



The Student Forum

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Date: May 13th, 2019

Attendance: Michael Stalteri, Raya Petrova, Sarah Gottlieb, Sarah Taha, Ruchi Raval, Matthew Toy, Andrew Wojtowicz, Emily Carrabba, Sam Varsano, Cameron Bechtold, Matthew Dulchinos, Brian Huang, Nimra Shabbir, Cameron Dreher, Madison Holley, Lawson Wheatley, Meghan McVaigh, Zaid Al-Moghrabi

Non-voting: Matthew Milless, Lauren Dougherty, Devlin Daley, Michael Secchiaroli, Lauren Smith

Excused: Imogene Welles, Anthony Boone, Madeleine Miller, Marina Angelopolous, Simon Bohn, Raphael Sebastian,

President (Stalteri):

Thank you!: CEO Event Volunteers: Panel with Fortune 500 CEO Alum's
Student Forum ReUnion Event

- Saturday, May 18th from 2-4 PM in Golub House Great Room
- Respond to Calendar invites and Excuses must be emailed in advance!
- Add accomplishments to the google document from this past year!
 - <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1bYT7MQyQLiW24tfKcoHesgOfCUD6SJiPxCqHF89mg/edit>

Secretary (Daley): Nothing to report.

VP Administration (Petrova):

Committees Application: new deadline

- We need to encourage more people to apply for these positions. Currently, no first-years have applied so Raya will be tabling at West for the next couple days.

Tabling at West during this week: days and time slots: sign ups

- Once the days for tabling get finalized, Raya will let you know. All the days will be at Common Lunch.
- Class Presidents- please keep sending the information to your peers.

VP Finance (Gottlieb):

Notifications:

COCOA House \$900

Loan to senior class \$168

\$917 to TEDX notification

\$300 to Bhangra

Vote:

Loan to senior class \$2500

- To put the deposit down on the boat for the boat cruise. Once they sell the bracelets they will be able to pay it back.
- (EC) Is this standard?
 - (SG) Yes, we did \$2000 last year.
- (RP) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation of \$2500 loan to the senior class
 - (EC) Seconded
- VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES

VOTE: CLUB BUDGETS 2019-2020

- Active Minds, African Dance, African Student Association, AMWHO, ASME:
 - (AW) What do you do when nobody submits a budget packet?
 - (SG) We email them to let them know it's overdue.
 - (MD) Motion to approve Finance Committee budget recommendations for clubs from Active Minds to ASME
 - (BH) Seconded
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
- Anime Club, Arabian Culture Club, Asian Student Union,
 - (BH) What do you mean by big ticket events for Anime Club?
 - (MD) I am going to say that we remove them and come back to them. By cutting them altogether we are making a statement that as Student Forum we want quality over quantity.
 - (SG) I think that there is something about quality over quantity.
 - (EC) So would we not include their weekly meetings as programming?
 - (SG) I am looking at what they are listing in the packet, they didn't list their weekly meetings.
 - (CD) I think it is important that if they know they want to come back and do more programming next year, they can come and ask for more money.
 - (MD) Motion to table Anime Club until the Student Forum has a budget packet in front of them at the end of the budget?
 - (AW) Seconded.
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 4
 - Against: 8
 - Abstain: 4

- MOTION DOES NOT PASS
 - (MD) I am confused on why people denied the motion to table because we should probably have the correct information in front of us.
 - (CB) Honestly, I agree. There are people who are running the club and we should assess.
 - (SG) I just don't want people to think they are being deducted for based on the events.
 - (CD) They don't have a crazy following and they have the minimum number of active members. Also, I think we should remember that clubs can come back and ask for more money.
 - (RP) They used over 73% of the budget so I don't think it makes sense to deny them when they are giving them the budget they used.
 - (AW) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation for \$600 to the Club 6?
 - (SV) Seconded.
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 9
 - Against: 3
 - Abstain: 4
 - MOTION PASSES
 - (EC) Motion to approve the budget between Arabian Culture Club to Association for CM-W?
 - (MD) Seconded
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
- Association for Women in Math, Badminton, Baseball, Basketball, Baja
 - (ZM) What is the reasoning for the Baja Club?
 - (SG) Their building supplies, they accounted for us to pay for more. They are getting a lot of funding from the ME department. If there budget will work for this year, then it will work for next year.
 - (ZM) Motion to approve Finance committee recommendation from association for women in math to Baja?
 - (SV) Seconded
 - (AW) Why did they try to double the budget?
 - (SG) Sometimes clubs just overshoot because they know that they are going to get cut either way.
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
- Ballroom Club, Beekeeping, Best Buddies, Bhangra, BBBS

