JHU Freshmen Class Council Meeting #1
October 18th, 2015 - MINUTES
Time: 9:00 PM to 10:00 PM
Location: Brody 2003

Per the terms of the 2015 CLEAR Act, this document will be archived in an online Google folder accessible to all members of the JHU Freshmen Class Council.

Present: President Noh Mehbrahtu, Senators AJ Tsang, Jen Baron, Ting Fang, Mi Tu, Nina D'Amiano, Sophomore Senator Sarah Zappone
Guests: Naadiya
Excused Absence: Akshay Bhamidipati

1. General Discussion and Announcements from President Mehbrahtu
    a. Guest: Nadia - Freshmen, Student Ambassador for CSC
        i. Goals:
            1. Connect JHU to community due to the bad reputation the school tends to accrue from its apathy
            2. Connect clubs like OMA and Interfaith groups
        ii. Sought out SGA as an overarching way to coordinate collective efforts
        iii. Met with the Assistant Director of CSC and was assigned to talk to SGA about an Inter Club Council
            1. ICC would meet 2-3 times a semester to discuss unified social initiatives
            2. The idea stems from the fact that some of CSC's efforts inefficiently coincide with prexisting efforts/drives/projects
            3. CSC would rather support projects we already have rather than start new projects that overlap *(does not exclude the possibility of new projects that do <u>not</u> overlap)*
        iv. Wants to build school spirit
        v. Wants to increase election participation

1. Comment from Jennifer: "*I also noticed that there wasn't much general advertising for elections.*"

vi. Wishes to reduce JHU's negative social media image

vii. Wishes to "force a connection" between JHU students

viii. Ultimate goal is to create the aforementioned ICC or a cross-club committee

ix. Is also in touch with the U-Chicago SGA, which is considered a highly successful SGA because it:

1. Offers work study for people involved to make it easier to work and be in SGA
    a. Current UC President needed the work study program to succeed and present legislation
2. Results in half of the people in UC SGA working in DC over the summer
3. Also noted that everything about UC SGA is "controversial"
4. UC SGA publishes a website for ideas that work

x. Informed FCC about President Daniels' "President's Initiative"

1. Was initially to be announced at PDOS
2. Would involve prizes for completing a certain amount of service hours
    a. Ex: 5 hours would earn a t-shirt, 500 a dinner with President Daniels

b. Class Service Project

i. AJ presented the concept of a class service project

1. Would occur semesterly or annually
2. Would focus on one issue in the greater Baltimore community
3. Selection of the annual topic would occur at a class forum in October of the given year
4. The class would focus their efforts on the annual service project, like a miniature version of PDOS

5. The service project would create intra-class unity and focus class direction, thereby creating a conduit for later solidarity and school spirit

c. Lighting of the Quad
    i. What should the class distribute?
        1. Jen - Proposes sunglasses, earmuffs, and athletic headbands
        2. Ting - Advocates for mittens
        3. Sarah Z. - Recommends getting a quote, purchasing whatever item chosen in the hundreds (sophomores are purchasing 100), as well as a banner and potentially an overall Class of 2019 banner; will also forward links to ordering a banner
        4. Everyone - Concurs on getting headbands with school colors
        5. Noh - Recommends the royal blue color based on the website Jen pulls up
    ii. Deciding Manpower Allocation
        1. Banner
            a. Will use existing class banner design
        2. Headband
            a. Everyone will focus on this, but Jen will take the lead

