



The Student Forum

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Date: January 29th, 2018

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Raya Petrova, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Matthew Toy, Emily Carrabba, Sam Varsano, Simon Bohn, Cameron Bechtold (Abroad), Matthew Dulchinos, Nimra Shabbir, Cameron Dreher, Madison Holley, Lawson Wheatley, Meghan McVaigh

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Devlin Daley, Michael Secchiaroli, Anthony Boone, Sapan Shah

Excused: Devlin Daley, Lauren Dougherty, Amy Haven, Lauren Smith, Brian Huang, Sarah Gottlieb, Andrew Wojtowicz, Zaid Al-Moghrabi, Madeleine Miller, Raphael Sebastian

President (Stalteri):

Nothing to report

Secretary (Daley):

Absent

VP Administration (Petrova):

TEDx club proposal

- They have applied for club status. Last year they had a large event and requested money, but we did not fund them. They were able to find the funds on their own. They now want club status and have a budget. Their goal is to host more than just the big event and also host a bunch of smaller events as well. The problem right now is that they need a licenses to be able to host their big event, and they need a club budget to get the licences. The process of applying for a license takes a long time and if we give them the 10 week probationary period they wouldn't be able to host their spring event. To help with this and because they are already established we are suggesting a 5 week probationary period to help them get club status in time for the license.
- (MS) Technically CoC has to approve them with a probationary period then after that period of 10 weeks they can become a club.
- (CD) Is the licences for a year? Could they just use their licences from last year?
 - (RP) We don't know
 - (LW) I just looked it up on Tedx website it says the license is for one event
- (MM) Just to add to what Raya said they want to have a bunch of events, not just one performance. By giving them a shorter period we will be able to help them do both.
- (SB) Does it cost money to apply to for the license?

- (RP) Yes. They can't apply until they have the money, and can't have money until they are a club. Last year they applied last minute and weren't sure they were going to be able to host the event.
- (MS) What were they doing in the fall?
 - (RP) They should have come in, but they didn't
- (MS) Why didn't they come sooner?
 - (RP) They didn't have a great answer for that. Which is why we still are suggesting a probationary period
- (SS) Can we fund them early?
 - (RP) That's a finance question
- (CD) Motion to accept the CoC recommendation of giving TEDx a 5 week probationary period
 - (MH) Seconded
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 12
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Motion Passes

- Report on meeting with the minor comm's chairs
 - Coc made a list of things that the less active committees can do to be more active.
 - A google drive with a folder for all their stuff like minutes to be passed down
 - Monthly Report, with a sample for them to use
 - Encourage to have better communication
 - Truthfully about 90% of the committees are doing just fine.
 - Update on Melissa : The problem with President Committees and we want them to merge with another committee for more momentum. Melissa was never sent the information of the students' names because of a gap in the line of communication.

VP Finance (Gottlieb): Update
 AMWHO approved \$850
 HVGC approved \$750
 Bhangra approved \$500

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

Update on Transportation conversation with Chris Hayen

- (ST) Talked with him about updates on transportation management. Rich Hulet is the new person in charge because the old person retired last month.
- They are currently looking for a new vendor for the trolley tracking system. The old system was designed by a former student and they own that system so that's why it hasn't been updated.

- Also spoke about the busses being canceled a lot this term . The reason why there have been so many cancellations and he said it was because they have two full time drivers out this term. They are looking for solutions for next term.
- I am going to meet with him again so if anyone has anything they want me to mention, let me know.
 - (EC) Could you bring the list of concerns from Zaid
 - (St) Sure it might be good for them to see it twice.
- (MS) Let Sarah know if you want to do anything to help with this or even go to the meetings if you can.

VP Campus Life (Toy):

#UnionCollegeChallenge Update

- (MT) Just posted about everyone who went to the next step social justice retreat and those who volunteered at the MoonBee
- Also Posted about Sarah's alumni panel which is next week.

VP Academics (Wojtowicz):

Vote on Data Analytics Minor Proposal by the AAC

- (MD) Motion to continue the discussion from last week on the Data Analytics Minor
 - (NS) seconded
- (MS) As we asked AW made a google doc for all the questions we had. It was the one question from last time, and he answered it in the doc.
- (MM) It is good of the school to update the minors and other offerings to keep wit the time and this minor would do that.
- (CD) I agree with Meghan. I think it would be good to promote this minor because it is really interesting and interdisciplinary, it is especially because the minor it would replace one had a few people.
- (MT) It seems like a good minor and pretty manageable to get done.
- (ST) Everyone is moving towards data and knowing how to use it, so it makes sense. I probably would have done it if I could've.
- (RR) The future is in data, so this will help students learn the tools they need and make them competitive for future employers.
- (SS) It is very important that this minor is promoted well, because the last one didn't have that much interest.
- (RP) I wasn't here, so it replaces the computer Science minor ?
 - (MD) No
- (CD) Motion to approve the data analytics minor as suggested by the AAC
 - (MD) Seconded
- VOTE:
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VP Sustainability (Carrabba):

Update on Green Fee Proposal Winner

- The winner was an Ozone Eco-renovation, which includes: replacing several windows to increase their energy efficiency, redo the rain gutters to stop the erosion next to the house and diverting that water to a garden that will promote native species, and lastly possibly repainting the house.
- (RP) How many proposals were there?
 - (EC) 6
- (MD) Is the renovation going to add a fire escape?
 - (EC) No. That is more of a facilities/ EHS issue than a sustainable one.
- (SB) How is repainting the house help?
 - (EC) The paint would stop dry rot, and the paint would be one that is environmentally friendly. The paint is a much smaller part of the project that could get cut depending on how the finances with the window work out.

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian): Nothing to Report / Absent

IFC (Secchiaroli):

- We had to have a snap election for treasure - JP Elmblad was elected
- Had meeting with goals for the year this includes:
 - Battle of the Bands
 - Pond Hockey Event with a cook off
 - Event in the spring as a way for first years to meet the greeks in a different non-social setting. It would be like a competition with field day kind of activities that first years could compete in against the greeks.

Panhel: (Haven):

- Panhel had their elections last week. Immy Welles was elected president, so this is Amy's last week and Immy will be here from now on.

MGC (Boone) :Nothing to report/Absent

Minerva (Shah):

Feedback for the Minerva funding request form

- (RR) - Thought it was great. Really liked that the top of the page had the information on it. It is definitely more user friendly than 25 live.
- (MH) it looks great
- (RR) Question: If you get approved for the funding who will get back to you with the information
 - (SS) I think the Minerva office, but I will check

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi): Nothing to Report

Class of 2020 (Bohn): Nothing to Report

Class of 2021 (Huang): Nothing to Report

Class of 2022 (Holley): Nothing to Report

Committee Report (SAC):

Announcement from the senior gift committee (Taha)

- They decided on the winter term event. It will be on February, 28th at the bowling alley the cost will be a small donation at the door.
- (MT) What is the Senior Gift Committee?
 - (ST) They fundraise and give money to the college's annual fund on behalf of the senior class.
- (SS) Did it use to be an actual object?
 - (AH) Yes, but they didn't think was as impactful, so they change it to be a financial gift.
- (SS) What happens to the money?
 - (MM) It is still a newer model so we don't have that information right now, but it used to go to things like the bricks on Jackson's Gardens, and other things like that.

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty): Nothing to Report

Old Business: N/A

New Business: N/A

Announcements: N/A

Motion to Adjourn (RP)

Seconded (MD)