SGA EXEC MINUTES
October 17, 2005

Attendance: Brenda, Nate, Teri, Michelle, Sarah, Beth, Jenny, Adam, Erik, Crystal, Becky, Trista, Kate

I. Jackie Johannes, the Phoenix Club Team Chair, came in and talked about the Phoenix Club Team bands that she has been working on. Exec has given them $250 for their funding. The concert series will be called the Deep Fried Tour. The first performances will be Saturday, October 22, by Mike Casey and The Fateful Promise. If anyone is interested in getting another band, they should email or talk to Jackie. They will be willing to switch up the acts.

Advertising ideas include banners, door flyers, hand-outs, promo cds and t-shirts, channel 20, and word of mouth. Adam also suggested putting an announcement on facebook, which would cost $6, or organizing it as a party on facebook. Nate questioned whether or not any of the scheduled performances would run against the coffee house performances. Jackie has already checked into this and does not think there will be any overlap. Some of the performances will coincide with After Hours. Also, since there will be no outside promotion, there shouldn’t be a problem of needing to charge outside attendees.

II. Sarah asked how everyone felt about an increase or decrease in honorariums. She felt that either way it should be consistent throughout the boards, because it may not pass if only one board asks for an increase. It was suggested that we compare to other schools and look into raising it. Erik has already done some research showing that we are under funded and have stayed at the same level. He suggested that the secretary fee also be increased per hour, due to the minimum wage increase. Sarah asked whether the Chairs and Vice Chairs of each board should get a unified increase or whether certain chairs do more/less than others. Jenny believes that each organization does different things with a different level of involvement. However, if boards made different amounts, how would this be kept fair? Also, it is not always only about the money.

Trista asked about how to go about getting the RHAA secretary an hourly wage. They have run into problems with Res. Life in the past. Sarah suggested asking for an increase or reallocating their money. The RHAA budget is based on 95% occupancy and this year is a bad year. However, Brenda suggests that with a strong, well prepared case it’s possible.

In regards to the honorariums, whatever is done will need strong research and backing. A strawpole showed the majority in favor of an increase. The budgets are due November 2, and there will be no Exec meeting before then. Therefore this will need to be decided through email and the office. Teri suggested that the increase be a percentage increase, rather than a dollar amount. Since there is division within exec as to what to do, Sarah thinks that it would be better for each board to go to SUFAC with individual requests. Adam asked for a strawpole of
whether or not other boards would be requesting an increase. The majority said yes, they favored an increase. It was then left up to each board.

They are thinking about renaming the Student Information System to something a little more catchy, if there are any ideas/opinions.

III. The Kress groundbreaking is on November 1 at 3pm. The rain site will be the gym. It would be nice to have a large student presence. There will be some sort of desert and possibly something going on for student alumni. Ideas to get the word out included talking about it in classes, white-boarding, putting it in the campus announcements, table tents, channel 20, and emailing it to all the orgs.

IV. At the last meeting, Nate had asked everyone to look over the constitution. He passed around the changes with new additions. Any other changes made tonight will be emailed. It was asked that Subsection B, #3 on page 9 be eliminated. Another idea is to pull out the specific duties of directors and put this in the exec. bylaws. This would make it easier to adjust them, making it more flexible. This may create problems of legitimacy, however, and will need to be talked about further. This discussion will be added to the agenda for the next meeting. It was asked if someone is on a board and is affected by the changes if they will be kicked out. Nate answered that they may no longer be eligible for the position. However, the may be granted an exception by a 2/3 vote. When asked where the election rules reside, Nate answered that they are currently held separate and only mentioned in the constitution. However, they should be outlined as an addendum.

V. Evaluations were passed around and everyone took a couple of minutes to fill them out. These will be looked over by Nate and Teri.