Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2015
6:30pm to 6:58pm

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

Tardy: Vy Nguyen

Regrets:

Call to Order 6:30pm

Funding Requests 6:31pm

1. Student requesting $1275 in total from Sawyer Fund through SGA for SGA hosted event.
   a. Funds for food include drinks/refreshments so this would only be $700
   b. Requesting $75 for publicity/ decorations.
   c. Greta moves to fund Student $775 to Student motion passes 4,0,0.

2. Student requesting through Organization for the screening of a movie
   a. Requesting $72 for food
   b. ORC already funded them for director’s hotel and transportation and $120 for snacks already.
   c. This organization should communicate with the organization that already requested money from ORC, they have to let us know what the situation is then get back to us.
   d. Aisha moves to table claire’s request, laura seconds, motion psses 4,0,1.

3. Student requesting $178.98 from Sawyer Fund for eco event.
   a. Laura moves to fund organization in full, sam seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.

4. Student requesting money from Conference Fund ($440)
   a. Hasn’t been able to get van because all are reserved
   b. Vy moves to table this request, sam seconds, motion passes 5,0,0.
Notes:

Bylaw changes: Cabinet should keep it’s role in allocating SGA money. Four appointees to ORC will rotate out for the four cabinet appointees in the finance and ORC meetings.

Policy Adjustment:

Limits for domestic conferences: $600 and $400 for travel as a max. This wouldn’t include travel to and from airport. **$500 for travel from and to Smith subject to committees final decision/ cut-backs.**

Adjournment 6:55pm

SGA Cabinet Minutes

Thursday, April 2, 2015
7:00pm to 7:40pm

Present: Jenny Jiang, Greta Stacy, Laura Lubben, Samantha Page, Aisha Amin, Marianna Januario, Julia Collins, Colgan Powell, Nancy Chen, Yoo Eun Kim, Vy Nguyen, Lindsay Roth, Molly Grover, Andrea Lahlum, Milanes Morejon

Tardy: Charlye Barfield

Regrets: Avery Lussier

Call to Order 7:00pm

Approve Minutes 7:01pm

Julia moves to pass minutes, Laura seconds motion passes 12,0,1.

Committee Updates 7:03pm

**Greta Stacy**

-- We will not be having Cabinet meeting next week. I will still make a document for Committee Updates, so please send those in at the usual time next week. Please consider using the free time to work on preparing your materials for transition. **FINANCE**
COMMITTEE WILL STILL MEET AND YOU STILL HAVE TO SUBMIT COMMITTEE UPDATES.

-- I met with theater students and Dwight Hamilton on Monday. We shared student concerns and the measures that had been discussed for a meeting between students and faculty. Dwight shared information from his meeting with Professor Kramer. Dwight will follow up with Joe O'Rourke.
-- Lindsay and I met with Dean Stangl on Wednesday. We talked a lot about how the SAA selection process could be better for next year. We are going to meet again on Friday to discuss moving forward this year.
-- I met with Dean Lisker on Tuesday. We discussed bring the president-elect to our next meeting and the May meeting with the Board of Trustees.

Yoo Eun Kim
The Class of 2016 Cabinet held the April Fool’s Day Milk & Cookies event yesterday (Thursday) from 8:00 - 9:30 PM at the Neilson Browsing Room. On behalf of SGA, Yoo Eun Kim attended the Web Development Meeting on Tuesday. At the event, she received free Smith gear and provided incredibly honest feedback on the website. Yoo Eun Kim has also selected four great speakers for the Sophomore Study Abroad/Away panel.

Samantha Page
Class of 2017 Talent Showcase will be this Friday, April 3 from 7-9 in the CC TV Lounge. We’re going to have a lot of great performers, so check it out! (You’ll be automatically entered to win a gift card if you attend)
“So You’re Going to Study Away/Abroad?” is on 4/9 from 4:30 to 5:30 in Neilson Browsing Room.
Avocado Sales still on for 4/10 and 4/13 in the CC at lunch time - We deliver!
Also, a final update on the Book Drive: We finally got the books to a home over spring break. After the drive ended, we were planning on using a facilities vehicle to transport the 120+ boxes of books we collected to the WCC. On that day, my contact said she wasn’t sure where she would put them all and told me she would get back to me. Almost four weeks (and some 10 unanswered voicemails) later, I still have never heard back from my contact there. Finally, Tamra needed to just get them somewhere else, so she reached out to various organizations and the books are now all with More Than Words (https://www.mtwyouth.org/) in Boston. I’m disappointed that they did not go where we originally thought they would, and I’m still quite frustrated and confused about what happened with the WCC, but I’m glad all the books we collected went somewhere where they will be used! Thank you all for your support through this project.

