

**Student Activities Commission**

Georgetown University

2 December 2019

Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of Minutes--Move to approve by Gile and seconded by Menz, Motion passes 7-0-0

III. Financial Account Updates

Still positive

IV. Public Comment--None

V. Group Presentations

* 1. Mock Trial--8:02
     1. Yale Invitational
        1. last tournament of the semester
        2. very competitive tournament
        3. Hotels: $107.09/per night
        4. Cars: Minivans from Enterprise, 3 vans for $363.17
        5. $193.54 for gas, 672 miles both ways
        6. tolls: $145.94, long drive and unavoidable tolls
        7. parking: $70.20, $1.50/hour
        8. registration fees: $250 per team, asking for $300
        9. funding at first event
        10. Move to approve by Galant and seconded by Menz
        11. Motion passes 7-0-0
        12. Move to allocate $2143.75 by Galant and seconded by Menz
        13. Galant: hotels in full, funding 60% of everything else
        14. Motion passes Riley Y, Menz Y, Neha Y, Galant Y, Gile Y, Clay Y, Drew Y 7-0-0

VI. Commissioner Presentations

1. Gaming
   1. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Drew
   2. Motion passes 8-0-0
   3. Move to allocate $75 by Javi and seconded by Clay
   4. Motion passes Riley Y, Menz Y, Neha Y, Galant Y, Gile Y, Javi Y, Clay Y, Drew Y 8-0-0
2. Board Games
   1. Move to approve by Drew and seconded by Menz
   2. Motion passes 8-0-0
   3. Move to allocate $50 by Javi and seconded by Galant
   4. Motion passes Riley Y, Menz Y, Neha Y, Galant Y, Gile Y, Javi Y Clay Y, Drew Y 8-0-0
3. GU Students for Statehood
   1. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Menz
   2. Motion passes 8-0-0
   3. Move to allocate $60 by Javi and seconded by Clay
   4. Motion passes Riley Y, Menz Y, Neha Y, Galant Y, Gile Y, Javi Y, Clay Y, Drew Y 8-0-0

