

SBA Meeting – April 23, 2007
Meeting began at 10:00 pm.

Treasurer – ‘Question and Answer’ Session

A workshop that would educate student organization leaders entails:

Jeremy:

1. Make workshop mandatory if they want to apply for funds through the SBA
2. Include large portion on diversity and what kind of programming were looking for as a university (valuable and fair programming). Spread the money out; not everyone can get money for doing the same programs.

Melissa:

1. Guidelines need to be updated; treasurers don't know what to expect when filing their budgets. Really clear guidelines.
2. Teach groups how to plan their programs in advance. Events need to be detailed. Line item budgets. This will help decide what groups truly deserve the money.

Ernesto: Where do you stand on sporting events? A lot of sporting events lost money. Will they cut money?

Jeremy: Those recreational sporting events are important. Shouldn't dominate but it should represent the student body. There should be a certain amount allotted to the sports. Allow a certain amount of the budget for recreational uses and allow a certain amount for cultural expenditures.

Melissa: I agree with Jeremy. The UVA trip got a lot of money. There's a lot of merit to the sporting events. But they get a lot of funding. Wouldn't mind having participants pay a little bit extra so that those student groups that didn't get anything would get some type of money. Hockey, UVA...it's important to bring the school together.

Fallon: Can you speak to other commitments?

Jeremy: I don't have any other besides school and I'm an elected representative. I'm looking to do journal but no other big commitments.

Melissa: Moot court board and journal.

Christine: Budget changes from Ryan, what would you change and what would you keep?

Dan Saltus: If the event hasn't happened by the time a group said it would the SBA could take back the funding.

Jeremy: Need a much more explicit line item budget; discretionary funds; money in general to specific events should be able to take it back and give it to other groups.

Melissa: Good idea; should be able to take money back so that it's not tied up. Have a meeting in the beginning of the year, if not at both semesters, and go over the process.

Fallon: Any treasurer or finance experience you've had.

Jeremy: I worked for University of Kentucky in student affairs. A lot of money was given to student organizations or random students. Had a budget to pull from. Two sets of budgets. Big and Small depending on events. I did accounting by hand and by software. Four years worth of experience.

Melissa: I was treasurer in undergrad. On campus I just handled money in the PILG auction.

Running for Treasurer:

1. Jeremy Mooney
2. Melissa Rizzo

Vote:

Jeremy – 9

Melissa – 3

Our new Treasurer is Jeremy Mooney.

Fallon: Great suggestions. You should both be involved in the process. We are excited. We have a budget committee. I'm excited about this next year. It won't be easy. SBA has done a lot of great things this year. For those who are not involved in SBA next year please remain involved. I'm excited to work with the new people.

Kelli: There will be a get together for the new SBA in September. Perhaps a potluck at my apartment. Just so that everyone can get to know each other and be comfortable with each other. More info forth coming.

Christine: We should move forward in a positive light. No negativity. Hard to stay focused and on track when there is negativity. Move on so that we can make the SBA shine.

Meeting adjourned at 10:29 pm.