

MINUTES (10/24/2016)

* Motion to approve minutes; motion passes

E-BOARD REPORT (10/31/2016) AND MEETING WITH TIFFANY SANCHEZ (10/25/2016)

Went over individual e-board member projects. Discussed changes to the group recognition policy.

FUNDING REQUESTS

Basketball match

Discussion:

- How many grads vs undergrads? Mostly grads.
- Are these all Homewood grads? Almost overwhelmingly yes.
- Do you expect 200 people to show up for a basketball tournament? Yes; this includes players and friends of players.
- How sure are you that 200 people will actually show up? The 200 is based on the number of people who have already signed up, experience from previous years.
- How will you advertise the event? Facebook, flyers, and so on.
- What will you be using the money for? Medals/trophies, (non-alcoholic) drinks, food.

* Motion to fully fund; motion passes

EDGE

Discussion:

- How specific is this event to BME? It's more a career talk than a technical talk. Should generally be of interest to people in engineering departments.
- Have you asked other departments with an interest in optics for funding? Yes.
- This is a series; will you come back to request more funding? May vary; for speakers that don't need travel funding, e.g., won't need this.
- Some consensus that there should be a uniform policy about whether or not we fund groups holding events with a narrow focus

* Motion to fully fund; motion passes

LETTER TO DEAN ABOUT THE SITUATION OF HUMANITIES CENTER

Discussion:

- Perhaps the document should be more general -- not just about the Humanities Center, but about a policy for what happens to students when a department closes. On the other hand, getting a policy would take a while -- more specific questions will probably get answered more quickly.
- Some phrasing in the letter is too pessimistic.

* Motion to approve the letter, subject to some edits and a change in tone; motion passes

UPDATE FROM ADVOCACY CHAIRS

Have been working with Directors of Dining on expanding food options on campus, particularly after hours, and talking with the Office of International Services to address international students' concerns.

Discussion:

- Would you be willing to pay using J-Cash and if not, why? Seems like many grads don't know about J-Cash but aren't fundamentally opposed to using it.
- The options that already exist need to be advertised better to grads.

UPDATE FROM HEALTH CONCERNS CHAIR AND ASSISTANT: HEALTH INSURANCE SURVEY

Went over health insurance survey.

Discussion:

- Hopkins employees don't currently get parental leave; policy is on the way in spring(?).
- Many students don't look into policies around health insurance until they run into an issue; how can we distribute information more widely?
- Has the university responded to concerns about the cost of health care? Yes, the administration is looking into co-pays at peer institutions.