VII. Additional Business

1. NCD Presentations
   1. Board Games--8:07
      1. Mission statement
      2. meeting regularly every weekend
      3. 4 meetings, met the event requirement
      4. reviewed board games
      5. hosted Diplomacy board game event
      6. want to host Diplomacy Tournament in the next semester
      7. ramping up attendance and increase board game collection
      8. have seen good growth in membership
      9. Riley: already have Gaming club how are you different from that? serves different groups of people, not a lot of overlap, focus more on board games whereas Gaming does not do that as much; lots of diverse board games, lot of board games, at AU have separate board game club
      10. have to be a distinct club, Diplomacy event takes separate planning, takes 5-8 hours to play, getting a different experience than a traditional Gaming Club
      11. Gile: are any of you seniors? how many people on a board? no, 6
      12. Move to grant ATB by Clay and seconded by Menz
      13. Riley: it is duplicative
      14. Clay: have AASA and then separate cultural clubs
      15. Riley: have clubs merging now
      16. Galant: can extend NCD and have the two groups work out a partnership between them
      17. Clay: different emphasis and focus, very specific mission, Gaming Club has a different mission
      18. Menz: agree with Clay
      19. Drew: designing games is different from playing games
      20. Galant: do we need a separate entity
      21. Clay: Moot Court and Mock Trial do similarly
      22. Galant: can join Gaming Club and still have ATB
      23. Move to extend NCD--unfriendly amendment
      24. Amendment fails 3-4-1
      25. Galant: setting a standard here, extend NCD and see if they can merge
      26. Motion fails 4-4-1
      27. Move to extend NCD by Galant and seconded by Gile 6-2-0
   2. Citizens’ Climate Lobby--8:27
      1. Mission Statement
      2. other groups focus on sustainability inward
      3. we focus on outward sustainability
      4. have had necessary events
      5. Galant: what events? have had GBMs, went to Capitol Hill for national event, have a collaboration with national body which is a letter writing event
      6. Javi: how many members right now? 10-15 active members, over 100 members
      7. Clay: how many people have attended events? 15 on average
      8. Riley: how is this not duplicative with GREEN? we are focused on climate change, focusing on specific pieces of legislation, work with other organizations, advocacy off campus, nonpartisan, working on actively collaborating with GREEN which is a network of club, work directly with faculty towards building political will on climate change, all the GREEN clubs have an explicit focus on campus, our focus is broader
      9. Gile: what are some events you are planning on doing next semester? panel of professors, cosponsoring event with GUCR and GUCD, hosting another study break, second conference next year
      10. Galant: seems like you are doing a lot of lobbying, if you couldn’t do that do you think it would still be viable? yes, can build political will for climate change without lobbying, being nonpartisan, talking about climate change and policies, whole first day is about education on climate change and the bills in Congress, not requesting university funding anything relating to lobbying, much of the upcoming work is not lobbying related
      11. Clay: you mentioned sustainability on campus? clubs are not already doing that, professors acknowledging the impact of climate change on the world, more of public expression of support for something extremely specific, external facing
      12. Javi: what are some external facing events that you are planning for next semester that is different? focused on education and raising awareness, have events that are more generally focused on climate change, co-sponsored event with GUCD and GUCR, professor panel event is on education
      13. Move to grant ATB by Javi and seconded by Menz
      14. Gile: my big concern is lobbying, can be a good club, another semester in NCD could benefits
      15. Galant: agree with Gile, we need to see it before we give you ATB
      16. Menz: reminds me a lot of MFOL, for MFOL they had these type of events after getting ATB
      17. Clay: also agree with that, MFOL has done good work like this, one of the most active and engaged clubs
      18. Gile: high potential club, not there yet
      19. Javi: they meet membership requirement, as long as they have substantial number of events outside of lobbying
      20. Move to extend NCD--unfriendly amendment
      21. Motion fails 4-4-1
      22. Move to extend NCD by Gile and seconded by Riley
      23. Motion passes 5-4-0
   3. Students for DC Statehood--8:57
      1. Discusses mission statement
      2. students have a unique opportunity to connect with broader DC community
      3. nonpartisan
      4. uniquely community-based issue, unique to DC
      5. have 200 people interested
      6. work on longevity
      7. reach out to broader university and city community
      8. working with MFOL and ACLU
      9. Galant: what happens if DC becomes a state? could be dissolved, could be transformed into an outlet of interaction with similar group on other campuses, work on local politics
      10. Javi: how many active members do you have? 150 on the mailing list, 25 active members
      11. Move to grant ATB by Javi and seconded by Clay
      12. Motion passes 8-0-0
      13. Move to revoke ATB and extend NCD by Gile and seconded by Clay
      14. Motion passes 8-0-0
   4. Radical Centrists--8:51
      1. Mission statement
      2. find centrist place on issue
      3. exist like GUCD and GUCR and focus on centrists issue
      4. understand that GBC exists, but want to exist as a fully-fledged party
      5. Menz: how many active members? 12-20, have 130 events
      6. Clay: what events are you planning on having? debates, speaker events, ding event with GU Pride, GUCD and GUCR, GBC
      7. Javi: can you talk about collab with GBC? talked about merger and they did not want to do that, not necessarily in the middle of everything
      8. Gile: would exist as a third party? yes
      9. Move to grant ATB by Gile and seconded by Menz
      10. Motion passes 7-1-0
   5. Georgetown Disruptive Tech--9:02
      1. want to see sustainability
      2. reaching out to underclassmen
      3. have done some creative marketing
      4. took on sophomore rep
      5. have a five person board
      6. disrupt the current conversation on campus
      7. de-emphasize finance and consulting
      8. conversation, networking, career objectives
      9. workshops, all our marketing, collaborate with grad students
      10. build a community on campus for tech, give agency to each member
      11. have seen increases in membership
      12. tabling at CAB fair would boost membership
      13. long term partnership with CSET (emerging tech center)
      14. very inclusive, anybody can be a member
      15. already have a speaker event with founder of Apple Music lined up for next semester
      16. Clay: similar to GUTEC, have you talked to them about merging? trying to make it pre-professional, providing mentorship for people, GUTEC is focused on CS-related and technical fields, do not look at non-tech roles at these companies, other roles at tech companies
      17. Riley: you mentioned applications? what are they applying to? applying to general membership, have a dedicated general body to cater events towards
      18. Move to grant ATB by Gile and seconded by Drew
      19. Clay: unsure about duplicity, similar to the distinction between Board Games and Gaming
      20. Gile: pre-professional, incorporating new strategies
      21. Motion passes 8-0-0
   6. Balkan Association--9:20
      1. awareness about Balkan region
      2. provide space for students who identify as Balkan
      3. have already have our three events
      4. doing a mock Balkan wedding planned next semester
      5. main goal is to continue putting on high quality events, also grow in since
      6. visiting Balkan embassies
      7. put on more cultural events
      8. partner with similar groups at AU and GW
      9. create a DC Balkan community
      10. Gile: how many active members? 16, just had an event with 14 people
      11. Move to grant ATB by Clay and seconded by Drew
      12. Motion passes 8-0-0
   7. Sketch Comedy Society--9:24
      1. write, produce, and act in comedy show
      2. our group is writing focused and we do one show a semester
      3. be more inclusive space for comedy, collaborate with more groups on campus
      4. collaborate with organizations on campus
      5. comedy is more hidden, create community with all comedy groups on campus
      6. Javi: what other comedy groups are their? two other improv groups, different type of comedy
      7. Menz: how many active members? 13, application-based, most fruitful for people to keep it small
      8. Move to grant full ATB by Gile and seconded by Drew
      9. Riley: have concerns about open membership
      10. have open membership events and other types of events, want to be more inclusive
      11. Menz: very similar to Mock Trial, have open events, if focus is open membership and open events
      12. Riley: their answers reflect having a smaller group of people
      13. Clay: agree with Menz, no other advisory board that Mock Trial could fit under
      14. Galant: have to have open membership to get ATB
      15. Motion passes 8-0-0
   8. Pre-Optometry Society--9:36
      1. build a community of students to support each other on patch to optometry
      2. build relationships with other similar clubs on campus
      3. peer mentorship program
      4. Clay: how many active members do you have? 15 on email list and 13 regularly coming
      5. Menz: what types of events are you planning on hosting? introductory meeting, peer mentor dinner, guest speaker receptions, campus-wide movie night
      6. Move to grant ATB by Clay and seconded by Menz
      7. Motion passes 8-0-0
2. ECF Discussion
   1. GU Students for Statehood
      1. Move to table indefinitely by Javi and seconded by Gile
      2. Motion passes 8-0-0

VIII. CSE Annotations

IX. Max’s Annotations

X. Adjournment--9:48pm