

SBA Minutes
Wednesday August 28, 2013

- I. Procedural Business
 - A. Attendance
 - B. Approval of the minutes from the previous meeting
- II. Previous Business
 - A. Motion 1 - Extra Funding for Identity Clubs - Sara Fitouri
 1. Identity groups have unique challenges. \$500 is not enough. A lot of money goes towards food because they need to form a strong base/community. Many identity groups partner with other groups. When people identify with a marginalized group, it is hard to have a space-Sara Fitouri
 2. How do you justify giving an identity group with more money, and not new groups? Identity groups do better so they have more historically, but we will have trouble justifying more money for some groups and not others-Chris Newman
 3. Groups can make special event requests. Many groups are food based, so it applies to all groups-Katy Raffensperger
 4. DU claims to care about diversity, and giving identity groups more \$ aligns with our values-Sarah Fitouri
 5. What is the justification for special event requests?-Pamela Carty
 6. Most events are speaker events. It allows the group to do something ad hoc. If groups co-sponsor, all those factors look more promising. Finance group will review it-Chris Newman
 7. All groups start out small. MENSA is fairly new, so it will take time to get bigger. A lot of groups do fundraising for more money. The entire student body needs to do better events. We should be upset that our money goes to buy lunch. We don't need three events each semester. We could bring in 1 great speaker, rather than a bunch of little events. Food needs to be a bonus, and not an attraction. Students just come for lunch-Katie Frederick
 8. Any new group having to partner with an established group is not a negative. We could always tell groups to request more money sooner. If a group hasn't proven itself, no matter who it is, it shouldn't get more money. Other groups will say they can get by on \$500-MJ Christensen
 9. What classifies an identity group?-Paul Jordan
 10. Not a clear idea of how to classify an identity group-Sarah Fitouri

11. **VOTE: MOTION FAILS**

- a. 9 oppose
- b. 3 abstaining
- c. 1 approve

III. New Business

A. Motion 2 - Give the Chief of Staff of the SBA voting power - Antonio Mendez

1. Chief of Staff is not elected, so he shouldn't have voting power. If it was an elected position, then it would be okay-Chris Newman
2. Chief of Staff position created because of a scheduling conflict that kept an SBA member from coming to meetings. The member's guidance was valued. The President is already an elected member who doesn't vote-Katie Frederick
3. President is a tie breaker-Chris Newman
4. Chief of Staff is a guidance position. The person needs the personality and the brains. Not a lot of sense for it to be elected-Katie Frederick
5. Giving the president a vote by extension because he is an extension of the president-Ricky Vasquez
6. We vote at these meetings. Mike hasn't been here these past two meetings-Lillie Parker
7. Mike is held to the attendance policy-Antonio Mendez
8. The more position we create with voting power, the more it waters down other votes-Sara Fitouri
9. If we need a tie breaker, can the Chief of Staff be a tie breaker?-Banafsheh Lari
10. I am the tie breaker-Antonio Mendez
11. **VOTE: MOTION FAILS**

- a. 1 passing
- b. 10 oppose
- c. 1 abstaining

B. Motion 3 - Add the funding policies that the SBA used this year when making financial decisions to the SBA Constitution - Antonio Mendez

1. Some of the policies put in place this year were questionable because no advance notice was given. Katie was saying that any organization could look at our Constitution and not do it. This is a way to formalize it-Antonio Mendez
2. Evening student can be a secretary, and then clubs don't need an evening representative-MJ Christensen

