University Governance Committee Meeting

Wednesday November 14, 2012 at 5:15 pm

SGA Office

Agenda

Old Business:

1. Record accomplishments
   a. Forums
   b. Watch Party
   c. Posters/Promotions
   d. Contacted various media outlets (not receptive)
   e. Voter Registration
   f. Class raps
   g. Election polling—80% Voter Turnout!
   h. GOTV
   i. ResLife Program
   j. Social Media postings

2. What could we have done better?
   a. ResLife Building Voters Competition
   b. More publicity for forums
   c. More push for commuters, voter registrations, etc
   d. Better job advertising students who live off campus may not be able to
      vote on campus (Clarity with polling places)
   e. City map with wards before the election with clear markings
   f. Early voting campaign
   g. Watch party for debates
   h. Outreach for college democrats and republicans?

New Business:

1. Record Keeping
   a. Thoughts? Ideas?
      i. Hardcopies—Drawers and binders. Organized by year.
      ii. D2L—with dropboxes, etc. Similar to ResLife or Cloud Storage.
      iii. Minutes, Attendance, Voting Records, Resolution, Presentations, all
          meeting items
      iv. Committee, Court, RHAA, Senate, Exec, etc- organized by branch
      v. Website links to these and this should provide an easier update of
         website
      vi. No need to digitize hard-copies of past years
b. Committee binders and transitions
   i. Bryan will discuss with Heba about that

2. Constitution and Bylaws
   a. Process?
      i. Skeleton and then details
      ii. Top-down, general structure then fill in finer structure
   b. Need- sustainability fund, impeachment process, number of justices, what happens if no one runs (RHAA bylaws and SGA), job descriptions (remove ambiguity and vagueness), term limits for justices
   c. Ideas? Thoughts?
      i. Work with Heba and Bryan
      ii. Work with Court
      iii. Work with Speaker
      iv. Work with RHAA

3. Visibility—ad-hoc committee
   a. Boxes
      i. Bad idea, because most of the students won’t take it seriously or understand what is possible through SGA
      ii. Creates more frustration
   b. Website/Facebook/Twitter
      i. Committee bi-weekly post
      ii. Senate meeting update- what is SGA doing?
   c. Tabling
      i. Weekly tabling, union and other prime locations
      ii. Here’s what SGA is doing, come talk to us about it
   d. Other?
      i. Chloe will recommend

4. Legislation Watch
   a. Any current concerns?
      i. Keep an eye out
      ii. Act 10 and Voter ID Law
   b. Other?
      i. Plans for educating—table, social media, letter writing campaign, etc...

5. Other plans and ideas
   a. Work with High School-ers to form “mock-government”
      i. Wait on this project
   b. Resource
      i. Tabling, class raps, website, social media
      ii. Connect with Library website?
      iii. GAB testimony
6. Priorities
   a. Legislation Watch – as it comes up
   b. Records – on going
   c. Constitution – ready to present by Spring ’13
   d. Visibility

7. Duties
   a. Chloe -- D2L & Megan
   b. Nick—vacant drawers
   c. All – Read and edit constitution/bylaws
   d. All – Legislation watch!

Announcements?

Megan will be invited to our next meeting

Next Meeting:

Wednesday, 28th at 5:15 pm in SGA Office