MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6, 2014

6:30pm Campbell Dining Room, SLTC

* **Call to Order**
* Graham Senor – present
* Annie Vogt– present
* Ty Spradley – present
* MiMi Spjut – present
* Sean Alexander – present
* Carrie Yang – present
* Shereen Moufarrej- present
* Laela Zaidi- present
* Jackson Fitzgibbon– present
* Liz Forester- present
* Lauren Wallis – present first half, second half proxy was Sophie Knorek
* Andrew McWard – present
* Brady Rowe – present
* Peter Butler – present
* Angela Lamb – present
* Brynn Davis – present
* Brooke Nelson – present
* Mo-Mo Filat – present
* Evan Mitchell – present
* Mitch Harle – present
* Alex McIntyre – present
* CeCe Collins – present
* Laure Price – present
* Elisa Rivera – present
* Anna Nester/Jeff May – absent
* Mitchel Griffin– present
* Charley Ford– present
* Sophie Knorek – present
* Kelsey Atwood/Laura Gressler – present
* Marissa Lee- present
* **Welcome Guests<3!<3!<3!**
* **Special Business**
  + Galloway Giddy Up this weekend behind Galloway! Check out Communications for the time and more details.
  + CoC Appointments

- Social Committee Publicity Chair:

SoCo Publicity Chair: Rebecca Seal

Representatives to Committee on Budgets and Finance: Jun Zhang, Carrie Yang Alternate: Shereen Moufarrej

- all above were approved

* **Committee Reports**
  + Committee on Everything Awesome *with Dean Wiltgen* 
    - Thank you for coming out to Jane Elliott. Look forward to a meeting on Monday at 4:00 pm to talk about her speech.
    - Found out late today that the village is closing out a portion o f the gravel lot. This is Village property so they have control; it is not Hendrix property at all. We did not get advance notice. The Dean will speak with the Village property owners to get more information about parking.
  + Multicultural Development Committee *with Charley Ford*
    - ACC is having a Vietnamese movie night with Bubble Tea and Asian snacks serving on Friday, October 10th at 8pm in the Campbell, the name of the movie is "Once upon a time in Vietnam".
    - NASA had to postpone the Goat Roast (we let Graham know), so it is now THIS FRIDAY, 10 OCTOBERFROM 5PM by the Sand Volleyball Court. The Ngoma Africa Students' Association will be partnering with the Muslim Student's Association, as a extended celebration of Eid (Some cultures begin the festival by slaughtering and eating a goat).
  + Financial Committee *with Carrie Yang and Shereen Moufarrej*
    - KHDX Technical Director Request- they had raised this money through wristband sales on their own. This is great! Whenever an organization raises their own money it is so important for them to let us know anyways.
    - Sociology/Anthropology new annual budget breakdown restructured after the cuts- approved!
    - Stipend Discussion-   
      Did you know that there are stipended leadership positions on campus?  Some of these positions include the Senate executives, exec Social Committee members, Campus Kitty Chair, Media Committee members, ECC, and MDC chair.  The stipends range from $700 to $1900 and make up a little less than $35,000.  Currently, the stipends set in the Senate by-laws take up 8% of the entire Student Activities budget managed by Senate.  This money goes to around 3% of the student body.  You could think about this percentage as administrative costs of running the larger organizations on campus.  In Senate, we discussed the pros and cons to having these stipends.  Having stipends not only encourages people to apply for these positions but it also helps ensure that the people in these positions are being productive in that stipends keep them accountable to do their job.  Additionally, the positions that are paid hold a great responsibility to run their organization on a scope that encompasses our entire campus.  Conversely, the stipends do take up a large percentage of the Student Activities Budget when that could go towards the portion allocated to each organization.  Not having stipends would also make sure that the people who apply for these positions are doing it solely because they want to and not because they will get a stipend.  I think that we all could agree that these positions are extremely valuable to our campus.  Here's where we need your help.  The Finance Committee is restructuring student stipends and would really appreciate your opinion on what you think about stipends? Should we cut them? Keep them? Lower them? Did you even know there were stipends?  Give us feedback!
    - This week we had a debate and Carrie took notes. We will have a longer discussion next week after we receive constituent concerns. Today we discussed pros and cons. Stipends make up 8% of the discretionary budget.
      * A few discussion points from your Senators:
      * What do other schools do? 70% of school 30,000 or more have stipends ranging from $14,000 to $100 depending on population.
      * Where do we fall? Most Southern liberal arts schools do not have stipends.
      * Is the purpose of this discussion to see if stipends should be allowed? No this is a discussion, nothing permanent yet. We need constituent concerns to go from.
      * Is there a flexible option? Yes! Tell us what you think.
      * Some work studies can only make up to &1000 should we base it off of work study to keep it even?
      * The process we are going through right now I stipend review, I have full confidence that we can do this strategically. However, I feel this is reactionary to our current budget issues.
      * I fear that this cut could decrease the pool of people who could apply.
      * It depends on the stipend position. SOMEC workers could be on a federal work study. I’m open to adjusting stipends; this does not need to be a uniform cut.
      * Every person on my committee is on a stipend. It is integral that they be paid but we should evaluatestipends in general though.
      * The VAC chair is paid through the Miller Center so could the Student Activities allocate money to SoCo chair for example? Response: Some departments might be able to afford that.
      * Have you talked to anyone who ha stipend how they feel. We all have stipends and 5 members of FinCom are on a stipend as well.
      * If we go position by position cuts we should consult the people who currently hold that position to see how many hours they work. Response: We want to bring positions that go through Spring Allocations for stipends so they are all on a level playing field.
      * If you are already being paid through work study, maybe just rely on that? Response- choosing between the two might be unfair.
      * The Student Activity fund is not intended to fund work study. This may sound cold hearted but we are not here to provide a financial support.
      * Honorarium is appropriate though not entirely accurate term to use because this is not salary or work study. We should be earning more than we are earning because Chairs and other stipend positions work so much. We need to be really careful.
      * It seems more like an investment in the StuAct fund. Investing in people who will host and run events.
      * How would the yearly stipend review work? Will the stipend be from the year prior? We take what was collected at the previous term. Our goal is to set a price that will not fluctuate. The stipend adjustment will be in the Fall and will go through Spring Allocations, people applying will know that when they are applying.
      * I agree that the stipends should not be more than work study.
      * Honorarium is not the best word. It is a commitment to do a good job. Could we do this on a more objective approach? Perhaps keep a log book?
  + Campus Kitty *with Laura Price*
    - No report
  + Committee on Gender and Sexuality *with Marissa Lee*
    - We have gotten an awesome amount of feedback so far with the condoms! 29 people said “Yes! More please” and one person said they were fine with Lifestyles or Trojans. We would love to have even more feedback from students.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/15Sak6VraXsehxYqwvP4xSiY3pg3Irn48kXrmSb3PM1w/viewform?usp=send_form>