3. Need a review of our funding policies-Katy Raffensperger
 4. Not doing rules committee-Antonio Mendez
 5. Only obligation to make the position available, let people know that it is available, and if no one steps up, the club can still get funding-Pam Carty
 6. Should we put it to the finance committee?-MJ Christensen
 7. Want it to be a separate meeting-Antonio Mendez
 8. Anything that goes into the Constitution needs to be written ahead of time-Katie Frederick
 9. Bring this motion up for next time-Antonio Mendez
- C. Motion 3 - To mandate that all club presidents be members of the ABA - Lillie Parker
1. Other schools require that student members be part of ABA to get funding. This is a good way to get membership up at other schools-Lillie Parker
 2. Is there an attendance requirement to the ABA conferences?-Ryan Brand
 3. No need to attend certain events because there would be travel fund concerns-Lillie Parker
 4. Is SBA going to fund ABA membership?-Ricky Vasquez
 5. \$25 per year, and \$60 per year for membership-Lillie Parker
 6. This policy needs to be for next year-Lillie Parker
 7. There are external things you need to pay for, and it is a choice to run for a leadership position. People shouldn't have an issue for a year from now-Pam Carty
 8. Maybe a policy where if you can't afford it, then you don't have to pay for it-Antonio Mendez
 9. How would we check whether someone could afford it?-Morgan Batcheler
 10. Take people at face value for income-Antonio Mendez
 11. SBA is not as scarce on funds as we think we are-Sara Fitouri
 12. What is to bar clubs from putting money in the budget request?-Chris Newman
 13. If we require clubs to be ABA member, then we should provide the funding. This could deter leadership-Paul Jordan
 14. What do clubs get out of ABA membership?-Morgan Batcheler
 15. It is a way for clubs to more informed, so the philosophy is that they will be more up to date so that they can better serve the club-Lillie Parker

16. As a lawyer, it is good to get started as a member of ABA. If SBA paid for it, it would be \$1500 a year. Think it is acceptable if they want a student to be their president to pay for membership. On board for paying for half-Katie Frederick
17. If we are willing to pay for it, we need to start it before the next budget request-Antonio Mendez
18. Need a procedure in place to check the president to see if they are already a member of the ABA-MJ Christensen
19. ABA representative will check membership-Lillie Parker
20. Problem with people paying for only 4 months for a year membership-Chris Newman
21. Should start this ASAP for institutional knowledge. Lillie should talk to club presidents and let them know the best way to use their ABA membership-Antonio Mendez
22. Is it a requirement to receive funding? If so, then it needs to be added to the vote next week-Katy Raffensperger
23. **VOTE: MOTION TABLED**
 - a. 10 move to table
 - b. 1 oppose to table

IV. Committees:

A. Finance

1. Get budget requests and give recommendation to the SBA to approve
2. At the end of the school year, get a full budget request from students organizations
3. This is a rigorous time commitment. Meet on Mondays.
4. Committee Members
 - a. Chris Newman
 - b. MJ Christensen
 - c. Ryan Brand
 - d. Chris Stork

B. Election

1. Happens twice a year
2. In charge of election party planning
3. Committee Members
 - a. MJ Christensen
 - b. Sara Fitouri
 - c. Ricky Vasquez
 - d. Paul Jordan

C. Social

1. Plan events, such as Barrister's Ball
2. Members
 - a. Katy Raffensperger
 - b. Lillie Parker
 - c. Banafsheh Lari
 - d. Nicola Winter

D. Intramural

1. Fund as many people as possible with budget
2. Member
 - a. Ricky Vasquez

E. Community Relations

1. Volunteer opportunities in the community.
 - a. Antonio Mendez has contacted Habitat for Humanity.
 - b. Maybe some legal opportunities, but this takes longer to set up.
 - c. Partner with Community Day
2. Members
 - a. Antonio Mendez
 - b. Pam Carty
 - c. Katy Raffensperger
 - d. MJ Christensen
 - e. Chris Stork

F. Communication

1. Want to do a better job of communicating with the student body
2. Members
 - a. Morgan Batcheler
 - b. Antonio Mendez
 - c. Katy Raffensperger
 - d. Pam Carty

G. Fundraising

1. Want to change the bookstore into the SBA office, and then donate the space to PILG.
2. Need to sell the books on Amazon, and there are some people who still need to get paid.
3. Members
 - a. Ricky Vasquez
 - b. Lillie Parker
 - c. MJ Christensen

d. Banafsheh Lari

H. Dual Degree Task Force

1. It is almost possible to get a dual degree because we are in a semester system, and the rest of DU is on a quarter system.
2. Members
 - a. Sara Fitouri
 - b. Randy Wagner
 - i. Doing it from a faculty standpoint, and merge this with a student perspective.

V. SBA Events

- A. SBA should have more team building. Lillie and Chris suggested paintball.
- B. Yegge Peak event needs to be reestablished.
- C. Dean Powell and Katie Frederick want to do a team building retreat. It is likely that this will be on September 6 around noon.

VI. New Business

- A. Motion 4 - SBA members should wear SBA Polos to the SBA meetings - Chris Newman
 1. Discuss next time
 2. **VOTE: MOTION TABLED**
 - a. 12 move to table
 - b. 1 oppose to table

VII. Adjournment