

Roll Call: Nate Krueger, Stephany Haack, Mike Stearney, and Adrian Canilho Burke (Remotely)

Start meeting: 2:30

Vote to approve last meetings minutes: 3-0 Minutes pass

Discussion:

- What needs to be accomplished next Fall Semester by the Student Court
  - Organize the Court email
  - Remember to change the password and Email the password to Mike S.
  - Next year we have to go through and fix the Election Rules (GPA: no rounding and to agree with constitution and assure the eligibility of each candidate before posting names, 'chair' changed to V.P./ President)
  - Approval voting- request, check and test the new software
  - Revise Bylaws
  - Add ID #'s for the senate election application forms. This includes combining the senate election application with the senate candidate application forms.
  - Change all the documents from PDF to Word Documents (Archive)
  - Election rules: clarify 'campaign free zones', and when the use of a classroom for meeting purposes (Example: Debates)
  - Other ideas from Adrian
  - 1.) Etiquette Requirement: I didn't like how audience members left during the debates. It distracted the candidates as well as gave a sense of disinterest for the issues discussed. So I am suggesting we require the audience to stay for the duration of the debate to uphold an image of professionalism for ourselves and legitimacy for the SGA electoral process. However, a way around this would be changing the location of the camera so when people leave they aren't seen (that would be a lot better).
  - 2.) Video Editing: We have to insist that GTP or Flash TV do a better job with this,, the captions did not work. And by did not work I mean they were pathetic. A: Get them to fix that for this video, but more importantly for future videos. Another idea I had was timemarks for when questions are asked and for opening/ending statements. At times it is hard to follow the debate since the audio is a little meek, so having timemarks of our questions (et. al.) placed into the "more info" part of a youtube video would help to give a little clarity to AV downfalls.
  - 3.) Aesthetic: Since turnout to the debates only reached 10-15 (as Nate pointed out) I feel that we can move the debates to a smaller room. In a smaller room the candidate's voices will be more easily picked up, hopefully the camera can get closer (probably one in the same). Also, the lighting in the MAC rooms is dismal. We need to talk to our theatre tech major friends.

- 4.) Commercials/Campaigning: Would it be possible to have Phlash TV advertise debates and the elections for us? I don't remember if we had talked about this with Mike. I think this would give Phlash TV more material, and hopefully give us (SGA) some more publicity (I remember as a freshman watching Phlash TV since I had no pre-conceptions, but this ties into a general critique I want to present to the SGA as a whole later).
- Another important note I want to make for campaigning is getting the candidates to present/outline their platforms ahead of the debates, and this would only work if Phlash TV can help us. The RHAA candidates were not at all shy about stating the redundancy of some of the questions (in a polite-ish way). So I am thinking that we could have them outline their positions in front of a camera, post the video on youtube and Phlash TV. Then by using the more elaborated information we gathered from these "campaign-commercials" we can have a more hard-hitting debate, and probably a shorter one too. Also, this would alleviate the "slogan-based" arguments which I felt was the source of the redundancy.
- 5.) The Debate Itself: Despite my criticisms, I think the debate still went pretty well. The candidates presented themselves extremely well. So the one thing I want to keep going for sure would be presenting audience questions.

Vote to end the meeting: Meeting adjourned by consensus.