The Johns Hopkins University Student Government Association
SoCC Spring Retreat
1/30/16 11:00 AM Mattin Center Suite 210

Purpose: Determine Spring 2016 Semester Agenda

1. **Welcome Back**
    a. Ice Breaker and Kudos Box

2. **Reflection on Fall 2015 Semester**
    a. Update the Google doc

3. **Sticky Notes Brainstorming Exercise**
    a. New semester goals
    b. New semester agenda

4. **Updates**
    a. New Council Meeting Time (next semester)
        - Next week only: Wednesday 8 AM
        - Then, Tuesdays at 6 PM Mattin
        - Let's try Tuesdays and see how it goes
    b. Gertrude's Event—Sathvik
        - Deposit for 3/31 has been paid
        - I emailed Emily a couple days ago
        - We need to come up with a theme within a month
        - Come up with 5 ideas and send them out in an email and have the class vote on the best idea for a theme
    c. Community Service—Lilly
        - Maybe do a PDOS competition
        - Kwame: maybe do something for Flint, MI?
        - All: bring the Flint idea up in GBM
    d. Valentine's Day + JHUnions—Tatiana
        - I will check up with Jahan on the Valentine's Day event
        - I think it's on the schedule
    e. Sterling Brunch Passes—Anna
        - Sterling brunch is $9 per person
        - We need to decide how many passes to hand out
    f. Nolan's Artwork—Mieraf
        - Anna spoke with Bill about having student-sponsored artwork at Nolan's
        - Mieraf: I will come up with an email or some way to publicize it
        - Maybe we could get the art classes to contribute
        - Have a prize to incentivize participation
        - Clifton: think about the timeline; don't wait until the end of the semester

- Maybe showcase artwork at the Gertrude's event and have people vote there for their favorite artwork

g. Laundry Swipes
   - Bill Connor would be willing to give a certain number of free swipes per month
   - We should work with Bill to do so

h. Painting the Blue Jay—Sarah
   - Maybe we could do it on the day of the next Sterling Brunch
   - Kwame will help Sarah

i. Council Email
   - Anna wasn't able to sign into it

j. Council at Carma's—Sathvik
   - I will think more about how to do this event

k. Presentation by Thomas Marge, Residents' Advisory Board
   - A potential swing dance collaboration
   - There would probably be a draw on our campus based on research I've done
   - RAB can bring speakers and food
   - We can get students from the ballroom dance club to teach swing dance for the first 45 minutes
   - Live jazz combo will generally be $1000 for two hours
   - I went down to Peabody, and they'd want $1000
   - Allison Boyle of RAB would be interested
   - I want to balance the funding
   - Maybe come to General Body Meeting

5. **Advisor Report**
   - Events sheet which will help you figure out what you want for each event and help organize

Questions for Thought:

- How did we perform last semester?
- How do you see us achieving our goals this semester?
- Will it be possible to accomplish all of our goals?
- Are there any new/different trends or sentiments among our peers?
- How can we work better together? What skills would you like to gain or improve upon this semester?
- What projects did you accomplish last semester? What projects do you anticipate taking on this semester?