- (BH) Is there any way that you could send a PDF blanket packet?
- (MD) I am just curious what is up with the weird number for club 18?
 - (SG) Everything gets totalled at the bottom, they are the change.
- (ZM) What is the reason why you have percentage and funding?
 - (SG) If they get additional funding from an outside source or ask for more fu
- (MD) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation for Clubs Ballroom to BBBS?
 - (ZM) Seconded
 - Vote:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
- Biology, Biomed Engineering, Black Student Union, Bowling, Campus Action
 - (MD) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation for budgets from biology to campus action?
 - (EC) Seconded
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
- Campus Kitchens, Card and Board Game, Caribbean Student Association, CELA/LASO, Cheer
 - (MD) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation for budgets from campus kitchens to cheer?
 - Approve: 15
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - MOTION PASSES
 - (ZM) Seconded
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 15
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
 - MOTION PASSES
- Chem/BioChem, Chess, Chinese Consortium, Classics Club, COCOA House
 - (MD) Motion to approve Finance Committee's recommendation for budgets from chem/biochem to COCOA house?
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES
 - (MH) Seconded.
 - VOTE:
 - Approve: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
 - MOTION PASSES

Trustees (Taha, Raval):

Elections Tabling

- Elections are activated and locked-in, Wednesday morning at 9:00am.
- Sarah will send a Doodle Poll for tabling.

Petitions Start for Class Reps. Wednesday!

- Board meeting this week: please add updates to the document!
- Senior Handshake from 11:00am-12:00pm.

VP Campus Life (Toy):

Union College Challenge Reception: May 30th at Common in Hale House

RSVP!: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeSHRy2srIAtpXGZ3hPmwqIWx0xy5JnTEY3Cf8rtpZD_wSVGa/viewform

- Please RSVP!

VP Academics (Wojtowicz):

- More tenure line retention requests were gone through today.

VP Sustainability (Carrabba):

Construction begun for Green Fee

VP Multicultural Affairs (Sebastian): Absent.

IFC (Secchiaroli):

1. Diversity Panel: Wednesday @ Common about Greek Men of Color
2. IFC B-Ball: Cash Prize, 9pm-12am

Panhel (Welles): Absent

MGC (Boone):

Walk a Mile in Her Shoes, a fundraiser to raise money for Eyes Wide Open

- Sunday May 26th @ Library Plaza, email Katie Casado with questions

Minerva (Angelopolous): Absent

THC (Smith): Nothing to report.

Class of 2019 (Al-Moghrabi): Nothing to report.

Class of 2020 (Bohn): Nothing to report.

Class of 2021 (Huang):

Middle States Update

- Student Forum received an email from Dean Thacker about student involvement. Please fill out this request.

Sexual Assault Survey

- Seven students made a Campus Climate Survey which is a google form which asks about the campus climate. The premise behind it based on the Posse Retreat where student discussed prevention on sexual assault.

Class of 2022 (Holley):

CDTA Promotional Group (McVaigh)

- Bowling on Erie: 10 min Bus Ride (5 votes)
- Dave and Busters: 56 mins (NO VOTES)
- Trader Joes :44 mins (NO VOTES)
- Green Market: 7 mins (NO VOTES)
- Tsoros: 7 mins (NO VOTES)
- Bumpy's: 28 mins (2 votes)
- Galleria 7: 17 mins (8 votes)
 - (LS) I don't think we should eliminate but I think we should try to do the ones that are two birds one stone like the restaurant discount team.
 - (RR) I like the idea of Galleria 7 because for the options it makes more sense for us to go a similar time that it would take to drive.
 - (AW) Can we do Dave and Buster's at Crossgates?
 - (MS) The student forum would not be able to pay for the trip only for the bus trip which is included with the free ridership.
 - (RR) I think this would be better on a Thursday night rather than a Friday or Saturday night.
 - (LS) I was going to agree with the that, but Monday after forum seems like a good time to be able to do this.

Committee Report (SAC): Nothing to report.

Advisor's Report (Milless, Dougherty):

- Adrienne will be leaving after this term, her husband got a job in California.
- Tomorrow is the Leadership Celebration from 4-7pm in the CPH Ballroom.

Old Business:

New Business:

- (LS) The Sexual Assault Forum that was last week: they are looking for nominations for the new committee they are forming.

Announcements:

- (SG) I just sent the packets to email and have taken notes down for next week's powerpoint.
- (RP) I sent the form as well.
- (AW) June 5th at 6pm there is Trivia at Galleria 7.

(EC) Motion to Adjourn.

(BH) Seconded.