

**Student Activities Commission**

Georgetown University

2 March 2020

Meeting Agenda

1. Call to Order--8:01pm
2. Approval of Minutes--Move to approve by Rose and seconded by Javi, Motion passes 11-0-0
3. Financial Account Updates

Combined Fund: -$53,957

1. Public Comment--None
2. Group Presentations
   1. Hawaii Club--8:02
      1. huge showcase event
      2. singing and dancing
      3. celebration of Hawaiian culture
      4. spread it on Georgetown’s campus
      5. this year Luau is important due to protests back in Hawaii
      6. importing flowers from Hawaii
      7. not an honorarium but a payment for their services--something you do culturally
      8. space is with mikes and equipment, have it booked for April 4th
      9. Javi: have you reached out to other groups on campus? have reached out to President’s office, reached out to NASC
      10. Clay: how many are GU undergrads? most, do have alumni as well as other community events
      11. Riley: is this your one big event for the semester? this is their one big event for the year
      12. Janz: how much money do you currently have from your budget? have about $1500, intend to use fully
      13. Bobby: for the pizza rehearsal dinner? how many dancers do you expect? 70 dancers, been a commitment since the beginning of February
      14. Clay: selling tickets and how much is ticket prices? fundraising for a charity, like to keep ticket prices as low as possible, charged $4/ticket
      15. Janz: how many tickets do you sell? around 200
      16. Move to approve by Javi and seconded by Rose
      17. Motion passes 11-0-0
      18. Move to fund space in full and allocate $450 and seconded by Rose
      19. Javi: one big event for the year, fund space cost at least this semester, funding honorarium and flowers, really strive to give them something to this event, not funding food
      20. Riley: this is a very unique circumstance, true exception, cultural organization
      21. Clay: rather than space in full can we fund in $375 to avoid cost overruns
      22. Clay amends motion to allocate $825--friendly amendment
      23. Javi: wanted to put out the motion, have some wiggle room with food costs, we can allocate for food if we are so inclined
      24. Bobby: do you think you could increase ticket prices and still sell out? people will still do it, want to limit price increases as much as possible
      25. Rose: how about $7? we are doing other fundraisers, we can raise ticket prices? fundraising with Chipotle
      26. Javi: I think they can make up the cost with other fundraisers, extra $425 for food
      27. Javi moves to allocate $1250
      28. Riley: we have other groups tonight, we are out of money
      29. Javi: $375 for space, $150 for performance payment, $300 for flowers, $425 for food
      30. Riley: I would go with $825
      31. Clay: we are in a unique financial situation, need to be conservative, we do not have money
      32. Riley amends motion to allocate $825--friendly amendment
      33. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   2. Women of Color--8:19
      1. Healing Ourselves to Heal Each Other
         1. in collab with Prof Soyica Colbert
         2. providing space and food
         3. March 17th from 6:30-8:30, will be in her residence in LXR
         4. having a guided healing event, fee is $500 to student groups
         5. in response to things going on campus
         6. Clay: was this included in your budget request for the semester? yes
         7. Javi: do you have internal funds to pay that fee? no
         8. Riley: have you reached out to other sources? have not
         9. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Bobby
         10. Motion passes 11-0-0
         11. Move to allocate $0 by Riley and seconded by Javi
         12. Riley: there is value in this event, we just have no money to give
         13. Javi: we agree, we just do not have the money at this point
         14. Clay: even under our budget guide we would only be able to allocate $100, some fundraising would be necessary
         15. Riley: also did not see this event in budget submission, not necessarily ad hoc
         16. Rose: this is probably the most emergent event that is happening on campus, would be in favor of allocate $100, probably most beneficial to the community
         17. Javi: would second that
         18. Clay: hesitant to fund since we do not know where the $400
         19. the event is going to happen anyway, we will figure out a way regardless
         20. Rose moves to allocate $100--unfriendly amendment
         21. Amendment fails 5-6-0
         22. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose N, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Javi Y, Clay Y 10-1-0
   3. GUWIL--8:31
      1. Women for Others Gala
         1. biggest event for the semester
