

SBA Meeting 02.22.06

Meeting Commenced: 9:43 PM

Meeting Ended: 10:14 PM

I. President's Report

Bruce: Motion to Approve minutes from last 2 meetings.

Morgan: Seconded

Bruce: All in favor?

Unanimous.

A: Katrina Relief

Gavan Meehan: for Katrina relief efforts. Last trip was very successful. We were going to have a full on funding effort for all students that wanted to go down, but a number of students backed out this time when they found out the Spring trip will be less legal and it is going to be all physical labor. The dean "promised" to fund the event, but if the dean doesn't foot the bill, there might be some willingness with the SBA. We're looking to have professors donate privately. I just wanted to let you know about that and give you a heads up b/c I might be asking for money in the next couple of weeks.

B: Email (Kiley and Eric)

Eric: Has notes, draft, proposed language. Will email to Tanya.

Bruce: Then, next meeting we can decide what to do with regard to email/IT policy.

C. Dean Search

Bruce: The meeting that Dean Chill wants us to go to—I think it's a good idea for us to go. The SBA needs to demand from Dean Chill that we have a clear, regular, and free-flowing stream of information with regard to the dean search process. As reps of the student body, our primary goal is to facilitate the free flow of a wide amount of information. Urges to attend and to hammer out the free flow of info. Need constant and regular updates of information.

D. Class Gift Committee

Tabled b/c no one in the committee present.

E. Constitution

Bruce: We're looking at 2 changes. 1.) election standards, 2.) financial/fiscal management. Push up elections to cure the situation as it stands now, that treasurers open the books on one year and close it on another year. Would make more sense to open and close the books on the same year. Imprudent to leave a post w/o your books closed. This should be changed in our constitution. These proposed amendments and procedures are all open to discussion and change. If you have ideas about the election process or the proposed requirement that student groups keep a running book of expenses each year so that they are kept accountable for their expenses each year, then email (Bruce, Tanya).

F. Pro Bono Volunteers

Bruce: Did anyone contact Carrie?

Meg: Contacted her, and hasn't heard back. SBA committee for it? She hasn't emailed back but will check w/her in class tomorrow.

G.

Commending everyone here for the last meeting. It was long, and we were respectful w/each other. Even though I disagreed w/the outcome, I think we worked well as a group. You all should be commended for that. However, I have one issue to bring up and I would like to make note of it in the record. In all of the communications regarding the conference that we agreed to fund, only one email even mentioned SBA co-sponsored it and it was way, way, way at the bottom. There is no requirement to mention SBA, but we almost doubled the allocation, which I thought was generous. WE gave almost 50% more than the entire budget of the orgs.

Fallon: I can check and see if something can be added to the main link of the UConn site. Anything that was mailed out was done in advance so it was probably an oversight.

Jason: I thought last year Chris said it was a requirement if we give money, we have to be mentioned.

Bruce: I wasn't aware of that. I'm inclined to agree, but I wasn't going to say that on the spot. I'm going to ask Owen to put that as a possible amendment in the bylaws.

Owen: So what should the amendment say?

Bruce: Any event that we give money to should include SBA as a co-sponsor.

H. Committees

I tried to run through committee stuff and get reports back. Committees should give reports, and I am going to ask for the meetings that remain this year, you should give a report every other week. Our reps should be focused on action, not just listening.

I. Office Space/Class Gift

We're also making progress on office space. I think how it's going to work is it's going to be tied into a class gift. Signing their co-op and breakage fee to the annual fund. The dean's office wants to do it unrestricted, but my inclination is that students don't want to throw their money into a fund unrestricted. I wouldn't support such a measure unless we got office space. So we need to draft a formal request for office space, with policy reasons. Anyone interested? (Eric Reed).

II. Treasurer's Report: Dan

Everything we have allocated for the rest of the semester. \$51,000 included grad party and PILG recoup.

\$38,326

other allocations: MCB still has \$10,848

PILG \$5,000 from last year, didn't spend, put towards grants

Total Allocations that we could spend: \$87,827

Fall expenditures: \$41,371

We won't know if there's leftover money until the end of the semester. We allocated almost everything we could. (about \$4,000 left to spend for people who come and ask for money) We're going to have to be a lot more conservative in the spring.

III. VP Report: Morgan

Thurs. Mar. 2, happy hour at Wadsworth, w/tour w/docent. For 20 ppl at a time.

Assuming insurance goes thru.

Thurs. Mar. 9, happy hour at Arch St. Tavern.

Wed. Mar. 22, law/med mixer

Fri. Mar. 24, trip to Mohegan Sun for 6 hours in evening.

April 1, Spring Fling. Saturday (b/c of Loiselle and Good Friday). Cromwell Marriott.

April 7--out b/c of UVA trip.

April 19. Alumni event. Student leaders and alumni wine and cheese party.

April 22, 6 Flags.

April 29, carnival.

Last issue is a food special at the ½ Door or some equivalent. Will try for Wednesday.

Closing Remarks

Bruce: Think about the proposed amendments to the Constitution and communicate them to Bruce, Owen. Think about putting up candidates for SBA e-board positions. Either from among yourselves or from the general body. This year's SBA has been, in contrast to other years, somewhat subdued. B/c in part we've been getting our rules in order, etc. But we don't really have a sound presence on campus and elections may gloss over campus if we really don't put it out there. We need to get people excited about this b/c it's a true representative body. So, start putting up candidates if you can.

Morgan: Move to adjourn.

Jason: Seconded.

Members Present:

1. Tanya Bogdanovski
2. Morgan Scott
3. Stein Helmrich
4. Dan Desjeunes
5. Eric Reed
6. Fallon Depina
7. Owen Kloter
8. Jason Crawford
9. Samantha Krasner
10. Dan Saltus
11. Jon Connaughton
12. Justin Li
13. Kiley Gosselin
14. Bruce Adams

15. Meg Maugeri

Not Present:

1. Hugo Tomasio (Excused)
2. Joe Smiga/Raphel (Excused)
3. Tovah Ross
4. Liz Salcedo
5. Genea Bell
6. Shelby Bradford
7. Gandhi Lindor
8. Jon O'Donnell