

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (3/27/2017)

* Motion to approve; the motion passes

REPORTS

E-Board report (4/3/2017)

- Some budget items on track, some under; payroll is currently overdrawn
- Payment for hours not worked; some E-Board members haven't been working full hours
 - Financial concerns chair has volunteered to only take 7 of 25 hours
 - Wellness chair hasn't responded
 - Former chair asked to only keep payments up to end of fall semester; hasn't responded
- Should we switch to a payment system in which paid positions log hours instead of getting paid for a fixed number of hours?

Discussion:

- Q: Is it possible to split positions among different people? A: This has happened in the past, but that didn't help.
 - Q: Do positions get paid hourly or per semester? A: This is unclear and seems to vary from E-Board member to E-Board member.
 - Q: Which would you prefer? A: It's easier, budget-planning-wise, to pay people per-semester.
- * Motion to table discussion of how positions should be paid until the next meeting; the motion passes

Meeting with Tiffany Sanchez (4/6/2017)

- Discussed fact that budget for next year needs to be written

FUNDING REQUESTS

Talk by P. Sainath

- Q: Is \$6 per person the projected cost or the amount of money charged? A: The projected cost.
- * Motion to fully fund; the motion passes

LGBTQA Networking Gathering

* Motion to fully fund; the motion passes

"Artyfacts" of Ethnography: Art and Anthropology in Conversation

- Q: Why are you projecting \$300 dollars for refreshments for 60 people? A: It's a long event.
- * Motion to fully fund; the motion passes

GUIDELINES FOR FUNDING REQUESTS

Discussion:

- This subject was brought up last week at the GPSA luncheon; should we fund groups that are traveling to e.g. competitions? This isn't exactly an event, but groups want to be able to get money this way.

- Q: What happens if the group has both undergrads and grads? A: We could have a restriction on the minimum percentage of graduate students.
- Q: Is there a way to have a GRO/SGA budget for groups with both undergrads and grads? A: We would need a voting process for this budget.
- Q: Could we just pay for just the graduate students? A: That would approach a travel grant.
- Group travel is not open to all students, and hence is not like the sort of events we usually fund.
- Q: Could we use the travel grant to fund extracurricular travel? A: That may conflict with the philosophy behind the grant.
- Q: Should we form a committee to come up with concrete recommendations for this sort of policy? A: Maybe later?
- Q: Should we have a separate non-academic travel grant budget and process?
- Since this sort of non-academic travel isn't open to everyone, we shouldn't fund it.
- * Motion to, in principle, allow groups that are traveling to non-academic competitions to apply for funding; 23 in favor, the motion passes; we will form a committee to come up with concrete

FLOATING CHAIR POSITIONS FOR 2017/2018

Current positions:

- Diversity, intercampus, financial concerns, wellness
- How are the current chairs working out?
- Diversity -- working on lots of good initiatives
 - Intercampus -- very helpful for getting intercampus events organized; very appreciated by social chairs
- What topics would you want the floating chairs to deal with next year?
- Diversity
 - Intercampus
 - Someone to deal with GRO legacy documents
 - Financial concerns
 - Wellness
 - A second diversity chair

NEW JHU BRANDING POLICY AND GROUP RECOGNITIONS

- The Johns Hopkins University has a new branding policy:
 - Student groups can't be named JHU X, has to be X at JHU
- Group recognition policy is getting more strict
 - Grad groups have to re-register

END OF THE ACADEMIC YEAR BBQ

- When should we do this? May 10th? After exams?
- We'll discuss this in E-Board

UPDATES FROM E-BOARD MEMBERS

Diversity chair:

- Meeting with Assistant Dean of Diversity and Inclusion
 - Re-launch of the Black Graduate Student Association, social events planned with Black Faculty Alliance, incoming grad students in fall
 - Professional development event planned
 - Re-starting the Diversity Fellows program; will cover 2-10 graduate students
 - Having someone promote diversity-related events more thoroughly across different campuses
 - Getting quotes/pictures for admissions brochures from people in the GRO
 - Mentorship program for first-year underrepresented minority graduate students

Advocacy chairs:

- Is JHU a sanctuary campus?
 - Asked whether JHU is planning to be a sanctuary campus; James Page is discussing this issue with James Page
 - JHU has put out a statement in which it says it will do the various resources/protections required of sanctuary campus without calling itself a sanctuary campus
 - Need to clarify how to practically get access to these resources/protections

GRO SWAG

- This will be done through an online form

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS