

10/18/16 Minutes
Open Senate

Erica Haynes (SGA Treasurer) -- briefly go over allocations business

Proposal to switch up allocations for the Spring

1. Use the money already allocated for Fall and Spring -- \$7000 for Fall appeals and \$8000 for Spring appeals
 - o Con: people currently upset will remain upset
 - o Pro: will be more in the appeals pot
2. Use Fall allocations with \$5000 for appeals and redistribute Spring. Have stricter guidelines.
 - o Every club will be given a sheet that
 - o Pro: constitution will be followed, people will know what they will not receive money for beforehand
 - o Con: clubs might get less than what they have now.
3. Use Fall allocations with \$5000 for appeals and then evenly distribute funds across the clubs. No appeals. Every club would get approximately \$479.67.
 - o Con: everyone planning spring events will be getting less money.
 - o Pro: everyone gets the exact same, better opportunity for collaboration
 - o Will be list of what you can use the money for.

Ayane (ASK treasurer): Will we be able to receive more money if we go with the third option?

Erica: No, it will just be that number.

Megan Edwards (SGA Pres): If we go with Option 3, what happens for next year?

Amber Ocasio: It will depend on next year's process, which we are not discussing at this moment.

Esperansa Nash (2020): Motion to discuss

Seconded.

Shari Moody (AVP Treasurer): Particularly against the third option. Like the possibility for collaboration but just around \$400 will not cover any of the annual events that my clubs hosts

Ayane (ASK Treasurer): Can overall funds be raised?

Aaleyah: We would discuss that in an EC Meeting.

Shari Moody (AVP Treasurer): I would like to suggest that the allocations process not be changed. Redoing the budget would be really complicated, and I like the option to appeal.

Diamonique (MCU Pres): If the budget is changed, won't the new budgets be decided by Christmas?

Erica: Yes

Diamonique: Do you have any idea how much money goes back into the pot with option 2?

Erica: Roughly \$13,900, and appeals will be taken out of this.

Kirsten (BSA Pres): For option 2, is it just redistribution with a slightly smaller pot?

Erica: Yes.

Emarii Lopes (Illusion Dance Team Captain): If option 2 is chosen, there is the possibility that the clubs who have already started to budget for the spring will get less?

Erica: Yes.

Emarii: Some clubs would get the shorter end of the stick with this option.

Mary Ruth (HC Chair): Want to remind people that although there will be a smaller pot, you will have the appeals process. I would rather have the option to get more money.

Shari Moody: Will the clear guidelines be sent out only for options 2 and 3?

Erica: Yes. You will get that very soon if either of these is chosen.

Sage Wyatt: I was wondering whether there was already any sharing process in place?

Aaleyah: There are forms to co-host events

Madeleine Stout (ICC Chair): Will be in-service on Sunday at 4 pm, Erica will be there too, guidelines will be explained then. Email will be sent out.

Brenda (2020): motion to vote by paper ballot

Seconded.

Vote 1:

Option 1-5

Option 2- 5

No Vote-1

Tie between Option 1 and Option 2.

Revote -- cannot abstain and cannot vote for Option 3

Sage Wyatt (COSMOS Treasurer): Can a vote be opened up to the gallery?

Aaleyah: No, but you can voice your concerns

Sage: Don't like Option 2

Diamonique (MCU): Kirsten and I initially brought this issue up, and after being in Senate, we think that the best way to go is Option 1 because this still leaves appeals open to us. We still hope that this process is revised for next year.

Mary Ruth (HC Chair): There are clubs that may not be represented here who are not happy with their current budget and Option 2 might help them.

Kelsey Allen (CJ Club Pres): Still partial to Option 1 because there is less money for appeals with Option 2.

Ayla Speck (Gamers Guild): Also prefer Option 1.

Juanaysa (2019): To be clear, this is not to fix it for next year, this is to fix it for right now?

Aaleyah: Yes.

Megan Edwards (SGA Pres): Process could very well be changed for next year.

Shari Moody: In favour for Option 1

Esperansa (2020): Motion to vote

Seconded.

Vote 2:

Option 1- 8

Option 2- 3

Option 1 been approved by majority vote.

Update on old business:

Racial Climate survey -- she will be coming to Senate in the coming weeks to elaborate on the results

Freshman Parking -- Esperansa (2020): working on safety issues with Freshman parking, if you have any ideas please get in touch

Rebecca Balzan (2020): Will be making a flyer -- Spencer Center will be taking students to vote.

Aaleyah: Senate will be canceled that day to encourage students to vote.

Tom Byerly (Safety and Security): Not opposed to moving freshman parking. But want to encourage students to think outside the box. What are some ways to make the way to freshman parking safer? Walk around campus after dark to check on the lights -- have been specifically keen on lights in freshman parking. The lights surrounding campus haven't been working very well, and have had officer write down a list. Have contacted City of Staunton as well as Dominion directly.

Gallery Concerns/Announcements:

Madeleine Stout: In-service on Sunday. Whichever club brings the most members will receive some funds as an incentive. 4 pm in Miller Chapel.

Kirsten: Are there guidelines when it comes to appeals?

Aaleyah: Appeals committee is about 3-4 senators and senate treasurer. Can ask to be funded for pretty much anything.

Valerie (LU Pres): Do we now have to appeal for both Fall and Spring?

Aaleyah: Yes

Ayane (ASK Treasurer): Fundraiser tomorrow in the Pub, making candy baskets, raffle. 5-7 pm.

Mary Ruth (HC Chair): SA, HC, and JB will be hosting Halloween bonfire by the fire pit at 7 pm on October 28th

Sam (BPB Chair, SOULS President): DMM this Thursday at 7:30 or 7:45 and SOULS meeting tomorrow at 7:30 pm -- trivia and prizes

Megan Edwards: Could we have more prominent signs for the different parking lots?

Tom Byerly: We are in the process of doing this right now. Might want to push the issue with Brent Douglass.

Diamonqie (MCU): Can the gravel parking lot behind Spencer be solely for Le Casa and Umoja House residents? Could it be paved, and could the overgrown trees be

Tom Byerly: Would have to go through Physical Plant

Aaleyah: Sophomore class will get in touch with Physical Plant

Gallery Member: Is it true that you cannot ask for a security escort if you are a group of more than three people?

Tom Byerly: No. Have addressed the issue with the switchboard member. If such a request is denied, please email me directly.

Phoenix Wilson (JB Chair): Could the classrooms at the bottom of King be open 24 hours?

Byerly: Can have a discussion about this.

Brenda (2020): Motion to adjourn.

Seconded.