Finance Committee Minutes

February 5th, 2015
6:30pm to 6:58pm

Present: Jenny Jiang, Greta Stacy, Aisha Amin, Laura Lubben, Vy Nguyen, Samantha Page

Tardy:

Regrets:

Call to Order 6:30pm

Funding Requests 6:31pm

1. Student 1 requesting $570 for two day conference in Florida
   a. $383 for the flight
   b. Allowing $125 for hotel stay
   c. Itemized list doesn’t match final price, student must specify how long she will be staying at the conference, how many nights she is staying at the hotel
   d. Aisha moves to table the request, Greta seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

2. a. Student 2 requesting $270 for two day conference next week
   b. $220 for transportation between Smith and Bradley and three days of food.
   c. Greta moves to fund student 2 $220, Sam seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

3. a. Student 3 requesting $165 for conference in Boston
   b. Not funding her $64 for hotel parking
   c. Funding her $250 for hotel accommodations
   d. Funding her $70 for reg fee
   e. Food: $75 for two days
f. Funding her $112 for gas
f. Sam moves to fund Student 3 $507 for her request, Greta seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

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a. Student 4 requesting $165 for same conference as Student 4
b. Reg fee $55, Food: $28, and $50 for bus ticket
c. Greta moves to fund Student 4 $133, Sam seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

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a. Student 5 requesting money from conference fund for one day conference in DC
b. Reg fee is $200
c. Subtracting $40 from taxi request from DC airport
d. Aisha moves to fund $777 for Student 5, Sam seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

Adjournment 6:58pm

SGA Cabinet Minutes
February 5th, 2015
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Present: Greta Stacy (chair), Vy Nguyen, Aisha Amin, Jenny Jiang, Laura Lubben, Nancy Chen, Julia Collins, Marianna Januario, Milanes Morejon, Samantha Page, Avery Lussier, Molly Grover, Charlye Barfield, Yoo Eun Kim, Andrea Lahlum

Tardy: Milanes Morejon

Regrets: Lindsay Roth

Call to Order 7:00pm
Greta calls the meeting to order

Approve Minutes 7:01pm
Charlye moves to pass last weeks minutes, Laura seconds, motion passes 13,0,0.

Questions about Committee Updates 7:03pm
1. Rally Day Carnival Updates: Book drive is going well, lots of donations coming in, boxes are in houses, getting a big donation from the archives.
   a. Adas will help out next Tuesday at lunch
   c. Carnival: 7-9 pm Feb 17th

2. When should we move the 5 college dinner to?
   a. It conflicts with a lot of things
   b. New date: March 26th, also the same day SEC’s big speaker will come

3. Should the new CDO come to a cabinet meeting?
   a. Yes, this would be a good use of our time
   b. What else should we extend invitations to him for?

4. Greta’s meeting with Provost Rowe
   a. The look of the diploma

Spring Board of Trustees Meeting Topics 7:17 pm

1. They will be here the 6th, 7th, 8th, and we have a Friday lunch slot with them
2. Greta met with Donna Lisker, the board will talk about Transgender admissions policy, this may be a better topic for a meeting for the wider student body.
3. The board will meet and are planning on making some sort of decision on the issue.
4. Having a different topic for our lunch time meeting with the board, not the trans policy.
5. Bring up the issues from last tabling session to senate so we can get feedback from the houses.
6. Looking to educate them, not to ask them to solve any of these issues.
7. Greta, Sam and Aisha will make up sample questions for tabling to run by cabinet

Funds for Class Day Speaker 7:27 pm

1. Should we (and if yes, how can we) use SGA funds to assist in bringing a Class Day speaker?
   a. Constraints for Sawyer Fund money: we have the money
   b. Janet Mock during Senior Week

Restructure
1. Julia met with Becky Shaw on Tuesday, she suggested we make it a broader student life position, not a res life position. Should it be an elected position?
   a. The person elected would meet with Donna Lisker
   b. They would have a committee
   c. Integrating JB into this Student Life committee?
2. Cabinet Structure
Moving committee chairs into senate and creating a student life position are the main structural changes we will be making.

