GC Minutes (03/28/2016)

GC Minutes (02/29/2016 and 03/14/2016): approved

E-Board Report

Funding Requests:
a) Tel Aviv Nightclubs and West Bank:
* Motion to fully fund; vote: passes
b) Hopkins Holi: less funding this year: charging for food ($8 or $ 10) but entrance and colors are free, tenth year of this event;
* Motion to fully fund; vote: passes
c) In Memoriam: Assia Djebar: co-funded by five departments; question: did you get funding before? (event: Palestine and last year grad conference);
* Motion to fully fund; vote: passes

E-Board Elections (04/11): reminder about elections

Social Chairs: Information about Happy Hours
Quick explanation of budget for Social Chairs (Happy and Coffee Hours); numbers pretty much the same for past two years;
asking for more money: huge attendance growth; coffee hour: within budget this year; happy hour: problem with invoices from last year: rolling over to this year's budget; potentially holding happy hour during summer once or twice (May and June);
cost per coffee hour: $ 500, attendance appr. 200 people;
new proposal to mix coffee hour with advocacy events; cost for Happy Hour: $ 825 appr., ca. 225-250 people; payment for chaperone ($180): due to alcohol policy; increased cost for Carma's; inreased attendances: higher cost; would like to hold more events in conjunction with happy hour (game night, trivia);
planned schedule for rest of academic year: provide a few things over summer; spring BBQ; happy hour; Happy Hour last week of classes, currently not more money; $7654.89 currently not allocated; social chairs want: $ 2500; $ 2475 extra would get us through academic year; $ 4125 would get us through fiscal year
Discussion: What would be the downside of giving you the money?; leaves $3000 for all other events: fiscal year ends 06/30
* Motion to fund $ 2475 and vote again if money is left; motion: carries

Document: Rights and Responsibilities of Department Reps
* Motion to approve document, second; motion: carries

GRO Guide Chair: Update on GRO Guide
thinking about fundraising Dominion Ice Cream: funds go to GRO Guide; ca. $ 100 go towards GRO guide
Question from GC: where does difference of $ 5000 come from? (standard budget $ 5000 per year); expected that we could apply for one-time

funding of $ 10000 from deans, didn't go through; other $ 5000 come now from flex funds; most likely go with ACM: who's going to maintaining the survers? at the moment: ACM has only been keeping up website, no discussion on maintenance, yet; we have source code but if need for maintenance beyond content of website; pass on responsibility of maintaining to next person (put in transition document); is lack of funds delaying anything? had planned launch party on 03/21 but didn't have approved funds; site is not up, yet.

Company said that there are 30 days of warranty, after that: company won't be able to fix it; it's an informational website; interaction only for reviews; comment from GC: it's enough for stuff to go wrong; what if bug is in the code? GRO Guide Chair: included in $50 per month;

Question from GC: what is the website? what is the GRO Guide? traditionally done in the form of the book; resources for new students, living in baltimore etc.; grad student handbook

primary audience: incoming students; inviting Christine and Renee to show how we used the funds

Guide committee: 15-20 hour job; setting website up (one-time job)

* Motion to try ACM first and then ask for individual for $ 300 max; vote: passes

Payment: estimating: another $ 300 total for guide committee

* Motion to give mponey; vote: passes

Launch party and/or promotional items:

* Motion: no to launch party and or promotional items; second; vote: 7

URL will be on promotional items; GRO budget for next year and hand items out during orientation

* Motion to fund $500 at disgression of chairs and GRO chair; second; vote: 14