September 30, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Minutes for GSC Meeting 9-30-13

Meeting Start Time: 1:10PM

INTRODUCTIONS

- Introductions
  - Everyone introduced name and department and year

Assigned new board members according to our constitution

The Board VOTING members are as follows:

- Arts - Lisa
- Humanities - none =(  
- Engineering - Rob, Sean
- PBS - Alex, Tash natasha@dudek.org
- SS - Ariana, Erik, Lizzy
- VP - Walter
- President - Katie

Other members in attendance - Juan, Bret, Chris (for Queer Grad Student funding proposal), Joanna, Faculty Advisor, Alex Rudy, Rachel, and Dalia.

Rachel - brief intro about her job and getting acquainted with the board and the building.

Walter motions to approves the agenda. Erik seconds. Agenda approved.

STATE OF THE GSC

- Joe’s
  - Katie informs board that we need to decide whether or not we want to give Joe’s the option to have their contract terminated if they do not want to accept our 1 year contract term. Joe’s is currently looking to pursue a 5 year contract based on a path good faith agreement.
  - Rachel speaks to the recent performance of Joe’s
  - Discussion on pros and cons of the possible termination of Joe’s.
  - Various people talk of past performance, ups and downs. Some concerns about the past working relationship
  - Erik emphasizes importance of having steady income. Joe’s has had a constantly decreasing income. Definitely troubling signs.
  - Walter suggests straw poll on Joe’s discussion. Vote to offer Joe’s 1 year contract or termination. Unanimous vote in favor.
  - Walter motions to have official vote on Joe’s discussion. Vote to offer Joe’s 1 year contract or termination. Unanimous vote in favor. Motion approved.

- BUDGET
  - Katie gives brief overview of the budget.
  - Erik gives a more in detail view of the budget.
  - We have been running a deficit. We are looking into adjusting some our plant reserve balance over to operation fees.
  - Carry forward money - one time money, also listed on the budget.
We have a deficit budget.
We spent $50,000 more than we took in last year.
There are a number of reasons for this. No budget was kept by Diane. We paid a number of building repairs for out of our programming budget. Facilities Manager is now full time. etc.
Erik does a great job explaining the budget.
Bottom Line: In the past we could afford to spend through our massive rollover. We don’t have that much rollover so we need to fix things by figuring out how to get more revenue.

FUNDING REQUEST

Queer Grad Student Group - Student Funding Request

- Chris from the Math Department.
  - Requesting funding for queer student lunches, advertising for pub nights, advertising for lunches.
  - GSC and GSA have funded them in the past.
  - They have 7 lunches scheduled.
  - Total $930 is requested for the year.
  - They are completely open to funding partially.
  - Fall quarter funding $380 + events and $100 advertisement.
  - Can we e-mail him our decision? Or should we decide right now after he leaves? We are running behind time. going to scare our new recruits off

- Motion passes to fund softball.
- Table Queer Grad Student Group Funding.

Arianna and Katie agree to end the meeting in 20 minutes.

Standing Committees are formed

- Finance Committee: Erik, Alex, Rachel, Katie, Dalia
- Social Committee: Walter, Sean, Tash
- Facility Committee: Lisa, Tiffany, Juan, Dalia, Rachel

Constitution:

- Proposed amendments for what it means to be a member
- Proposed amendments for executive board with the committee chairs
- Discussion by Katie and Erik.
- We will table this and send out an e-mail with more information.
- It has been put on board radar. There will be an e-mail with more information.

Proposals:

- Carbon Fund - Tiffany provides a brief introduction towards energy efficiency project. This includes motion detectors, bulb changes, and other energy useful retrofits. She provides more information on how much it would cost and possibly how it would be covered. Could help the GSC save a lot of money. Motion to investigate the Carbon Fund Sourcing. Motion seconded. Passes unanimously.
- SFAC - Erik talks about it, due on October 11th. Needs help putting this together, determining the scope. Permanent funding is part of it, one time funding for staff, one time funding for technology. Walter volunteers to help with proposal. Alex is also happy to look. Motion passes to continue to work on SFAC proposal.

First Friday
- Walter and Katie will spearhead 1st Friday - look out for e-mails.
- Band - We have been paying the bands $200 for each First Friday. People are saying the music is too loud + budget concerns. No band for the First Friday on October 4th.

Rec Activities - tabled next meeting.

Dalia - Gives a 2 minute rundown of upcoming grad student programming.

OTHER - Table both of these for next time: Twitter, New Copier

Meeting End time: 2:25