

UA Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2012 at 8 PM

Attendance

- Present: Michael Plasmeir, Affi Maragh, Robert Johnson, Ryan Normandin, Regina Cho, Benjamin Shaibu, Tommy Anderson, Kyle Smith, Stephanie Holden, Christine Lai, Lauren Allen, Alex Dehnert
- Proxy: Royden for Alec Lai, Willst for Alex Westbrook, Paul for Katy Gero, Stephanie Holden for Denzil Sikka

Introduction of Christine Sowa (for new UA secretary)

- Christine's intro and questions for Christine
 - Christine is a Course 15 and 18 sophomore and has been a member of the Committee on Education for the past year and a half. She manages the student-faculty dinners.
- Christine insists that she is organized and looking forward to bringing new initiatives to the secretary role
- Regina – asked about secretary's role with website and putting minutes online
 - TyShaun – wants to revamp the website
 - Plaz – wants many people to be able to edit the website
- Voting for UA Secretary (will revisit issue of website later)
 - Approval granted with 14 voters

Forums for Presidential Search Committee – Amanda David

- 5 so far, weak attendance
- Next meeting is 7:30 this Thursday at Lobdell
- Public document by the end of spring break
 - Will email out before it is sent officially
- Question: Timeline –
 - Answer: By April, construct job description and qualities that students feel are necessary for the new president
- Question: Tone –
 - Answer: Major concerns have not been major surprises—residence based learning, deferred maintenance, transparency with the administration, fundraising

Spring Weekend – TyShaun

- Great opportunity to do an event to get more people in the UA involved in doing something that is visible and will generate good publicity. Importantly, it will do something good for the campus.
- Next semester, we don't have senate to recruit, so events to get undergrads excited about working in the UA would be beneficial

- Do a few (large-scale) events and do them *well*
- Friday night concert will definitely happen
- Events should be Friday afternoon/Saturday
- Question: how does events committee feel about it
 - Answer: they are open to the possibility and excited to see more participation - Representative from events committee
 - SaveTFP will have an event as well
- Early stages – **ideas** for the weekend
 - Rock band tournament
 - Carnival/BBQ
 - Field Day (class tournaments?)
 - “Movie on the Lawn” Projector on Kresge
 - Resource fair with picnic – inform undergrads what the committees do, mental health, etc.
 - “Come with food, leave with knowledge.”
- Feedback
 - Affi –
 - Change the order of the events - Resource fair Friday
 - BBQ picnic would be Saturday with movie following
 - Regina –
 - Would it be too hectic to compress the events to Friday and Saturday? May motivate people to go if they think it’s not going on for the entire weekend
 - Plaz –
 - UA should not be involved planning events but rather in policy
 - Paul –
 - We could be doing this for a weekend to do a nice thing for campus
 - OR we could use this as an event to push information on what the UA is doing
 - Paul thinks we should focus on doing a “nice thing” and reference back to it as a good thing we’ve done in the future
 - Comments on this pertain to how to split the event to accomplish *both* goals
 - Lauren Allen –
 - This is outside of the UA’s realm
 - Suggests using the idea to discuss student feedback on where to allocate funds at the events
 - Paul –
 - This event would be a cross-committee initiative which requires feedback from everyone
 - Lauren -
 - Afraid of time commitment

- Christine Lai –
 - One event per day would be a good focus for the UA because it could overwhelm the organizers

Regina – What does it mean about it being “hard to recruit”?

- Answer: (TyShaun) without Senate, our focus will have to shift in a new direction which may be hard in a transition year
- Ryan Normandin –
 - Every member of senate had to be on a committee, but now we don't have a senate
 - From previous experience, it would be useful to delegate the work so as to spread the help from everyone
- Jonte
 - Senate is where we got many of the leaders for the UA, which was a useful resource.
 - Now, we must provide committee members with a broad level of experience.

Ryan

- Mission of the council should be put into writing for next meeting

Closing

- 8:55 PM