

Community Time

- Dean Miller and Yaz + Cam: New process for recognizing student organizations
 - Opportunity for UC to review applications from and interview new student organizations
 - Will forward decisions to OSL
 - Allow us to add this as a role of Rules Committee
 - Philosophy around this: to make sure student voice is woven into the vetting / student org approval process earlier
 - Clubs will be reviewed for admission into student organizations in the spring
 - Don't have time for review during the spring (only during the fall); spring will be the time to fully finish the process; will have time to do annual review process in November
- Questions
 - Will there be any process to review redundancy in pre-existing clubs?
 - Yes, there could be a process to review any redundancy in already-existing clubs.
 - CSL will check for redundancy in groups; OSL + Dean Miller feels that feedback for groups should come from students.
 - Can you envision any situation where you may feel compelled to overturn a decision the UC makes?
 - Dean Miller will be at the table looking at committee applications alongside us, so yes, there is some administrative vetting
- Big thanks to Berkeley and Evan for spearheading all of this!!! You guys rock!!!

Updates

- President/VP
 - Met with Dean Smith
 - First intro meeting with USGOs coming up
 - Re-focus on our technology policy for Gen -- please put away all devices during meeting
 - Approached by IOP political action group for possible integration/collaboration
- Treasurer
 - Receipts
 - Organizations are actually writing us checks to refund the difference in money the spent vs. money they requested from us
- Secretary
 - Please continue to fill in Office Hours document

Legislation

- 35S-14: Student Group Recognition Constitutional Amendment -- needs 3/4ths Council vote to pass

- Problems experiencing process with recognizing student groups as mentioned in community time
- UC will be able to decide what student organizations can be recognized by the university
- Examples: University of Chicago has 15,000 students & 400 orgs; Syracuse has 20,000 students & 400 orgs
- A lot of overlap in different student groups' missions
- Not trying to restrict the creation of new organizations
- Questions
 - Does this for Rules overlap with SIC?
 - The reason we chose Rules committee is because they have one member from every committee
 - Will involve the whole council from the get-go
 - How will the work be split with the work that the OSL does?
 - Might be easier than you initially think
 - Maybe Rules can also have an additional student org approval meeting
 - FiCom already interviewed more people every week than Rules within a semester
- Pro-Con debate
 - Cons
 - Student biases?
 - If we're concerned about FiCom's financial allocation, it should be their issue to solve
 - Pros
 - Not about FiCom's financial allocation; FiCom hasn't had that big of budget cuts anyway
 - By giving duties to Rules, it makes it less biased and really streamlines the process
 - Enhance student input into this whole process
- Extend Pro Con debate by 1 cycle -- Samarth -- passes by majority vote
 - Cons
 - What if one amendment passes and the other doesn't?
 - Pros
 - Not enough students in the process right now; this is a proposal that is going to enhance the student voice in this matter
- Motion to Roll-Call vote -- Vimal
 - **42-1-1**
 - **Amendment passes by majority**
- 35S-15: Student Group Recognition Bylaws Amendment -- needs 2/3rd Council vote to pass
 - Questions

- Is there a way to deal with organizations that already exist?
 - Yes, will collab with Rules to do this as well; Rules will be the first in discussing this
 - The group will have already met with the campus partners
 - Under what situation would you reject the organizations?
 - How much funding do we give orgs during provisional period?
- Pro-Con debate
 - Cons
 - Would you consider allowing groups that haven't necessarily been approved yet?
 - Have these groups go to the Activities Fair to gauge initial student interest
 - Work with OSL in re-organizing these groups?
 - People don't get chance to start clubs until sophomore year
 - Pros
 - We have a really unbiased way of looking through these funding applications through this process
 - Wider range of students can be involved in the vetting process
- Motion for Roll Call vote
 - **41-2-1**
 - **Amendment passes by majority**
- 35S-16: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 5 ("35S-5")
 - This Pack is for regular funding rather than sports funding
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Pro-Con debate
 - None
 - Motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - **Passes unanimously (no objections)**
- 35S-17: FiCom Spring Grants Pack 6 ("35S-6")
 - There were a couple of club sports which didn't go through the FiCom application system properly
 - If they got \$0 funding on the grant pack data list, chances are it was a duplicate & just a technical error
 - Questions
 - No questions
 - Pro-Con debate
 - None
 - Motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - **Passes unanimously (no objections)**
- 35S-18: The Undergraduate Council Sexual Assault Prevention Ordinance of 2017
 - Mitigate the problem of 31% women reporting that they have been sexually assaulted at Harvard

- Purpose: To expand number of people in sexual assault training program to HoCo and PBHA
- Definitely in our authority to do this collaboration
- Questions
 - Saim and Henry decided to have this apply to officers of PBHA (15-20 students on the PBHA)
 - What have been the reactions?
 - Not every single HoCo chair was responsive
 - Only asking these organizations to come in for a one-hour training; since FiCom is already dispensing \$140k to these orgs, they should at least do this in return
 - Are we actually able to withhold funding from these organizations without a bylaws amendment?
 - Is it possible to pass legislation that contradicts bylaws?
 - Table legislation, look into a possible bylaw amendment?
- Motion for a 5-minute recess
 - Majority vote wins; a 5-minute recess commences
- Motion to table legislation by voice-vote
 - **Majority vote wins; will table 35S-18 to next week**
- 35S-19: Legislation to Pledge UC Support for Harvard Denim Day
 - Denim Day arose 16 years ago to pay tribute to sexual assault all around the world
 - Questions
 - This is not a formal Rules Committee endorsement
 - Last year -- reached out to individual student groups
 - Day?
 - April 27th
 - Is it possible to get CARE to come in and talk during community time?
 - Pro-Con debate
 - None
 - Motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - **Passes unanimously (no objections)**
- 35S-20: Legislation to Publicize Student Initiatives
 - Allow \$50 SRC budget to fund various SRC/UC initiatives at our discretion
 - Example: What Goes Unseen series
 - Posters, FB pub -- w/ UC logo on it
 - Easier, more efficient way to allocate budget at beginning
 - Questions
 - Don't need legislation if money is from Ops, but this is not from Ops, it's from the SRC budget
 - \$50 should last until end of school year
 - Pro-Con debate
 - None

- Motion to pass by unanimous consent
 - **Passes unanimously (no objections)**
- **35S-21: An Act to Fund Coffee Machines in Freshman Common Rooms**
 - Purpose: To make common rooms more of a common, social space on campus
 - Coffee machines in common rooms can help freshmen bond
 - Can help make a tangible difference in freshman experience
 - Questions
 - What would the timeline?
 - Up to FDO to assess exact functionality at end of pilot period
 - Up to the FCC to install more of them later
 - Don't pay for installation initially
 - Points that we raise
 - FDO will use profits for FIP
 - If pilot works well, FDO will be funding future machines
 - Is it possible to fund machines in every freshman dorm?
 - How would you evaluate the pilot at the end of the semester? -- What metrics would you use to evaluate success?
 - Pro-Con debate
 - Cons
 - Shouldn't the profits go back to the FCC?
 - Pros
 - Double-check whether Boardplus could be used -- it would make a huge difference
 - Boardplus comes from HUDS budget, but this doesn't go back to HUDS
 - FDO still gets laundry profit, so this would be similar
 - There's a good chance that maintenance costs will override everything else
 - Motion for a voice vote
 - **39-3-2**
 - **Passes by majority**