

2/15/16

UC General Meeting

Updates

- Competition: use #myharvard(season), entered into competition where your IG could be picked to be on the background for Omni with your name, class year, and handle
- Meeting with SMHL and CAMHS - all about destigmatizing mental health help
- Meeting with President Faust

Community Time

Discuss what we think is prevalent on campus

- Response to sexual assault: worried that our reactionary approach will swallow up larger issues - larger issue is gender equity. We might lose sight of larger picture - gender equity is larger problem and nothing mentioned in compelling issues.
- Easy to become part of a community, be in a bubble and not interact with people outside of that bubble. Important that we fund things that bring people from different bubbles together.
- On that note, UC community dinners!
- Really glad that race relations is one of the compelling interests - informal meals and meetings with executive members of different cultural organizations and administrators
- Not just pushing for things, but also fostering a more inclusive environment
- Not just gender equity but gender inclusivity
- In application - should be able to apply to more than one compelling interest - intersectionality
- TFs getting sexual assault training as well
- Short attention spans - issues aren't white-hot anymore. Want people to start thinking about these ideas again.
- TFs running statistics on who was talking during class - 80/20 guys to girls.
- Affirmative consent campus!
- Marketing campaign about the 30k - perhaps could make these issues more on people's minds again
- Compelling issues still at forefront: make the debates on UC similar to the ones in dorm rooms
- At Brown, racial minority organizations get together to advance common interests
- Social spaces tied to mental health - people feel like they have to party to destress. Consider the mental health aspect - focus on the root. What is making students unhappy in the first place?

Committee Updates

- HBX Info Session! Show your support and come!
- FCC working on Freshman Health Week

- Rules meeting this Saturday at 4!
- Food Market happening this Saturday! Need volunteers & pubbing. Moving forward with John Harvard partnership. Vimal working on coffeehouse. Social space database.
- SLC working on compelling interests - gender-neutral bathrooms, athletics, sexual assault, advising portal
- Email from Diana regarding newsletter - send to houses/yards. Email her if you want anything to be on that email!
- FiCom working on clarifying bystander intervention program.

Grants Pack 2

- Pretty low amount of money - looking into why
- Working on food expenditure policy
- Did this less money trend happen last semester? Usually fall semester beginning - aggressively large amount of money being asked for. Not sure in the spring. William has been emailing most things over club treasurer list, and everyone else who has received grant. Greater outreach perhaps?
- We are way under budget
- New secretarial changes: add if club didn't show up, also add total at bottom.
- CSA: always take advantage of system. Asked for board retreat, only hand in max \$200 per retreat. Wanted events primarily open, retreats are closed.

Passed by unanimous consent

FiCom Update

- Read the full update

FCC Game Tables

- Air hockey and ping pong tables purchased, repaired foosball
- Need to reimburse FDO, looking for more money to fix Canaday table. Don't want this to become precedent, but immediate need
- 8400 dollars remaining. 7100 dollars left if this is passed.
- What about Hurlbut and Union Dorms? North end of the yard actually didn't have any. Dearth of open space in those houses.
- Has the FDO paid for tables before? Last year, but perhaps never before?
- What would happen if we didn't approve this? Defaulting on insurance we've already given to FDO and it is vital to have a good relationship with the FCC/UC and FDO
- Surveyed freshman class
- FDO in charge of maintenance

Passed by a voice vote

HBX

- Great initiative

- Approach Financial Aid Office and they match it - minimum of \$300
- We've been working with them for a few years
- Did we get money last year? We should have - to Operations
- Main audience? What is student response? Broad range of people but we're focusing on undergrads with a wide variety of concentrations. For students who are interested in business fundamental education.
- Pubbing? UC Pub
- Comment on sustainability - could continue into foreseeable future
- Anything in writing that guarantees us \$3000? Invoice.
- Con: Ambivalence about this project. Can't afford to participate in this program. Using our position to say this is the norm - put students who can't afford it in uncomfortable position. Build an infrastructure for 1st Gen students or students who are disadvantaged?
- Pro: Any different than summer school programs? Unfortunate that \$300 is still a minimum but we shouldn't shut it down just because of this. Maybe follow up and fix it later?
- Con: Dangerous to endorse that right now isn't available for all students. Worried about the UC specifically - does the UC fund similar situations?
- Pro: Responsibility on us to fix this problem. Harvard has so many resources - tend to lean to graduate school. Gives us an in to partner with other grad schools as well. Sets us up very well.
- Con: Precedent for endorsing things for money, such as One Ring.
- Pro: Maintain these partnerships - really make use of resources grad schools have to better undergraduate experience. Really good way to strengthen bonds between college and business school.
- Point of Inquiry: This is for the summer

Passed by hand vote: 33-1-2

Compelling Interests

- With social spaces part, open door policy? This fund is not policy-related. This is open to student groups on campus who want to throw events that meet these compelling interests.
- Naming convention is convenient - works with marketing, catchy name. Will people rename it every year? Will this encapsulate what the interests are? Good because the name should reflect what the compelling interests are.
- Way of dividing this up? Or is this first-come, first-serve. Where we stand now, not divided up. Do want to go with quality of proposal. Intersectionality also.
- Council will have final discretion over what actually gets funded. Kind of like a Grants Pack - Exec goes through and UC Gen finalizes with a vote.
- Con: What if pre-existing groups take all the money? We have discretion so we can take that into account. Also a marketing question.
- Pro: Great initiative: what the candidates were working toward. Really going to be working on marketing.

- Con: We are working to create the application right now. Hoping to have it out next week.
- ***Exec open to all members on the Council!!
- Pro: In sexual assault section: what about fall referendum? This is money people are applying to so we can't really use that to lobby administration.
- Con: Formally, implementation will be through Exec. But if you want to get involved, can come to SRC and Exec.
- Pro: Very broad language. What specific things do we want to see? Where can we find a list of these? This is like a mission statement and then we're going to go into rubric and application process. Do want this to be structured.
- Con: People are going to be applying to throw large, inclusive parties. Is there going to be some kind of mechanism where we can take into account the substantial inequities in HoCo funding? Not really on our minds. Also according to research, not really a difference in HoCo funding- just how they raise money.
- Pro: Fantastic, way for us to be proactive. A lot of what this fund is doing is what SIC is doing. How do these coexist? SIC hasn't done as much to address race relations or sexual assault, so this goes a little further. More of a distinction, and will change when compelling interests

Passed by roll call 37-0-0

Questions/Comments

Loans? No

Rethink rotating Gens - Wyatt

Linear downturn in spending