COMMITTEE on STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

of

THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting #05

Sunday, February 16th, 2020

3:00-4:00 pm

Start Time: 3:12
Roll Call: Mariano, Breanna, Jake, Tobi, Megan, Nathan, Elquis, Karen, Jillian, Katie, Will, Mia
Unexcused absences:
Excused absences: Chase
Roster: Mariano, Breanna, Jake, Tobi, Megan, Nathan, Elquis, Karen, Jillian, Katie, Isaac, Mia, Will, Chase, Chinat

I. Acapella Coalition
   A. Motivation: build acapella community across campus
      1. 200 people in acapella, and has potential to be really big
   B. Intended purpose
      1. Build Hopkins acapella community
      2. Interact w/ Baltimore
         a) Sing to patients, veterans
      3. Facilitate acapella logistics
   C. Contact w/ coordinator
      1. Contact Nicolene every 2 weeks
      2. Coordinator = mainly for concert scheduling
      3. Plan with coalition
         a) Plan on keeping in contact, even w/ coalition
   D. Student group or Council (like MLC)?
      1. Governing board:
         a) Authority with funding, voice/presence
         b) Formal power sharing
         c) They ARE willing to transition to governing council
      2. OR social?
         a) Org acapella formal
      3. Likely involve IAC
   E. Did not ask for funding so they would not take funding from individual acapella groups
      1. Later, would request funding

2. Group finances via grant:
    a) Apply for a grant for initiative, would not ask for yearly
3. Would use for:
    a) Acapella formal
        (1) Manage ticket costs
    b) Hackapellathon
        (1) Speed arrangements, hold a concert
    c) Would NOT fund individual groups for their individual events
        (1) Would abide by decisions that abide by JHU

F. Structure
1. 1 president, 2 programming chairs, 1 logistic chair
    a) Already serving in acapella groups
2. Avoid conflict of interest by:
    a) Gather delegates from each group
    b) Did not want 13 member leadership group

G. Audience of events
1. Different events would be for different audiences
    a) May expand beyond acapella community (ex: Hackapellacon)

H. What if groups want to leave?
1. They will discuss and add to constitution

I. Want a more fleshed out constitution
1. Selective criteria
    a) Would not be a performing arts group
    b) Why does this require SGA recognition in the first place?
        (1) Want to be able to apply for grants or have an initial budget at beginning of the year
2. Procedures in place to handle funding
3. Will come back for another meeting
4. Tabled with a vote of 12 in favor -0 opposed -0 abstentions

II. Greenhacks

A. Think critically about sustainability issues
1. Have a Hackathon to bring this to a larger community!
2. Pilot event for day long hackathon
3. Diverse skillsets
    a) Technical AND other types of solutions

B. Differentiation from other hackathons
1. Main focus = sustainability
2. Different solutions from traditional hackathons
    a) Acknowledge alternative soln and skillsets
        (1) Ex: SAIS people

C. Different from SHIP
1. SHIP focuses on 1 project a year
2. event/project based group

D. This is a space that does not exist on campus, but people think it should

1. Want sustainability to have its own space
    a) Massive, growing concern
2. IdeaLab and Alumni grants
    a) They (Hopkins, alumni) also acknowledge the importance of sustainability
    b) Idealab: got the most votes overall
3. WSE, CLF, SGA allocations also have funded
4. Sponsorships from google, environment companies
5. Dean of Whiting
6. Funding from SGA?
    a) No definite answer on whether they expect it

E. Intended categories:
    1. Theme: Sustainable cities
    2. 3 design tracks: solutions for different categories
F. Rebranding
    1. Not a hackathon in traditional sense
        a) Choose “hack” to break traditional idea of what a hackathon is
    2. Essentially a thinktank?
        a) Thinktank in smaller events throughout the year
    3. Based off of pilot, will consider issues in marketing
G. Sustainability coalition support letter
H. Concerns
    1. Hacks: finished solutions?
        a) Want clearer distinction from other hackathons
        b) Reiterate: want to flip it on its head
    2. Other Hackathons are well aware of them
        a) Meetings with admin of other hackathons
I. Have talked to academic departments about being sponsored
    1. But still felt motivation to come be recognized by SGA
J. Approved 7 in favor- 1 opposed - 1 abstained

III.

Meeting adjourned: