Finance Committee Agenda

October 23rd, 2014
6:30pm to 6:58pm

Call to Order
6:30pm -- Jenny Jiang calls to order at 6:30

Present: Jenny Jiang (chair), Samantha Page (minutes), Laura Lubben, Vy Nguyen

Tardy:

Regrets: Aisha Amin, Greta Stacy

Funding Requests

1. Student 1
   a. Requesting conference funding for Breaking Boundaries for two, $520
   b. Requesting maximum for food and travel to/from Bradley, follows policy
   c. Laura moves to fund both students $520
   d. Vy seconds
   e. Motion passes 3-0-1

2. Student 2
   a. Requesting $176 for 4 people
   b. Money for food, conference fee, no objections
   c. Laura moves to fund student $176 for ASA Conference
   d. Vy seconds
   e. Motion passes 3-0-1

3. Org 1
   a. Sawyer fund request
   b. Retroactive request
   c. No food in Seelye--does this affect funding?
   d. What designation do we give this food? Cultural? Snacks?
   e. Tea and refreshments--$5/person, funds over what they asked
   f. Vy moves to fund the org $110 for cultural event
   g. Laura seconds
   h. Motion passes 3-0-1
Adjournment
Laura moves to adjourn
Vy seconds
Motion passes 3-0-0

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SGA Cabinet Agenda

October 23rd, 2014
7:00pm to 8:10pm

Present: Samantha Page (minutes), Vy Nguyen, Laura Lubben, Vy Nguyen, Julia Collins, Charlye Barfield, Avery Lussier, Yoo Eun Kim, Colgan Powell, Marianna Januario, Molly Grover, Lindsay Roth

Tardy: Milanes Morejon, Nancy Chen

Regrets: Greta Stacy, Aisha Amin, Andrea Lahlum

Call to Order
Vy calls meeting to order at 7:01

Approve Minutes
Charlye moves to approve, Lindsay seconds, passes 11-0-1

Committee Updates
Charlye--HB no updates, Celebrations-- we will be doing a performance

Jenny Jiang--officially taking over for Aisha. approved 2 conference fund requests, 1 sawyer fund

Marianna-- finished appointments for ORC & Curriculum, CMP & CET will be done next week

Avery--met with adviser, got the ball rolling. First cabinet meeting will be next week, planning elections to fill spot

Yoo Eun--still collecting notes for class of 2016--Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday for back-up dates. Posting on 10/31. Will do something similar next semester--junior year memories, Part of Honorary Degree recipient committee--fireside chat in November to get student input on recipients
Colgan--Committee dinner next Tuesday @ C/D Dining Room 3, give-away items, Fall Fest this Friday @ Chapin Lawn--put on by sustainability reps--buttons, give away, house with most members get gift card to Herrell’s

Milanes--cabinet meeting will be on Sunday, start planning events. Event after Thanksgiving for seniors. Received email for commencement committee--what they will talk about with Kathy, input from class reps

Molly--2 new SJE reps from Adas--on and off campus reps. Looking for sustainability rep, THANKS GRETNA FOR COMING TO ADA CABINET MEETING! BSA-Ada Halloween party on 10/30 @ Mwangi Center, 5:30-7:30 pm--kid-friendly, face-painting, costume-making, walk to Alumnae House Haunted House from 7-9. Ada House will be considered house in Senior Giving Campaign/Fall Fest count

Julia--met with Provost to discuss initiatives, getting new members soon, forming additional subcommittee for technology in classroom--esp. regarding accessibility. Initiatives: quantitative requirement, evaluation of writing intensive req, study abroad cooperation with OIS/Lazarus Center--software, opportunities for Adas/transfers, textbook pricing issues/# of copies on reserve, textbook fund--issues with running out of $/lack of notice--only used at the bookstore--higher prices/not efficient use of funds, social justice in the curriculum--SJ designation in course catalog--are these courses really SJ intensive?, online learning--discussion with CAP on MOOCs

Samantha--Pajama Tea on Sunday, Neilson Browsing Room from 9-10, highly recommended for sophomores! Working on gear, jya event, bowling night.

Laura--2 new members of ORC, decided to redo ORC budget process--no semester budgets/hearings/penalties--rolling basis, only apply for semester events, unless happening in first 2 weeks/contracts/bids, still follows funding policies, email going out to presidents/treasurers
Required event-- Monday @ 12 CC 204, Wednesday @ 4:30 CC 205 for reviewing new policies
Preference for year of student? Younger, want changes to be carried forward
Has received over 100 responses--all positive, from almost every org
Senate passed with 2 nos/2 abstains
Money gets rolled back to ORC at end of semester, spent next semester by ORC again--reallocated, hoping to cut down money allocated, instead of a lot of turnover

Lindsay--someone from Donor Relations came to HPA, write thank you notes for alumnae donors, group on campus working on commencement speaker issue--under wraps? from Hannah Durrant, sending out invitations, seems to be lack of information--maybe Greta will know more, Milanes will reach out to build a bridge between senior class and committee, Kathy will be giving out candy during house trick-or-treating, 10/31 6:30-8 pm--campus-wide event, lack of funds to support houses--maybe SGA can give HPA money for candy?, RCSG--spreading information within house communities
Nancy-- talked about feelings

Vy--Senate tried new forum, disability alliance presented charter--be more visible on campus, restructure committee is official, Laura presented ORC changes, open forum for debate--liked by senators, keep using to see how it will fit into restructure

Greta--reserved Chapin Lawn displays for 11/10-14, reserved deck for 11/10 for candy give-away, reserved banner space for this week; contacted dining services about tabling in dining halls--will confirm details about this. “There’s a Committee for That”--flyers and social media

Mid-Semester Week Discussion

Not good turn-out for weeklong events--flashbacks to high school?
Tabling week of 11/10
Spirit day--wear pajamas, Smith apparel
“SGA means to me…” photo-op, tie into social media
Dining hall tabling, if allowable
Class year-specific planning?
Nancy-- event in Carroll Room, input from students--members sit at each table, make themselves available to conversation, publicize through Social Media
Send out survey--multiple choice with option of other, send out email link to survey on social network
Julia--we should table and ask these questions in person, better results that way--more license to talk about what they’re passionate about, refocus follow-up questions based on each interaction
Molly--ask a new question: align ourselves with other groups, facilitating conversations about important issues on campus--What’s your issue? different boxes that correspond with big issues
Marianna--teaching opportunity about SGA, “What would help you learn about what we do?”

Celebrations
Visibility purposes--should still “celebrate loving without boundaries”
Show that we are students, addressing issues on campus--deconstruct our image, share something silly
Serious statement, followed by skit
Discussion tabled until next week

Five College Event
Wrong Door incident @ UMass--5 hate incidents at UMass
5 College coordinating board--support for each other against institutionalized racism?
Would they be separate events at each institution? Maybe 5 events, all the same. Or 1 host for all-college event

Happening at different times at all 5 colleges, show support for all colleges--bigger problem than just our institution

Tie-in with mid-semester week--get feedback, publicize

Aim for this semester

Figure out what we want from this event--focus group, panel, discussion, lots of options--SJE leads with support of SGA

Nancy will ask reps for feedback

Announcements

Marianna--rides to the polls, 11/4 Election Day

Adjournment 8:14pm

Lindsay moves, Charlye seconds, passes