

SGA EXEC MINUTES

November 14, 2005

Attendance: Teri, Nate, Brenda, Katie, Sarah, Adam, Erik, Trista, Danielle, Crystal, Beth, Jenni, Jon

Reports

Senate: Senate voted on two resolutions at the tonight's meeting. The resolution for a CD grade was passed and will go on to the Faculty Senate. They also passed the constitution changes.

RHAA: Wednesday is Boogie Nights. Be sure to bring canned foods for a chance to win a prize. They have a resolution concerning quiet hours during their meeting on Wednesday, as well as bylaw changes. Their conference is this weekend, Nov. 18-20, at UW La Crosse.

UUB: The table tent policy was approved by the director of the Coffee House. They are currently working on College Bowl. There are meetings Thursday concerning the Union expansion. The Deep Fry Tour is Sat. in the Phoenix Club.

GTP: Comedian Isaac Witty is performing tonight. Kinsey Sicks will be here Thursday at 8pm in the Phoenix Rooms. The Chicago Trip is this weekend and is fully booked. They are currently working on their evaluations and planning the spring retreat.

SUFAC: They have finished auxiliaries. They have passed out evaluations for the budget forms and are working on evaluations for the board. They will be working on getting people informed on what SUFAC does and segregated fees. They have started the org budget presentations, which will go through February.

Volunteer

There will be a chance to volunteer at the Swan House this Friday. This will be the first of a monthly volunteer opportunity. A house is being built to be a home for a single parent as they try to earn their degree. As they finish, a new single parent will move in, and so on. We are also looking into taking money out of agency to provide food for the workers. There will be two groups going, one at 12 and one at 1:30. A sign-up sheet was sent around. See Teri if you are interested or have any further questions.

Danielle informed us of the idea to figure out what a daily amount of food would cost and donate that amount of money. If you turn this money in to the RHAA office before December 2nd, Professor Patricia Terry will match the donation.

Union Expansion

Everyone was forwarded the email about the Union expansion meetings on Thursday. Please forward this on to board members. It is important to have student input at these meetings, especially the Student Activity Core section at 2:30. The meeting will be held in the Manistique Room. Please attend if possible.

Nate is also looking for a group to be on the design committee for the expansion. The committee would meet roughly once a month for about a year. A few more people are needed for this. Let Nate know if you are interested.

Constitution Changes

A sheet was passed out outlining the proposed constitution change process from now on. Such major constitution changes have been talked about every year for a while now and the current climate is expecting to make these changes. In 1999 outside people were brought in to give advice and such. In everyone's mailboxes is information from '99 to look over.

Everyone is asked to look into groups of a similar nature at other schools and talk to reps about problems and possible solutions. At the next meeting we will present what is found. We will talk about current problems and issues, and discuss alternative approaches and structural changes that would make things easier in the future.

With the amount of time these changes are going to require, it is favored to meet every week instead of every other. This may interfere with other meetings, classes, and jobs, so an appropriate time and day will need to be determined.

--Problems/Suggestions

SGA is missing the marketing, PR, and selling of itself.

We operate separately, not as one organization.

We need to redefine what SGA does for students as a whole.

The constitution should outline what the major groups are.

Other schools and their constitutions should be looked into.

- How roles are defined

- Huge unification (we are separate)

- Committees in Senate

It's hard to talk to similar RHAA programs because they're separate at most schools.

- They don't want more rules from SGA

A lot of programming boards are also separate.

- Being together may increase communication

- May also hinder with restrictions and policies

- There are different goals

Outline the interactions of the boards

- Constitution - broad

- Bylaws - more specific

SGA is failing to function.

- No communication

- fight

Send the constitution to a Poli Sci professor for valuable insight and an outside perspective.

Each board should look into itself, as each board knows itself best. Then come back with suggestions for the next meeting.

Nate will be putting together a document to fill out with the benefits, negatives, goals, problems, possible solutions, and such. Complete this by Friday so that the information can be compiled. We will meet again on the 28th.

Communication and Professionalism

There have been a lot of things going around. If there are problems/ rumors, go to the person and address them directly. This is mostly a miscommunication issue.

There has also been inappropriate behavior going on in the offices. We need to maintain some professionalism, so let's clean it up.

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