The Johns Hopkins University Student Government Association

Student Organization Meeting #3 Agenda

10/25/15 11:00 AM – 1:00PM Mattin Center Suite 121

Meeting Leader: Kwame Alston

Present: Nadine, Lily, Michael, Leela, Kwame

Our advisor Clifton also attended this meeting

Excused:

1. Attendance
2. Purpose
   a. What is our purpose as group?
3. Interview 101
   a. The Email:

- Create a studentorganization gmail because we don't wanna use the appointments email.

   b. The Application

- First ask a student group what their mission statement is. Sign of disorganization is if they have a changing mission statement and purpose.
- How would organization benefit student life? Lots of CSE groups benefit the city more than students, so we should reallocate them to cse. Switch back and forth
- What type of events would your prospective organization sponsor and or what types of service would it provide? Prepare before the interviews, so interviews are only 15 minutes. Come up with new questions to figure out at a deeper level of what they are going to do.
- Student groups are best if they have informally met and have constitutions, and already have thought out plans, so then all they need is approval
- Don't approve student groups that give funding for food. Want to make sure student groups will use their money responsibly
- Minimum of 10 people per group, but usually want more than 10 people
- Do we think every student group need both bylaws and a constitution?

- Advisors can be graduate students, so we want to make sure a student group has a suggested advisor before proceeding with interview
- Trying to keep a good archive and always know what's going on

c. Categories

- Advocacy and Awareness, Publication and Journals Religious and Spiritual, performing arts, special interest and hobby, publication and journals, cultural, graduate student organization, sports, center for social concern, honor and professional society
- Can re-categorize groups before approving to figure out the best category
- Might have to write bills for existing groups to reorganize
- Categorization says what the purpose is

d. SAC Funding

i. Who gets it and who doesn't?

- Groups that are not eligible for sac functions are professional associations, sorority and fraternities, sports clubs, international service, student service groups, umbrella groups, center for social current groups, graduate student organizations, exclusive organizations

ii. New Student Groups

- 100 startup fee from SGA contingency they become eligible
- Immediately become eligible for monthly grants, but funding they have to wait till next year
- Committee Chair Alston says: As a committee we want to work with finance to write a consolidated list of how your groups can get funding.

4. Templates

a. Interview Time Email

b. Acceptance Email

- currently says provisional meaning these student groups aren't actual student groups till the end of the semester. We need to discuss how we are going to evaluate these groups.
- New student groups need to reach out to the new senior leadership consultant

- Need to reach out to coordinator for senior leadership with Travis to see if the senior leadership consultants are ready to meet with new student groups.

c. Rejection Email

- Current rejection email is very strict, and didn't give constructive feedback on how to fix their organization.
- Concern for longevity is a big reason. If the group is not gonna last for longer term. Need to be able to consistently serve the same number of people every year
- Groups seem unprepared in development. Suggest groups keep working on themselves and apply for next semester
- Sometimes people have big ideas, but don't have numbers to back themselves. Make sure enough students show interest to be able to implement the function of the group
- Student groups that only want funding for food, don't fall under our jurisdiction, and some are too similar to ones that already exist
- Performing Arts should always talk to Eric Beatty, if he says no, then we don't approve them
- Religious and Spiritual need to be approved by office of the Chaplin
- Organization not completely put together

d. Decision Report

- No longer a decision report. We just put our committees approval

- These templates will be in the google drive

5. Scheduling Interviews
   - We decided we want to have power days
   - Clifton made some requirements for the groups to talk to existing groups or an advisor whose notes are in the spread sheet
   - Latino Unidos is doing a really great job, Hopkins Fire and Rescue Association needs an advisor
6. Calendar
   - Talks about Ideas for interviewing or paper, and what is the best method to determine student groups.

- Committee Chair Alston said that some groups are different between paper and interview, and its important to have both
- 10AM November 1st : Groups 2,5,6,8,10,11,12
  The Johns Hopkins University Grilling Society, Jhu Step Team, The Johns Hopkins Puerto Rican Society, Hopkins Medical Device Network, Cuban American Undergraduate Student Association, Healing Hands, Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Club
- Novemeber 3rd: 9 -1020 AM □: 13,14,16
  Johns Hopkins Affiliate of The Odyssey, Hopkins Fire and Rescue Association, FEARless at Johns Hopkins University,
- 11 AM November 8th: 17,18,19,20,21,22
  Hopkins Students for a Democratic Society, String Theory Yarn Club, Latinos Unidos, Jhu Magic: The gathering, Hopkins association for conservation biology, Russian club
- November 10th: 9 -1020 Am: 23, 24, 25
  Foundation for International Medical Relief of Children, The Hopkins Ignis, Hopkins Innovation Club
- November 17th is backup date
- **NEED TO EMAIL TIFFANY and copy Jane Reiner(advisor for spring fair) on it to reserve these dates**
- **Let groups know their interview times, two weeks waiting period, and let us know if you cancel the interview at least 24 hours before**

7. Evaluations
- Need to figure out a process to flag groups for evaluation
- Make sure groups are following through on they are in a certain category
- Look at finances, and see if groups with big finances are using it correctly

8. A Bill Regarding for the re- categorization of Hopkins Pre-Law Society
- specifically try to gain interest to the pre-law field, rather be open to have everyone who is interested in pre-law