Check-in about Plans for Spring Semester

1. Survey for tabling and BOT meeting
2. Waste-free 5 college dinner

Notes:
Dress nicely and wear name tag for dinner with Kathy

Adjournment 8:22pm

Committee Updates

Greta Stacy:

Met with Donna Lisker:
-- Spring BOT meeting will focus on trans* admission policy. This would be a good topic for the session with students, but perhaps SGA Cabinet would like to discuss something else. The dates the Board will be here are: March 5, 6, 7.
-- A job posting has gone out for a part-time psychiatrist to join the staff at Counseling Services. Also, counselors that have worked 4 days a week will be working 5 days a week from now on.

Dining Services:
-- Kathy Zieja is retiring at the end of this semester. I will be asking for Senators to join a search committee for her replacement.

5 College Meeting at Smith:
-- Do we want to move this date? (Currently on March 6 during the BOT visit.)

Meeting with Provost Rowe:
-- I’m meeting with Provost Rowe next week. Here’s what I’m planning to talk about. Do you have anything to add?
-- Format of diplomas
Meeting format between students and Theater faculty. Milanes and I met with students this week to discuss how they meeting could be productive for students and a place where they feel comfortable sharing their concerns. I will pass this information on to the Provost.

**New CDO:**
-- I want to make sure we get students and the SGA a lot of time with the new CDO when he arrives. *What invitations would we like to extend?*

**Lindsay Roth**
Yesterday was the first HPA meeting since winter break. Sam came to talk to the HPs about the rally day carnival and the rally day book drive. *There are now boxes for the book drive in all of the houses. Additionally we coordinated with Avery so that the valentines that people make get to them in the houses on the 13th.* Moreover, next week we are talking about the light it up blue campaign for autism awareness. This seems to be a controversial topic so if anyone has any input please feel free to contact me.

**Avery Lussier**
The 2018 Cabinet will be holding a Valentine's event on Friday, February 13th, from 12-4pm. Smithies can write a sweet note to a fellow Smithie, and the notes will be distributed via houses.
We are beginning to work with Dean Shaver to become involved in this spring's admitted student’s weekend.
We are coming in contact with the registrar to discuss the possibility of having an info session during orientation in which course registration questions can be addressed.
The cabinet is working on a snow creation event of some sort - possibly a snow creation contest on Chapin lawn.
Additionally, we are discussing collaborating with the SEC during their showing of the Oscar’s and possibly having a photo booth of some sort.

**Yoo Eun Kim**
The Class of 2016 Cabinet is planning to hold a Class of 2016 House Reps meeting next Wednesday (Feb 11th) from 7:30 - 8:30 PM at Neilson Browsing Room. At the meeting, we plan to vote for our next VP, Social Chair, and Historian and talk about class events for Spring Semester. The Class Cabinet is also planning a class-wide Spoons Game, and we plan to hold the event in early March.

**Samantha Page**
Class of 2017 Cabinet will be selling candy grams on the main level of the CC next Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the table for the book drive, which we will also be promoting.
Colgan Powell
Sustainability Committee is hosting two information sessions for faculty and staff about making the switch to local renewable energy on Wednesday, Feb. 11th, and Friday, Feb. 13th from 12:15-1 with The Center for EcoTechnology. The committee is also collaborating with the Committee on Sustainability to host an event for a student forum for later this month.

Laura Lubben
The ORC is working on finalizing the funding policies and so is looking to meet with a number of organizations on campus to try to solve some issues before the policies get passed through senate.

Julia Collins
The curriculum committee met this week to do some agenda setting and planning for the semester. We're still collecting faculty teaching award nominations and will be evaluating those sometime in the next week or so.

Molly Grover
The Adas started full-force with planning for the Ada Monologues this week. There will be a sledding trip to the MacLeish Center on Saturday. We are planning monthly Ada lunch meet-ups in one of the Chase/Duckett special dining rooms, with an “Invite a Trad” lunch hopefully happening in March.

Nancy Chen
The SJE reps met on Sunday and came up with goals for the semester. We introduced new representatives to the committee and will be meeting next week to make an organized calendar for the rest of the semester.

Vy Nguyen
Senate met on Tuesday for the first time this semester. We elected senators into the Gavel Awards Committee, the Rally Day Carnival Committee, and the Code of Conduct Review team. The Weightlifting charter was also presented and will be voted on next week. Senate also voted to pass the Divest Resolution. During open forum, Senate formed an Idea Fest Committee and elected senators into the committee as well. We finally reached quorum.

Milanes Morejon
100 Days until graduation is tomorrow from 11:00am-1:00pm on the main level of the Campus Center. We are having issues with class day speaker process. We have a coffee house planned for February 27th from 6:00-8:30pm.