

**Student Activities Commission**

Georgetown University

23 March 2020

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order--8:02pm
2. Approval of Minutes--Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Rose, Motion passes 12-0-0
3. Financial Account Updates

GUSA FinApp Updates

Where reforms and cuts need to go

Overall financial picture moving forward

1. Constitution Reform
   1. Increasing the transition period
   2. Clay: goes over proposed reform, give people longer transitions to better understand their role, also creating additional officer positions
   3. Rose: it checks out
   4. Move to make proposed changes to constitution by Clay and seconded by Riley
   5. Motion passes Matt Y, Riley Y, Claire Y, Annabel Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Javi Y, Kelly Y, Janz Y, Clay Y, Kathy Y, Annie Y 12-0-0
   6. Discussion of reforming interview process
   7. Riley: need better balance in the room
   8. Rose: I like just chair and vice chair, keeps it simple and removes most biases
   9. Clay: set interview times when all of SAC meets
   10. Clay: also have one other person in the room so that Chair and Vice Chair do not hand pick people
   11. Javi: what about in situations where Chair and Vice Chair are both men, need to find a balance
   12. will work on and come back to next week
2. Budget Guide Reform
   1. Clay: only proposed edit left is space
   2. Clay: explains budget guide tiering system
   3. Javi: closing down on unforeseen ad hoc requests
   4. Matt: we can’t eliminate unforeseen ad hoc entirely, something to say about lowering the cap
   5. Rose: better since we are tightening budgets on the front end
   6. Javi: all the unforeseen falls in a small number range, can cut that down so we don’t have to cut travel or food funding
   7. Clay: that’s an option but don’t necessarily need to cut travel for food
   8. Bobby: not in favor of cutting unforeseen all together, would be more favorable to more strict
   9. Javi: can make this slight change, $500 cap
   10. Clay: could make some changes on space costs
   11. Rose: seems that there is a tipping point where it is too radical or ineffective
   12. Javi: we should lower it, we can adjust for emergencies
   13. Riley: book flights earlier in advance, book two months in advance, could also consider adding hotels
   14. Bobby: I think a month or three weeks is good amount of time
   15. Rose: I think two months is fine, makes people book ahead of time, but for national tournaments that you need to qualify for there would be an exception
   16. Clay: also need to make an exception for the beginning of the year, and also change it to request money for all flights
   17. Javi: also have a set distance for when people should fly
   18. Clay: think there is a lot of case by case variation
   19. Bobby: we should keep it open-ended where it makes sense to do one or the other
   20. Javi: I also agree
   21. Matt: if we have two months from booking flights to the actual event, gives them more leeway
   22. Javi: I am okay with this language
   23. Move to approve suggested changes by Javi and seconded by Rose
   24. Motion passes 12-0-0
   25. Clay: space is a big cost that varies greatly, want to make sure that groups are choosing the best and cheapest spaces, can have events in cheaper spaces
   26. Riley: add a sentence that precedent doesn’t count for space
   27. Clay: technology is also going to be freer in CETS and student center spaces, can have double savings, could be potentially five figure savings
   28. Matt: how would we handle formals since they need standing space and not sitting spaces
   29. Clay: the observatory might also be free
   30. Riley: think it codifies something we have also been pushing groups to do
   31. Claire: what if the space is already booked?
   32. Clay: have line in there about booking spaces early, you should be booking early, asking groups to be flexible with date and time of the event, we can make exceptions
   33. Claire: just kind of hard since things get booked months in advance
   34. Bobby: the wording is a bit strict, clubs cannot always move around events to certain dates, difficult for clubs to move dates
   35. Clay: if they do set those dates in advance, then they should get the room months in advance as well, lot of other options as well, many classrooms
   36. Riley: exceptions on a case by case basis
   37. can set a timeline for booking spaces
   38. encourage groups to come in as early as possible
   39. Move to approve suggested changes to Budget Guide by Javi and seconded by Rose
   40. Motion passes 12-0-0
   41. Clay: I don’t think we need emergency in budget guide, we always do it, don’t want to have groups say things are emergencies when they are not
   42. Kathy: can we just make exceptions case-by-case
   43. Riley: I think we almost never approve unforeseen ad hoc, would only curtail Midwest
   44. Clay: have done very small things
   45. Move to change unforeseen limit to $500 by Clay and seconded by Javi
   46. Motion changes 12-0-0
   47. Riley: have ad hoc cap
   48. Clay: get a lot of money because they are defined as a cultural club, look at definition of cultural meal
   49. Bobby: do way too much co-sponsorship
   50. Clay: can just be more strict about enforcing ad hoc criteria
   51. Bobby: consider not cultural, against that, gets a bit tricky, look at different things rather than this
   52. Rose: shouldn’t touch cultural food, what we have isn’t perfect but is better and puts the onus on groups
   53. Kelly: something we also talked about was like having District Taco and making it cultural, food needs to be important to the event
   54. Kathy: some groups say cultural meals and get chips and dips
   55. Clay: the bulk of Midwest club can be reduced by reducing attendance, or food meal calculator
   56. Matt: not okay with making value judgments on what is cultural
   57. Bobby: the only other thing we can possibly do is limit how many cultural food funding you can get, little bit more fair to more groups
   58. Clay: probably best if we look at food funding overall, food at GBMs, food per day, one meal per day, cap the money they can be allocated in food overall
   59. Bobby: don’t want it to be a point where we are telling clubs where they are spending most of this message for, agree with certain amounts of time per day
   60. Riley: if it’s in your mission it can be included
   61. Kathy: know that a lot of Asian cultural clubs have Big-Little system, spend like a ton of money on Boba, they shouldn’t be allowed to spend that much money for aasa
   62. Clay: would come up in the audit, this is something we should be capping
   63. Move to make suggested changes to budget guide (one meal allocation per day, only funding food at one GBM) by Javi and seconded by Rose
   64. Motion passes 12-0-0
   65. Move to delete sentences regarding outside funding for travel by Janz and seconded by Clay
   66. Motion passes 12-0-0
   67. Move to finalize the budget guide for FY 21 by Clay and seconded by Rose
   68. Motion passes Riley Y, Claire Y, Annabel Y, Kelly Y, Kathy Y, Annie Y, Clay Y, Bobby Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Rose Y, Javi Y 12-0-0
3. Adjournment--10:02pm