

SGA EXEC MINUTES

November 28, 2005

7:26 – 8:55

Attendance: Brenda, Nate, Teri, Kate, Sarah, Katie, Becki, Beth, Jenni, Trista, Crystal, Erik, Adam, Danielle

A list of problems, compiled after reviewing everyone's problem statements, was handed out and looked over. General agreement is that the list is correct. It is suggested that document clarity also be added.

The proposed meeting time for next semester is 8am, every Monday. January 23rd will be our first meeting after break. Against the outlined schedule, this will only put us one week ahead of schedule.

What was found after looking into other schools and Ideas to fix problems:

- The biggest difference with RHAA is the funding. At most other schools, RHAA is not part of Student Government. It would be more a part of Student Life, with its office in the CC. RHAA pulling out wouldn't drastically affect them.
- Most schools have no Speaker. Rather, the President and Vice President are head of Senate.
- There are transition issues, especially with younger people coming in. It would help to have the people in positions now to put together info and go through it with the new people, advising them on what to do.
A shadow or training process would allow for some beneficial first hand experience.
- In order to effectively maintain all records in a uniform way, perhaps creation of a "team" of secretaries would be beneficial. They would work, as a sort of clerks office, to maintain all records, forms, historical documents, etc. They could be responsible for communication with the rest of campus.
- Make the website more interactive, with online polls and information on what the boards do.
- -Exec, Senate, and directors would make up Student Government.
-RHAA would work with CAB and the RAs.
-UUB and GTP would join together. Place the Phoenix Club Team under GTP. Then have Union Board working on the policy side and Good Times doing the programming side.
They would meet independently and then together less often.
-Maybe place SUFAC somewhere between Student Life and Student Government, working with OFO.
- Most UWs have an Executive branch and a Legislative branch with Senate and subcommittees.
- Directors could head subcommittees. Orgs of certain areas already in place, such as PEAK, could work with the committees.
- Exec Board and Senate merge, with the Chairs sitting on Senate.
- Have SGA handle policy and governance and move away from programming.

- The constitution should outline the basic structure and where there are overlaps/relationships.
- Work on big problem first and not work out the constitution before deciding the structure, not to break off afterwards.
- Meet with everyone and the advisors.
There are liaison meetings. If everyone talked it over with their advisors separately, it could be taken to this meeting.
- - President and Vice President as Speaker of Senate.
 - Have a Union Policy Board
 - Have Res. Life Policy Board
 - Have 5 senators from each specific board and then general members
 - Levels would be: President & VP, Chairs, senators on boards, general members
- 3 areas: res. life, union, student gov.
- Take away fee for RHAA and not limit to on-campus students.

Problems

- We need a more defined legislative process.
- How to integrate bylaws?
- Where would offices go?
- Elections – keep general elections?
- No checks and balances
President may have the controlling vote of Senate due to the six appointed directors.
- If boards separate, can a person sit on more than one board? (ex: SUFAC & Senate)
- Programming board is bogged down and turned away by policy and politics

Evaluations for the Presidential and Vice Presidential Honorariums were sent around, filled out, and turned in to Brenda.

The next meeting will be held on December 12th. If you have any further ideas or elaboration on the given ideas, write something up to bring to the meeting. We can then pick out the good stuff and work from there. Be sure to address any problems with the proposed ideas.