

# CSUF ASCE

## USDOT Meeting Minutes and Quick Update

*Date: 6/19/08*

*Present: Nick*

*Next meeting: July 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008*

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### I. Announcements

List all announcements made at the meeting. For example, new members, change of event, etc.

- **Tax Exempt non-profit Organization:** James Weldon has contacted the IRS and gotten information on our Tax Exemption. We should be getting a hard copy of the document in a few weeks
- **Display Boards:** Nick has asked the College of Engineering and Computer Science for the keys to the two display boards in front of the ASCE room. He was informed by Dean that the display boards are being replaced and has been told how to claim a key for the new boards once they are installed before the fall semester.
- **Grant Committee:** Prof. Tiwari has asked that the club for a small (3-4 persons) committee who will meet with himself and the Dean of the college to discuss obtaining a grant for PSWRC. James and Nick will be part of this committee. We still need two more members. Contact Nick for further information. James has already written a proposal and has submitted it.
- **New Computer Proposal:** Nick wrote a proposal for a new computer for the club and has turned it into Prof. Tiwari and Sergio Guerra. They will correlate with Nick to review and eventually turn into the Dean.

### II. Discussion

Summarize the discussion for each existing issue, state the outcome, and assign any action item.

6/19/08 USDOT Presentation at California State University – Fullerton

Nick attended this meeting. Generally the meeting was about how the Department of transportation is willing to help students with scholarships. This year three ASCE members obtained the \$7,500 Dwight D. Eisenhower Scholarship. Sergio Guerra feels that the deadlines for the scholarship occur at a bad time for CSUF students. The deadline generally falls during the first week of spring semester. He plans to set up a group for filling out and completing the scholarships before the deadline, a internal deadline for CSUF students. Nick also expressed to Sergio that any scholarships that are sent to Jerome (webmaster) will be put up on the csuf-asce.com website.



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Clockwise: Dean Raman Unnikrishnan, Durga Shrestha, Sergio Guerra, Nick Polichetti, Hector Sahagun

### III. Roundtable

Summarize the status of each area/department.

Steel Bridge – James has been creating multiple preliminary designs for the 2009 PSWRC steel bridge competition.

Fundraising – Matt is currently writing the proposal letter which will be sent to companies asking for donations. Nick has contacted Habitat for Humanity for possible Community Service.

### IV. Items to be Completed by Next Meeting