         2. most important and most costly event
         3. what the entire spring semester focuses on
         4. been an annual event since the creation of the organization
         5. hold ticket sales for the event: N Street Village
         6. non-profit that offers services to homeless and at-risk women in the DC area
         7. requesting $3407
         8. holding it in Copley --$641.50
         9. catering: for 100 people, alcohol for 40 people, catering from Pinstripes $2107, cheaper than it has been in the past
         10. photo booth: $329
         11. decorations: $300
         12. Riley: how much is left in your budget? currently it says on Hoyalink that we have $368, but should have about $900 for the semester
         13. Clay: will you be selling tickets to this event? yes, but all those profits would go to N Street Village? expect to sell 100 tickets, about $15
         14. Javi: have you reached out to other organizations? not yet, waited to see what SAC allocated
         15. Matt: is everyone here going to be a GU student, do have awards, professors and faculty can be nominated, so they and their families would also attend
         16. Move to approve by Riley and seconded by Annabel
         17. Motion passes 11-0-0
         18. Move to allocate $0 by Clay and seconded by Riley
         19. Clay: we do not fund this type of fundraising event, if you donate money to an outside charity, redirecting of SAC money to charity, unable to do this even if we had the money
         20. Bobby: my biggest concerns is ticket sales going to an outside charity
         21. Clay: they can also spend down their cost center
         22. Clay moves to table funding--friendly
         23. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   4. PRIDE--8:48
      1. Keynote Speaker
         1. Jaboukie Young-White
         2. gay black comedian
         3. writers for Big Mouth
         4. super famous and super funny
         5. coming to GU on March 20th
         6. working with everyone to fund this office
         7. met the speaker fee
         8. going to be in Lohrfink auditorium
         9. $300 for space
         10. have to have lighting, sound and projector
         11. originally going to be in the fall
         12. have reached out to many sources on campus to get funding
         13. planning for SAC funding
         14. cannot charge tickets to this event since partnering with Lecture Fund
         15. focusing on issues affecting young queer people of color
         16. we will pack Lohrfink
         17. anticipate that Lohrfink will be packed
         18. also have cost of GUPD officers
         19. Janz: how much are you specifically requesting from SAC? $500
         20. Clay: I think we should give $500, that is what they said, not doing any fulls, need to know how much we are doing
         21. Bobby: $500 should not be the amount stopping this
         22. Riley: have gathered so many funding sources already
         23. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Rose
         24. Motion passes 11-0-0
         25. Move to allocate $500 by Riley and seconded by Clay
         26. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
      2. Drag Brunch
         1. started last year
         2. bring in DC drag queens
         3. happening Copley Formal
         4. tickets sold out really quickly
         5. great way to bring light to the drag community
         6. costs: paying the performers, 6 performers, $300 for one and $600 for the other five together
         7. food: MGM Roast Beef, $900-$1000 for 100 people
         8. Copley: $300 for a minimum of four hours, $75 bucks an hour for 4 hours, also have to add tables and chairs, expecting the event to sell out
         9. really successful last year
         10. have tried to look at other places to have the drag brunch
         11. Bobby: you guys are selling tickets? yes last year sold tickets, did not make any profit last year, want to keep this financially accessible
         12. Javi: if we are unable to fund space now, do you think you will be unable to book the space without the funding? yea have the space but they will not bill us until after the event is over
         13. Javi: how much more money do you still have from your budget? having $625 allocated to this event
         14. Riley: have you looked at other spaces? HFSC is very much booked up, not other social spaces that facilitate a performance, benefit of Copley Formal is that drag queens can use kitchen for mirrors and sinks
         15. Javi: do you think that you would be amenable to increasing ticket prices? it would give us a buffer, open to an increase, do not want anything too drastic
         16. Move to approve by Riley and seconded by Claire
         17. Motion passes 11-0-0
         18. Move to table funding by Riley and seconded by Bobby
