Ted Vail's house. The event was successful because about 50 people attended and the socializing among alumni was good. Next time, we can improve on the logistics of the event. Particularly there were problems in seeing the student films on Ted's TV. Additionally, this event may not occur next year due to cut backs in funding at Florida State for the Student Thesis Film event.

Regarding the FSU-BYU game we decided that there was not sufficient time to set up a club function in Provo, Utah. Next time the football team is playing out west we should focus efforts to do something for SoCal Noles attending the game.

We had much discussion regarding the candidates for the scholarships awarded by the club. We agreed by a 7-1 vote to award three \$2,000 scholarships. The three award winners were Logan Born, Christopher Newby and Renee Rinard. The Board recommended some changes to the SCSC Scholarship Application. Most of these changes are designed to help us differentiate between applicants. The first change is the title

of the application should be updated from “2006-2007 Scholarship Application.” Future applications should request the total SAT and ACT score in addition to the highest SAT & ACT score (which is currently requested on the application.) Also, more guidance should be given on the application regarding the essay question. This year’s applicants had quite a bit of variability in the direction of their responses to the essay question. The class rank question should ask the applicant’s class rank out of how many students. The current question only asks for rank and not out of how many students. Kristine will update the application for next year. See the Quick Summary for more details and action items.

Old Business:

No significant discussions occurred during the old business portion of the meeting.

New Business:

Much discussion during the new business section of the meeting revolved around the future of the club. I will not include all the discussions, but will try to capture the highlights. Please see Sheila’s Quick Summary for more details and action items. Sheila also provided the document she used as her talking points for the future of the club discussion. Her notes have been attached to the meeting minutes. If any other board meeting attendees would like to submit their thoughts for official inclusion in the meeting minutes they are welcome to do so.

The discussion opened with Betty Clopton giving a history of the club. Next Sheila gave her thoughts and how the club has progressed since she took over as President as outlined in the attachment.

After much discussion, Jeremy made a motion that we “keep the governing structure of the club the same; but allow for localized semi-autonomous geographic chapters to focus on outreach.” This motion passed with 8 yes votes and 1 no vote. (The one no vote was cast by Tennie. Shelia had a proxy vote for Tennie.) After the motion passed, we decided the localized chapters should include: LA, OC/Inland Empire, San Diego, and Santa Barbara-Ventura. Additionally, Jeremy and Kristine will prepare a proposed governing structure for the club to include the geographic chapters. They will present this at the next board meeting.

On the subject of elections, we identified who would seek re-election for the Board. The election process and action items are all identified the Quick Summary.

Adjournment:

Our next board meeting is scheduled for 10am, Saturday November 7, 2009 at Sheila’s house in Riverside. 4815 Rubidoux Ave. Riverside CA 92504. The focus of this meeting should be to decide on the governing structure of the club. We should also discuss the initial planning of our annual E-Night event (if FSU will be conducting the Student Thesis Film Event in Los Angeles.) We adjourned the meeting at 2:05pm.

Attachments:

1. Sheila’s “Quick Summary” of the 8/15/2009 Meeting.
2. “Sheila’s Thoughts” for the future of the club discussion.

Respectfully submitted, John Spruill, Secretary