Finance Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 2nd, 2014
6:30pm to 6:58pm

Present: Aisha Amin, Samantha Page, Vy Nguyen, Laura Lubben, Greta Stacy (minutes)

Tardy:

Regrets:

I. Call to Order
   6:30pm

II. Funding Requests
   6:31pm
   A. Student 1
      1. Classical Music, Critical Challenges Conference
      2. Asking for $1200.00
      3. Laura moves to fund $1172.00
         a) $762 for the flight, $250 for the hotel, $160 for food
      4. Sam seconds
      5. Motion passes 4-0-1
   B. Student 2
      1. People's Climate March: Youth Convergence & People's Climate March
      2. Asking for $102.00
      3. Sam moves to fund $82.65
         a) $40.65 for gas and $42.00 for parking
      4. Vy seconds
      5. Motion passes 4-0-1
   C. Student 3
      1. PLEN: Women, Law and Legal Advocacy
      2. Asking for $1195.00
         a) $250 for plane, $250 for hotel, $160 for food, $100 for airport shuttle to and from BDL, $325 for conference application and attendance
II. Committee Updates

A. Vy Nguyen

III. Conference Fund Use

A. Should we use the Conference Fund to fund organization events that are off-campus but are not strictly “conferences”?
   1. Using the fund more broadly for off-campus opportunities
   2. However, we have already spent about half of the money in the Conference Fund
   3. Will need to consider parameters for this kind of event more closely

IV. Adjournment

6:57pm

SGA Cabinet Minutes

Thursday, October 2nd, 2014
7:00pm to 8:00pm

Present: Greta Stacy, Aisha Amin (minutes), Laura Lubben, Andrea Lahlum, Nancy Chen, Marianna Januario, Samantha Page, Vy Nguyen

Tardy: Colgan Powell, Molly Grover, Lindsay Roth

Regrets: Charlye Barfield

I. Call to Order

7:00pm

    A. Greta calls the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

II. Committee Updates

7:00pm

    A. Vy Nguyen
1. Tuesday Senate meeting, President McCartney was there.
2. Two Senators were elected for the Sustainability Committee.
3. There was an open forum to move forward with restructure, opened committees up for debate.
4. Vy came up with transformation Tuesday event: bring a picture as a kid.

B. Samantha Page
1. Monday they had sophomore class representative meeting, 25 out of 40/50 people showed up.
2. Many people participated. Talked about goals for the year and cabinet came up with different ideas and got feedback from class representatives.
3. They have lots of feedback on timing and communication for the sophomore class.
   a) Greta asks if there are any communication tips that the group could benefit from hearing. Samantha responds that most of the feedback was about things that are not working.

C. Marianna Januario
1. Event on Monday turnout was not great, only two people who weren’t candidates showed up.
2. Greta would have liked to see more Cabinet members there.
   a) It would be better as an SGA to give each other support if we request that kind of support from the student body.
   b) If there are any issues or situations that will keep you from participating with the group, please talk to Greta.
   c) Expecting more attendance of Cabinet members to SGA events in the future.
3. Email for committee appointments in the near future.

D. Nancy Chen
1. Met on Sunday
2. Talking about house events and cultural appropriation events
3. SJE Representative drafted two letters regarding event in NYC, one from representatives of color and one from white representatives that will go out to the student body soon

E. Colgan Powell
1. Sustainability Committee met, looking into getting a speaker to come to campus. Cannot be funded since it isn’t an organization, so will have collaborate with different organizations on campus.
2. Meeting with Hampshire thrift store to sell clothing on campus for Fall Fest and deciding what to do for Fall Fest.
3. Fall Fest: Put on by Sustainability Representatives, to celebrate Fall season, will be on the 24th of October from 11:00am-2:00pm.

F. Andrea Lahlum
1. All Judicial Board applications in and conducting interviews tomorrow.
a) Good number of juniors
2. Piper Hamilton law firm and representatives came to talk about sexual assault and misconduct and how to handle it.
a) Issues of people not reporting incidents, people indirectly bringing case to Judicial Board.
b) Figuring out ways to discuss where people would like to see this going in the future and the definition of sexual assault, spreading the word about this in a sensitive way.