         19. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   5. Southern Eating Club--8:44
      1. General meetups
         1. 36 going and 141 interested on fb event
         2. requesting $100
         3. chicken nuggets and mac n cheese
         4. going bigger for the first one
         5. want people to come back, so have good southern food
         6. $150 is their new request
         7. Move to approve by Claire and seconded by Riley
         8. Motion passes 11-0-0
         9. Move to allocate $150 by Matt and seconded by Clay
         10. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   6. Tocqueville Forum Student Fellows--9:11
      1. Speaker Panel
         1. organize every year
         2. April 7th
         3. biggest event
         4. open to the public
         5. get funding from the gov department
         6. honoraria for panel, location, audio, and catering
         7. gov department funds honraria and location, need to fund food and technology
         8. CETS was $200, catering was $137
         9. expect higher attendance, have ICC auditorium, CETS fee will be about the same, $200 for CETS and $200 for catering
         10. supposed to get funded for ad hoc
         11. have constraints on other funding sources, $200 for CETS is a bigger priority
         12. Clay: given this a panel style event, would you be able to host in a classroom, would not, they ask us to host this event, open to the public, has to be a big pretty event
         13. Clay: could you use Reiss auditoriums, why does it have to be ICC auditorium?
         14. looked at the HFSC rooms, cannot match times with spaces and speakers, other spaces not available on the day, most places were already booked up when they started reaching out, gov department prefers to have it in a flashy room or not have it all
         15. Move to approve by Riley and seconded by Clay
         16. Motion passes 11-0-0
         17. Move to table funding by Riley and seconded by Clay
         18. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   7. Mock Trial--9:19
      1. Lancaster ORCS
         1. going to opening round championships
         2. got two bids
         3. both teams are going to the same location
         4. hotels: $115.61, have to get their Thursday, have three nights, have three rooms
         5. rental cars: 2 minivans $269.01, $149.94 for sedan
         6. gas: $139.50
         7. registration: $500
         8. requesting at 54%
         9. $2104.15 is their request
         10. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Javi
         11. Motion passes 11-0-0
         12. Move to allocate $0 by Riley and seconded by Annabel
         13. Riley: we have no money
         14. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   8. AASA --9:24
      1. AsiaFest
         1. AAPI students showcase their talents to GU community
         2. event that we have been doing every year
         3. trying to make this a free event
         4. attendance usually around 150-200
         5. have Lohrfink reserved from 6p-12am
         6. on March 28th
         7. $420 for space
         8. CETS is $150 for first hour and, $75 for each additional hour
         9. $2.40/person for equipment
         10. snacks for performers 75 people, asking for $75 for snacks
         11. getting dumplings and beyond for food: $1.33 per person for meals, so $200, $50 for drinks
         12. decorations: $200
         13. grand total of $1310
         14. Bobby: are you planning on ticket sales? not doing that
         15. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Riley
         16. Motion passes 11-0-0
         17. Move to allocate $0 by Clay and seconded by Matt
         18. Clay: we really don’t have any money event, AASA already has much programming and has large event, they have to choose how to prioritize
         19. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt Y, Janz Y, Clay Y 11-0-0
   9. Parliamentary Debate--9:31
      1. Stanford
         1. same as EAF
         2. Move to approve by Javi and seconded by Rose
         3. Motion passes 11-0-0
      2. Brown
         1. sending 3 teams, 6 people
         2. registration, 1 van, 2 hotel rooms
         3. $895 total
         4. Riley: are these your only events of the semester? no have other events
         5. not requesting any money for these events
         6. Move to approve by Rose and seconded by Annabel
         7. Motion passes 11-0-0
3. Commissioner Presentations
   1. ACLU-GU
      1. going to the Supreme Court
      2. Move to approve by Clay and seconded by Rose
      3. Motion passes 11-0-0
      4. Move to allocate $0 by Bobby and seconded by Annabel
      5. Clay: always tell them to take GUTS bus
      6. Motion passes Claire Y, Annie Y, Kelly Y, Rose Y, Bobby Y, Riley Y, Annabel Y, Matt abstains, Janz Y, Clay Y 10-0-1
4. CSE Annotations