2. Internal Communication and Logistics
    a. Roles
        i. Sarah: Last year the FCC had an individual assigned to:
            1. Minutes
            2. Finance
            3. Marketing
        ii. AJ will handle Minutes and other logistical affairs
        iii. Mi has volunteered to handle Finance (post-meeting)
    b. Group chats - Facebook vs. Group Me vs. Text Group Chat
        i. Nina, AJ, Mi - Mention that they prefer Facebook
        ii. AJ - Notes that Facebook is ubiquitous

iii. Noh - Notes that other platforms like Group Me only work for iPhones

c. BONDING - What are some events we can do to bond our class council?
   i. Jen - S'mores
   ii. Nina - Tteamwork activities
   iii. Jen - A trip to Inner harbor, Shake Shack
   iv. Ting - Agrees with Jen
   v. Noh - Busy on weekends
   vi. AJ - Recommends bringing Noh food
   vii. Nina - Introduces "Escape the Room", a business that locks people in a room and requires they use teamwork to escape within an hour
   viii. Jen - Horseback riding or ice skating
   ix. Nina - Will research ice skating
   x. Noh - Strongly recommends dinner together at some point, perhaps the weekend after next at 9 PM
   xi. Everyone - Agrees on 8 PM
   xii. Noh, Ting - Recommends "Neewana" restaurant
   xiii. Nina - Recommends "Masala"
   xiv. Noh - Recommends "Ahjima"
d. What's a good time for future meetings?
   i. AJ - We'll need to account for Justin Beauchamp's schedule
   ii. Jen - Parents weekend is coming up, which may complicate things
   iii. Noh - References a text from Justin that asks if FCC would be okay with a week meeting as Justin does not normally work on weekends
   iv. AJ - Other councils say we need to compare with class schedules not just preferences
   v. Sarah - Try "When to Meet" and "Doodle"; our council meets 8 AM on Tuesdays
   vi. Noh - Other SGA members say using weekdays makes you more efficient, especially during lunch
   vii. AJ - Could we do 12:10 to account for classes getting out?
   viii. Nina - Only thursdays

ix. Noh - Thursday work best
x. Jen - Only thursdays
xi. AJ - Can also do Thursdays
xii. Ting - Agrees with Thursday
xiii. Noh - Recommends Thursdays at 12:10 at Levering in Justin's office
xiv. Sarah - Agrees, notes that Levering has lots of good food
xv. Everyone - Comes to consensus on **THURSDAYS AT 12:10 IN LEVERING**

3. Electronic Document Sharing
    a. Common Google Folder (per the CLEAR Act)
        i. Sarah - Reassures the FCC that access will come soon
        ii. AJ - Inquires as to duration until that point
        iii. Sarah - Will ask John Stanton
4. Follow Up on Tuesday's Senate Meeting
    a. Legislation
        i. AJ - Inquires as to how experienced class is with legislation
        ii. AJ - Hands out a sample resolution with Alaska Association of Student Governments formatting to demonstrate the general idea of a resolution
        iii. AJ - hands out a sample resolution that officially "declares" the creation of an annual Class of 2019 service project
        iv. AJ - asks Sarah if there will be a tutorial on legislation crafting soon
        v. Sarah - Notes that Jack texted her about it that afternoon and a workshop will be held one soon, also praises service project resolution but advises against establishing multi-year obligations
    b. FFC
        i. Noh met with FFC Director on Friday about introducing more vegetarian, ethnic food into the dining hall
5. Reaching Out to Our Class
    a. Social Media - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram (weekly "Class Member of the Week" profiles?)
        i. Facebook

1. Is run by Admissions
2. FCC wishes to make class council officers Admins on the existing Class page

ii. AJ, Jen - Will run an Instagram

iii. Nina - Advocates against any non-Facebook social media

b. Public Opinion and Surveys

i. A freshman named Anthony is working with an independent agency on making surveys

ii. AJ, Nina - A FCC-run survey may be better as it would be easier to control

iii. AJ - An FCC Google Survey would be extremely easy to use and analyze

iv. AJ - Created a sample October survey

v. Ting - Need incentives for surveys

vi. Noh - Prizes for completing the most number of weekly surveys?

vii. Sarah - Monthly surveys might be better

c. Getting to Know Our Class

i. Do we want to have “meet and greets” for the Class Council?

1. Maybe not, people wouldn’t come without food
2. Must make all class meetings open anyway

ii. Sarah - Get photos as a class so people can come up to you

iii. Nina - Can someone remind us about the photo op at our dinner?

iv. AJ - got it!

President Mebrahtu adjourns meeting.