G. Lindsay Roth
1. House Presidents met on Tuesday
2. Elected someone to go to 7 Sisters Conference (Jackie Morse, HP of Lamont).
3. Social Justice related events coming up on Campus in Neilson Browsing Room, received info about this.
4. Large group discussion of NYC panel, what people have been doing about it, how HPs have been handling situations with SJE reps.
a) Frustration on behalf of House Presidents, lack of transparency with SJE representatives
b) Perhaps another bridge within houses, House Presidents can go to their own SJE representatives, forge a better relationship, reach out for support.

H. Aisha Amin
1. Treasure: people are going to a lot of conferences, spending lots of money
   a) About half the money allocated for the Conference Fund has already been spent
2. Secretary: Social Media boom will happen soon.

I. Molly Grover
1. Adas did not have Cabinet meeting this week
2. Formed new committee (social committee), merchandise committee has two bins now in the SGA Cabinet room.
3. Molly asks Andrea if there is a Judicial Board representative position for Ada.
   a) There is an interested Ada, but it is her first semester on campus.
   b) Andrea will need to check and see if she qualifies to sit.
4. Looking for Ada reps for ORC and Sustainability Committee
5. Greta coming to talk with Ada Cabinet on Wednesday
6. Promotional song and video produced this summer, will show cabinet.

J. Greta Stacy
1. David DeSwert from Finance will come to cabinet November 20th: ask about divestment and how it looks like in college portfolio. And to talk about college finances, where the money goes etc. If you have
specific questions for him, ask Greta beforehand or email her the questions.
2. College Coordinating board will meet every other Friday 3-5pm.

III. Approve Minutes
7:20pm
A. Colgan motions to pass minutes
B. Lindsay seconds
C. Motion passes 10-0-0

IV. Finish Committee Updates
7:21pm
A. Laura Lubben
   1. ORC didn’t meet this week, no requests.
   2. ORC fund for the year is large, hoping to encourage more on campus events.
   3. Sweater designs came in and look good, decide on size of SC. Laura will share a Google Doc.

V. Get Fit Smith and ORC
7:24pm
A. When Get Fit Smith was started 10-15 years ago, it was started by Athletic Association, an organization on campus, and received a budget of $6,000 from ORC.
   1. Now they receive $20,000 for year from College, but they need $30,000 to operate.
   2. ORC has been funding the rest of it ($10-12,000 a semester).
B. ORC money comes from student activities fee for student run on-campus organization events, but Get Fit Smith is run by an administrator, no student has involvement in its running. The Athletic Association has no input, no student boards, no student involvement. This is understandable because it involves many paychecks, etc.
C. ORC issue: Students are double paying for something: gym plus something that isn’t student or organization run and is also used by non-students.
D. Laura has been in contact with Get Fit Smith board member, confirms it can run on $20,000 and without ORC support.
E. Laura will meet with Dean Lisker about this issue.
F. Money ORC currently pays also goes to paying student instructors
G. Laura will talk to Athletic Association, then Dean, and be in touch with Teresa Collins about what Get Fit Smith could look like in the future.

VI. Letter to Student Body
7:40pm
A. Janis Luke a co-chair of BSA, Nancy, and Greta drafted this letter.
B. Hoping that Cabinet members would be willing to put their names on it.
C. It would increase the impact of the letter by giving more accountability for SGA, asking student leaders to give support.
D. Katherine Rowe’s discourse group is going to meet soon.
E. Goal of letter is to inform students of what happened during, after, and what we hope will come out of this.
F. Bryn Mawr: We can reach out to them, collaborate for future events. There are ways we can work on this issue with them since they are experiencing a similar moment in their campus life.

VII. Adjournment
8:00pm
A. Vy moves to adjourn
B. Laura seconds
C. Motion passes 10-0-0