



The Student Forum

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Date: February 5th, 2018

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Raya Petrova, Sarah Gottlieb, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Matthew Toy, Emily Carrabba, Raphael Sebastian, Zaid Al-Moghrabi, Madeleine Miller, Simon Bohn, Cameron Bechtold (Abroad), Brian Huang, Cameron Dreher, Madison Holley, Lawson Wheatley, Meghan McVaigh

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Michael Secchiaroli, Imogene Welles, Anthony Boone, Sapan Shah

Excused: Lauren Dougherty, Matthew Dulchinos, Devlin Daley, Sam Varsano, Andrew Wojtowicz, Nimra Shabbir

President (Stalteri):

E-Board meeting coming up look at for an email.

Secretary (Daley):

Absent/ Nothing to Report

VP Administration (Petrova):

Recap on Meetings with Committee Chairs

- Meet with all the chairs except 3 with will happen the next week or two weeks. Overall it went very well.
- Matt Malatesta suggested an orientation during spring term for new committee students that we will try to implement next term.
 - (MS) What exactly will this orientation be?
 - (RP) It will be for the students who are accepted into committees. When they get their email saying they got that position we will also let them know that there is an orientation etc. At the orientation there will be discussion of what they should do and what the expectations are. Right now we are deciding if it will be one giant orientation or one for each committee.
 - (MS) If we want to do this we may need to move up the applications for committees

VP Finance (Gottlieb):

Notification of \$715 to Table Tennis

Vote \$35,000 to Springfest

- We want to increase their budget for this year. This will bring them right to where they were last year. During budgets we decrease the amount they got, so if they need more

money they can apply for it, but we keep it in the holding account. The money from spring fest doesn't directly go to the performers. It cost about 40K from production alone, plus the other costs, and people who take the cut.

- (ZA) What is their budget right now?
 - (SG) It is about 105 or 110 thousand.
- (MM) Have they gone over budget before?
 - (SG) The only time I can think of was when someone canceled on them.
- (RP) Do they know who it is yet? Have they started looking into acts or booking people?
 - (SG) I think they started looking at acts, etc
- (MS) We won't know until the week of anyway. Only the people that are on that committee.
 - (MS) Why is that?
- (ZA) It is easier.
- (MS) By not releasing the list early it stays a Union College Event because people aren't trying to come to our school so that they can see the performer, and it is easier. Plus our concert is free which isn't true at most schools.
- (SB) Motion to approve 35 thousand dollar based on finance committee's recommendation
 - (BH) Seconded
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 13
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - Motion Passes

Vote \$1,100 to Bhangra

Overnight trip to a competition to Philly, to watch a performance. The event will be open for 20 people all across campus to go.

(MT) Motion to approve the finance committee's recommendation of \$1,100 to Bhangra

- (BH) Seconded
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 14
 - Against:
 - Abstain: 0
 - Motion Passes

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

Asking for Forum input for Winter Board Meeting

- Are going to Boston in two weekends for the trustee meeting. They have to present on student life and they will share the document later with what you've been up to etc.

VP Campus Life (Toy):

Union College Challenge update

- Went to BSU intersectionality talk. It was incredible, go to any of their events or meetings, it really is interesting and to hear the different experiences.
- Also if you do go to any event him me know so he can keep up and if you get a picture we can post. He will post every Monday.

VP Academics (Wojtowicz):

Nothing to Report

VP Sustainability (Carrabba):

Nothing to Report

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian):

Nothing to Report

IFC (Secchiaroli):

Nothing to Report

Panhel: (Welles):

Welcome to Immy Welles who is replacing Amy as Panhel Representative.

MGC (Boone):

Nothing to Report

Minerva (Shah):

Update on Minerva Question from last week

- Answer to question about funding - the co-chairs approve the funding but don't have to reach out.

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi):

Nothing to Report

Class of 2020 (Bohn):

Happy Chinese New Year

Class of 2021 (Huang):

Nothing to Report

Class of 2022 (Holley):

Nothing to Report

Committee Report (SAC):

- Meeting got moved.

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty):

Absent Nothing to Report

Old Business: N/a

New Business: n/a

Announcements:

- (MH) Thursday there is the latin dancing club, great people great support
- (MH) It is black history month and there are a bunch of events there is a schedule of all the events.

(EC) Motion to Adjourn

(SB) Seconced