Molly Grover
We hosted Dwight Hamilton at Ada Cabinet today and shared with him the proposal for an Ada Fellow that we submitted to the Strategic Plan Committee.
There is a Meet the Candidates event at Hopkins Lounge tomorrow for the two Ada President candidates.

Work is ongoing on the Ada Monologues, Senior gifts, the 40th Anniversary Commemorative Print committee, and installing newly purchased stuff in Hopkins Lounge.

**Lindsay Roth**
HPA met on Tuesday and talked a lot about getting ready for the transition meeting which will be on April 14th. We also got an update from a group of HPs working on the HP mission statement which will be hopefully revised and approved before the next group comes in. We still need to discuss how the restructure changes will impact HPA and its role. We also had a long discussion about whether HPA would do something for Autism Acceptance Month; it seems really hard to put something concrete together to make everyone happy. I was hoping to touch base with SJE to see if there is anyway we can help them if they are planning something.

**Colgan Powell**
Earth Week, Sunday 04/19-04/26, will be a great week of festivities! More information on what the committee will be hosting that week! The Food Chain screening was successful among members in the Pioneer Valley, there was a good discussion of how more light can be shed on farmworks and the injustices they face.

**Avery Lussier**
The 2018 Cabinet held their Cookies and Collaging event this Monday, however, it was not successful due to event conflicts.

**Jenny Jiang**
The Conference Fund has been REOPENED! Finalized conference funding guidelines. Established limits on transportation.

**Milanes Morejon**
Senior Wine & Cheese is today from 8:00-9:30pm at the Alumnae House! We still need volunteers for Janet Mock on Monday, so if you or anyone you know is interested, please have them e-mail me. We are working on senior ball and senior week logistics. Ticket sales for senior ball will officially begin on Monday, April 6.

**Nancy Chen**
We met on Sunday and discussed the finishing touches on the first year survey, which will be going out sometime next week. SJE has been collaborating with DSA on programming for Autism Acceptance Month, and plan to do an all house competition. We will approach HPA with the idea and hopefully collaborate.
-SJE wants to do a house competition

**Laura Lubben**
We have worked on the new bylaws, which will hopefully be done next week, and have talked about crafting a letter to the Dean about certain issues we have seen Orgs face but
that we do not have the power to fix. Some would be creating a credit card for students or speakers who cannot afford to front costs of a conference or travel expenses, as well as more support for the Office of Multicultural Affairs as many of the events we support are run through that office.

**Andrea Lahlum**
Dean O and I went to Senate on Tuesday to present JB By-Law changes. The Vice-Chair and I are still in the process of reviewing applications for next year, but hope to have decisions made by Monday, April 6. We are also interviewing Chair/Vice-Chair candidates next Wednesday, and hope to decide between those candidates after that meeting. Also, Code of Conduct Review team meets next Wednesday, April 8, to continue discussions.

**Vy Nguyen**
Senate met on Tuesday and we were not able to vote on the Curriculum Committee bylaw changes or the Student Life committee bylaws because we did not reach quorum. Andrea and Dean O came and presented JB By-law changes and gave an update on the Code of Conduct. We also had Professor Lowenthal from the Astronomy Department come in and talk about lighting on campus. It was a rather interesting conversation. Laura also came in to speak.

Something that has been brought to my attention is that there is a rumor going around saying that Senate is going to vote to ban the Confessional. This is not true. If you hear this going around, please correct people and tell them that Senate is not voting to do anything to the confessional, and that Senate only wants feedback to give to Dean O.

**Marianna Januario**
EnA is going to finish creating the ballots for VOTING to start on MONDAY APRIL 6 - MONDAY APRIL 13, this weekend.
Tamra was wondering why we have Area Senators voting by Area and not by class. This is something that I know we discussed in Restructure, but I don’t remember our reasoning for that.

**Voting will be by class**
The email for appointments is going to go out on TUESDAY, hopefully. So I need all committees to have their dates and times in to me by this weekend. Appointments will start as soon as voting is over. ORC/Finance Committee and Curriculum will be getting appointees, will any other committees? Will Student Life? Will Sustainability? (I know this is the annual question)
Going to meet with Molly to discuss how to get the word out to Adas about positions on the SGA, during elections, and Appointments

**Laura Lubben**
The new finance committee/ORC committee bylaws were presented this week and hopefully will be voted on in two weeks.
Turnover Meeting
7:55pm

- Happening on April 23rd
- Everyone currently on cabinet come, general sharing and advice, take a picture, then more in depth will be when you meet with your counterpart, if you don’t have a counterpart, or are a committee chair then you must reach out to this person separately.
- Should we invite people elected to positions that won’t be cabinet positions anymore?
- Wear your sga polo
- Consensus: a unified sga turnover meeting
- Work on your transition materials

Adjournment 8:10pm