Student Organizations Committee 2016-2017

Meeting Agenda and Minutes

9/23/16

Duration: 40 min.

1. Attendance (1 min.)
    a. Present: Pepe, Akshay, JB
    b. Excused: Phipps
    c. Absent: Tiffany
2. Discuss and vote on the Hopkins Dialectic. (8 min.)
    a. We are classifying them as a Religious and Spiritual group (over Media)
    b. They have a sociology professor as faculty advisor.
        i. Pepe: We also need to discuss where it is appropriate to have a faculty advisor for certain groups. For example, performing arts groups do not need a faculty advisor.
    c. Akshay: They still have not sent their guiding document to Clifton.
        i. Pepe: They will do so as soon as they are approved.
    d. Vote to approve:
        i. In favor: Pepe, Akshay, JB
        ii. Opposed: None
3. Discuss senators' initiatives in regards to student orgs. (10 min.)
    a. Ideas:
        i. Collaborating with OMA on cultural groups collective
            1. JB: we need to increase the collaboration with OMA
        ii. Working with Constitution and Bylaws to outline the new group approval process
            1. Pepe: Codify the application process and include the standard process in the bylaws so subsequent committees
        iii. Streamlining important communication to groups through their category coordinators
        iv. Working with the Finance Committee to provide funding opportunities that encourage collaboration and improve the Financial Officer training
4. Establish a timeline and go over logistics. (6 min.)
    a. Standardization of approval, denial, and interview forms
    b. Meet every two week for now
    c. Meet once a week during the interview process
5. Set a to-do list for the upcoming week. (5 min)
    a. For next meeting: Set an evaluation form for three emails
        i. Suggestions, Ideas, Concerns
            1. Pepe will send out forms
    b. JB will speak with Travis before next meeting to discuss role of SLC in new student organization approval; Ask Travis about including diversity workshop
    c. Tiffany will discuss the diversity workshop standard for student groups with Dean Riley

d. Akshay will discuss the standardizing process bylaws
e. Pepe will work on new student group bill for Tuesday; committee will co sponsor bill; will also set up meeting with OMA for the cultural group collective “liaison”

Tiffany: We should try to have leaders of student groups having through diversity training.

Goals for the Committee:

1. **Evaluating all new groups in the Fall**
2. **Standardizing group approved/evaluation process in the bylaws**
3. **Collaborating with OMA for cultural groups**
4. **Having student group leaders go through diversity training**
5. **Re-establish Student Org’s relationship w/ SLC**

Next Meeting: Oct. 7th, 2016 at 8am