GSC BoD Monthly Meeting Minutes

January 3rd, 2012 at MCR – SFL Library

Directors in attendance: Terry Gdoutos, Vicki Stolyar, Landry Fokou, Greg Pomrehn, Thevamaran (Deva) Ramathasan, Alexandra Lockwood, Lauren Edgar, Artemis Ailianou, Toni Lee, Mike Post

Start Time: 12:08pm

1) Committee Updates:

Social:
Party -
Vicki: Party is still on for Saturday,
Alex: Probably need to send out a special email since one hasn’t been sent out yet.

Spring Formal-
Lauren: MHF (Moore Hufstedler Fund) proposal is due Friday, thinking of proposing boat cruise for spring.
Alex: On MHF committee, can’t have her name on proposal
Lauren: Fund for enhancing student life, but don’t fund repeat events, so since we’ve already gotten them to fund a formal we can have a boat cruise.
Alex: We’ll write it (Lauren and Alex) but need others’ names.
Terry: Will help with writing proposal.
Artemis: We need to send email to students if they want speaker to come in (and it’s already been funded by MHF since they’ve funded speakers), can send to GSC and it can be resubmitted – so we write recommendation given students’ proposals. If it’s a speaker or culture event, need to go through GSC. Any non-speaker and non-cultural event goes through MHF
Terry: Will send email that we need those proposals before Friday since MHF proposal is due Friday to MHF.

2) Issues Regarding Athletics:
Terry: Organizational meeting tomorrow for basketball. How did it become under GSC name?
Lauren: Used to have someone on GSC that organized this. Should have a point person to organize intramural teams.
Artemis: Athletics has someone that coordinates this
Lauren: Should have GSC person (or other) that advertises this.
Terry: Athletics has person that knows the schedule but doesn’t advertise, so need someone that keeps up with him to see when these things happen. Someone already makes sure teams exist as well as schedules when teams play/
Lauren: Let’s have the people already working on athletics deal with the publicity
Alex: Sebastian and Adam are athletics people. Will talk to them.
Retreat:
Terry: will be on a 3 day weekend in February in San Diego, but time isn’t decided just location.
3) Quickfunding:

**Terry:** In first proposals discussed what’s appropriate, stems from gray area in recommendations. Let’s establish rules for these proposals – make these explicit. We need to also encourage people to submit proposals for quickfunds since we have a large budget, but let’s make guidelines clear. Suggestions?

**Alex:** Event should be advertised to the entire campus community via email. Can’t be more than three weeks away or so since this isn’t something that people plan for.

**Terry:** Can we just say it’s a non-planned event?

**Lauren:** Let’s say it can’t be used to substitute for club funding.

**Artemis:** Must be spontaneous, not a regular event.

**Mike:** What’s the process to apply for club funding?

**Terry:** Need to present at the beginning of the year what your budget will be. Can supplement with quick funding and event funding, if not planned for.

**Artemis:** if you’re not a club can be a spontaneous event, but as a club can’t use for planned events. Let’s have guidelines for clubs and regular proposals.

**Alex:** We can just say an event that doesn’t need more than 2 weeks planning.

**Terry:** Let’s say if you’re thinking of event more than month in advance, apply for event funding.

**Alex:** Students pay certain amount to be a part of GSC, we are supposed to limit how much we spend per student based on this.

**Deva:** We partially funded a club that wanted to have weekly dinners. Also, postdoc association asking for funding to play in leagues but have no way to fund it. Suggested to them to ask for event funding, but it wasn’t clear if they could ask for quickfunding. Didn’t want to advertise to all grad students because they want good players.

**Terry:** Clubs can’t restrict membership if asking for funding. Quickfunding has to be for all grad students. What about event funding, restrictions?

**Alex:** They can apply to other sources so we don’t need to fund them since we’re grad student centered. But it’s good to have event funding with guidelines so people can come and pitch ideas if other methods (club and quickfund don’t work).

**Toni:** Some clubs have had events in only foreign language.

**Terry:** Rules: Advertise to all students, spontaneous - no more than 3 weeks planning, not in club funding proposal and maximum of $300 – is this adequate? Also event must have English that explains what’s going on (in some way or another, whether it’s subtitle or whatnot). Let’s make it accessible to English speaking students. We can make it a sub-guideline

**Landry:** Perhaps we’re specifying too much?

**Terry:** Let’s clean up guidelines - spontaneous, not in club funding, advertised to all students

**Movies Library**

**Deva:** Caltech has movie library, and Avery has movies library, movie library here not updated. There’s money in direct student activities – let’s make library for international movies and movie nights for gush possibly.

**Alex:** Cat’s RAs have been doing monthly international foods – maybe talk to them?

**Artemis:** We want more than just people from Cat’s to come.

**Lauren:** We can combine these.

**Artemis:** ask ISP to ask international students to submit recommendations.

**Deva:** Paul can help with movie suggestions and will ask other student organizations. Need to ask if library can handle the collection.

**Artemis:** Other clubs have libraries for books and movies, so we should have our space as well.

**Clubs:**

**Greg:** At meeting it was specified that they want to encourage students to participate in clubs and leadership should have a grad student involved. If they don’t have a grad student involved, shouldn’t have Caltech funding. Offered to have Betsy Mitchell come speak with us.
Terry: Administration is trying to write policies on what it means to be a club; end goal is to have a structure on how clubs can become a club.

Artemis: Though it hasn’t always been followed, leadership should have Caltech students in order to receive funding.

Alex: Should be central repository of information about clubs (position, name, ID number, etc.)

Terry: Let’s see what end result is of this initiative, and if we disagree we can take a more active stance.

Mike: Who oversees student groups?

Terry: We fund them but don’t oversee them.

Greg: this was an issue from student affairs – they need to know how to recognize who is a club and how to manage that.

Mike: In undergrad there was a committee that you had to apply to. Seems odd we’re not holding them accountable but fund them.

Terry: School doesn’t have a structure to do that, but we do oversee by looking at their funding request and deciding whether we do fund them. For now let’s address things on a case by case basis.

Meeting end Time: 12:54pm