

E-Board Minutes for January 30th, 2017

1. **President (Will Lytle):** Not at meeting
2. **Vice- President (Justin Zhang):**
 - a. Student commission meeting- discussion about textbooks, housing, and
 - i. Textbooks- Next meeting is Feb. 9th. The main concern is how they can get faculty to use automated textbooks.
 - ii. Laptop Policy- FAQ sheet was just sent out via email and the university senate spoke about it at their most recent meeting.
 - iii. Housing- Travis Pierce provided an update to the student commission. A student will draft a housing contract; if any student who is a part of GSG who would like to work on this let Justin know.
 - iv. Daniell Heights- Noise complaints are becoming a problem and there is potential to assign RA's to Daniel Heights like they have done in the past to help with issues and create more of a sense of community. The other option is to create a liaison from GSG to help with addressing this problem.
 - v. Printer -The printer is working in Upper Daniell Heights in the community room.
 - vi. USG & GSG Combined Funding- There was a suggestion that USG and GSG combine funding requests for international cultural groups so both organizations know what is going on.
 - vii. Provost Meeting- Justin and Jenny met with the GSG, USG, and Senate e-boards and the provost. The main concern was whether or not GSG should do something/ or put out a statement about the presidential executive order regarding citizens from 7 countries in the Middle East. There was some disagreement, but overall it was determined that the e-board decided to wait and see what the university planned to do and go from there. This was the course taken because GSG cannot take political stances, but does want to support its students from these countries.
 - viii. Elections - we need to start getting ready for elections.
3. **Secretary (Jenny Dunn):**
 - a. Elections- Look at elections information and start announcing dates
 - b. Meet and Greets- There are a lot of departments that haven't held meet and greets yet so it will be announced at the next general meeting.
4. **Treasurer (Ulises Gracida Alvarez):**
 - a. Travel grants- These are being processed, only 20 have been submitted
 - b. Laser Tag- Ways and Means Committee is working with the social committee to plan and collect money for laser tag
 - c. Next Year's Budget- Started working on the budget for next semester and discussed funding for organizations.
 - d. CSSA Budget Request- They submitted their new budget request and the Ways and Means committee will present the information at the next general GSG meeting. This will be voted on at the next meeting.

- e. Cap vs. Percentage - It was discussed in the Ways and Means committee, that we should put a cap on the amount rather than a percentage. Maybe put in the guidelines that the percentage be revised every 3 or 5 years. The argument is that the money could be spent on research or travel rather than events. Another suggestion was to move excess funding from the end of the year to funding travel grants the next year. It was also discussed whether we are considering increasing the amount of money allowed for travel grants based on inflation.

5. Academic Chair (Tyler Capek):

- a. Film Board- Heard a rumor about film board; they are going to do crowdfunding to raise funds for equipment upgrades.
- b. GRC - We have enough judges and the abstract booklet has been sent to the academic committee to be reviewed by Wednesday. Public relations committee and Tyler will work on publicizing the lunch'n learn and the GRC. It was suggested that both the academic and PR chairs talk to Jennifer Donovan about promoting outside the GRC. The schedule for the GRC is set and the MUB layout is complete. Merit award plaques have been ordered. The volunteer sheet will go out this week for the GRC. Jacque and Dr. Murthy will send out an email to faculty to encourage them to be flexible with student schedules and to promote the GRC to USG. The committee is working on the rubrics for the GRC.
- c. Swipe Card System - We may use the swipe card for a meeting soon to see if it makes taking attendance easier.
- d. Service Awards- We will discussed after the general GSG meeting on Feb. 6th.

6. Social Chair (Syed Ahmed Fuad):

- a. Presidential Order- There was a meeting held on 1/29 to discuss the presidential order and the university said that IPS will create a website with information about what is available for students. It was also suggested that commUNITY buttons and stickers be passed out. There will be a Unity march on February 9th at 5:05pm.
- b. Event Promotion - For all events we can get promotion on the screen at film board movies; so send all posters to Morgan in charge of film board.
- c. Movie Night- As of right now the social committee is planning to hold a discussion after the movie night. Syed is trying to work with Canterbury House, Humanities, etc. to help promote/ plan the discussion. It was suggested that he talk with Mike Meyers about moderating the discussion. Captain Fantastic is the movie that will be shown.
- d. Laser Tag- Registration for the laser tag is going well; 14 teams have signed up and we have a max of 26 teams allowed.

7. Public Relations Chair (Muralee Menon):

- a. Laser Tag Promotion - Submitted an article with Tech Today to promote laser tag and emails will be sent out tomorrow (Jan. 31st.).
- b. Promotional Videos- Tyler sent videos to Muralee, but it is also on the Google Drive. The laser tag promo video is now on Youtube and Muralee is putting a video up for the GRC.

Meeting ended: 6:49pm