* + - We did have a few comments from people who can’t use the Trojans (because of a latex allergy or any other reason) so we want people to know that there are still Lifestyles available at the nurse’s office.
    - General Committee members selected!

-Apartments Representative: Emily Hill

-Northside Representative: Bailey Pickens

-RA Representative: Caleb Moen

-Still in need of a Southside Representative so please encourage your friends to apply!

- Representatives host events, work with dorms, advertising and planning events and taking concerns from constituents.

-Send Marissa Lee a paragraph why you are interested and why COGS is important to campus.

* + - Events

-Unity meets Mondays at 8:00 pm in Campbell

-Fortune Feimster (comedian featured on Chelsea Lately) Wednesday night at 8 PM in Worsham

-SAGE Snack and Yak this Thursday at 7:00 in STLC 106

* + - COGS Fact of the Week: 1 in 5,000 infants are born without an entrance to their anus. Just a reminder, not all bodies are the same.
  + Social Committee *with Sophie Knorek*
    - Thanks to everyone for coming out to our tailgate this weekend! It was super successful and was a great way to kick off our 4th football win of the season.
    - CLUB FUZION IS THIS SATURDAY FROM 9PM-1AM IN WORSHAM. Come dance to some SLIC beats of reggae, hip-hop, and salsa (see what I did there…). Hosted by SLIC, SBC, and SOCO. Virgin Margaritas will be served in a special memorabilia glass.
    - Wristbands for Club Fuzion will be available on the Sunporch from 11-1 during lunch Wednesday-Friday, 6-8 during dinner on Wednesday and Thursday and 5-7 during dinner Friday. Look for an email from me about the specifics of guest wristbands and what not. Y’all know the drill.
  + Media Committee *with Mitchel Griffin*
    - Profile:

The Hendrix Brand -- first issue! Go get it, go read it, go love it!

* + - KHDX:

Tune into KHDX.fm or 93.1FM for awesome music and shows! Go like their Facebook page [www.facebook.com/KHDXradio](http://www.facebook.com/KHDXradio).

* + - Concert:

The fall concert will be **Cherub** on Wednesday, November 12th!

* Concern about attic space: problems with things being moved. Please be mindful of organizations that share it!
  + Environmental Concerns Committee*with Elisa Rivera*
    - ECC will be screening the new film, **Disruption**, this Friday at 7 PM in Worsham. It is a compelling film about the people across the globe who have rallied together to create a social movement against climate change. Watch the trailer here: <http://vimeo.com/104429713> Running time: 52 mins.
  + Volunteer Action Committee *with Kelsey Atwood and Laura Gressler*
    - Tonight at 7:30pm in Worsham we will be screening our first React to Film documentary of the year, "The Internet's Own Boy"
    - Bethlehem House Dinners:

We will soon be announcing the date of our first Bethlehem House Dinners. At these events we prepare and share a meal with Conway community members. All are welcome to the table. Please contact Daniel at [GrearDT@hendrix.edu](mailto:GrearDT@hendrix.edu) if you are interested.

* Harvest Fest is coming up! Look out for an email from Kelsey Atwood. It will be held on October 30th!
  + Communications Committee *with MiMi Spjut*
    - Safety Town Hall meeting in Campbell at 5:00 pm this Thursday, October 9th! You can bring your dinner into the meeting to discuss cameras, etc.
    - Please work on the quality of your Senate notes.
  + Committee on Student and Academic Affairs (CSAA) *with Ty Spradley and Sean Alexander*
    - Departmental Liaison Reports
    - Constituent Concerns
      * Website updates- we will work on updates!
      * Animals in the SLTC? Lots of allergies, service animals are allowed but not personal pets. They must be approved first and cannot be on carpet.
      * Notes, notes, notes… Please work on your notes quality.
      * P Safe- bike registration? They have not registered yet because some Faulty have not registered yet. The goal is to begin removing unregistered bikes after Fall Break.
  + Committee on Committees *with Annie Vogt*
    - No report
  + Academic Policy *with Sean Alexander*
    - No report
  + Executive Committee *with Graham Senor*
    - **State of the Student-** Graham will be speaking in Worsham this Wednesday at 11:45 am to briefly discuss the current goings-on in Senate such as safety concerns, printing, etc. Tell constituents to come listen and ask questions!
    - Founders Day T Shirt contest has been extended to Friday. Please email your designs to Pamela Owens!
* **New Business**
* **Adjournment**