how we plan on keeping groups accountable, auditing groups, showing FinApp that we are going to fix these issues

1. Jake’s Annotations
   1. Recap of Senate Meeting
      1. sending out email that we are completely broke
      2. have to only fund NCD
      3. did not get as much as we were hoping for
      4. going through appeals process
      5. my job is to inform other FinApp people about how SAC works
      6. all about fairness
   2. Budget Guide Reform Reminder
      1. Claire: ethics clauses, perpetrators cannot be kicked out of clubs, require that they have it and have a funding penalty or other sanctions if they do not have it
      2. Rose: Title IX non-retaliatory policy makes it hard for us to do anything, more survivor-centric language, would have to clarify with the CSE more
      3. Claire: like the student code of conduct, if you violate then you can get kicked out, would give clubs more power
      4. Rose: definitely a good idea, students are never allowed to be investigators, have to be super careful with how we word this, talk more with CSE and Health Ed about it
      5. Riley: going to be doing audits, we can make them random or audit every thing, GUSA has expressed distrust in us, want us to be transparent
      6. Javi: random audits would be the way to go, getting photos and collecting data post evidence, where are we over-allocating groups at, not trusting our clubs is not a way to move forward
      7. Riley: selfies is a way to get accurate attendance
      8. Clay: how do we audit attendance specifically without photos
      9. Claire: we are in clubs, very intrusive, other advisory boards are not doing this
      10. Clay: attendance fluctuates most with SAC groups, not really happening with clubs in other advisory members, there would be some spending an attendance minimums
      11. Bobby: try to see what club’s feedback is, get their thoughts
      12. Rose: PRIDE does not take pictures, QPOC has this policy as well
      13. Clay: paper sign-in sheet, can look at compromise
      14. Clay: if they are forging signatures, that is pretty bad
      15. Matt: should give more thought to punishment scales, what level of violation leads to certain punishment
      16. Riley: this is very hard
      17. Clay: could do restoration, warning, funding cuts, we could eventually do lose ATB
      18. Clay: changing coaches and instructors to be average number of people at event and not based on total attendance throughout the semester
      19. Clay: having full and cultural meals include beverages
      20. Clay: changing decorations from $3 to $1, save us a few thousand dollars a year, we can allocate more based on our discretion
      21. Clay: very high bar for when you need a formal stuff, still have leeway for certain speakers, can happen in a free space, having a tiered system, groups should reserve spaces as early as possible
      22. Kelly: we should audit all large events, and events that cost a lot, that would easier way to save money
      23. Clay: space thing would apply to every clubs, we could save a very significant amount of money this way, better way of saving money
      24. Javi: agree with all these changes, redirects from invasive auditings, finds way to cut costs
      25. Riley: for NCD, if they have an ECF submission, they will not be eligible to exit NCD at the end of the semester
      26. Riley: mandating that all clubs have three trained board members for Bystander training, for no trained officers: loss of ATB, for two trained officers then restoration
      27. Rose: clubs that have travel events should bring one of the bystander trained with them
      28. Claire: that could be hard, issues with club members not showing up, at capacity before them, mandating for travel is great idea, but the current Health Ed capacity would not be able to handle that, really hard for really large clubs
      29. Rose: clubs have had issues on travel events, could be a longer-term change
      30. Javi: have tried to get trained, want a clear timeline, Health Ed might not have capacity
      31. Abhi: increasing requirements for NCD

Constitution Reform from Clay:

Improve our leadership transition, Chair would be elected at least 45 days prior to the last SAC meeting

Vice Chair and Financial Accounts Officer chosen 30 days prior to the last meeting

establish a long transition period and ensure that the transition is in place, ensure that old people do not slack off in the end

previous officeholders should be shared on all communication

have Financial Accounts Officer be an official position

Riley: I do agree, transition needs to be better, given the size of our commission, if that transition period is that long, then it sort of seems like a transparency issue with other commissioners not knowing what is going on

Clay: would be position relevant things

Riley: it feels very exclusionary

Clay: they would not serve in their capacity, would be in-training

Jake: need to have some sort of transition

Clay: needs to be front-loaded, do think we need this timeline for Chair and FAO

1. Adjournment--10:56pm