



October Meeting Minutes

SBA:

Libby and Megan introduce the SBA student org changes

West Aaron: It's very burdensome for IBC to do the student org budgets every year so this will be a positive change for SBA. Frees us up to focus on smaller activities and declarations.

Libby Davis: we will have more opportunities for collaboration and synergy between the student orgs and with student affairs, we can do some really amazing programming that will not have such a budgetary impact. These budgets for student orgs are modest, and putting things together gives us an opportunity to put things together.

Megan: part of staying active will mean holding elections and updating executive boards. Student orgs often holds elections, and then the board graduates and SBA doesn't know who the new board is. We'll be making this transition more smooth going forward.

ACTION ITEM: make a google form to submit anonymous questions

Megan appointed Kathrine to Secretary and needs to be approved.

MOTION TO VOTE: 20

OPPOSE: 1

Executive Board Update:

Amy: Planning

Still need 2 people for the programming committee (to meet the bylaws)

Not too big of a commitment

Fall Trivia Social: Nov 4th in LRC 7pm - 11pm

Trivia: 2 hours

Costume Contest

Headshots will be the last fall event

Antonia: Student Affairs

Don't have to be on the committee to help.

Project 01:

Project 02: Parking and Transport

Also want to write a letter or a petition to the school to request a shuttle to campus

More equitable and sustainable

Unable to build more structures (for now)

Indicating that we need more ridership

Project 03: Collaboration with BLSA

Creating more inclusive spaces besides implicit bias training

Project 04: Compost Bins and Recycling Bins

Other means of making the campus more sustainable

Community Garden idea

Seeking volunteers for these projects!

Amanda: Communications

Supposed to have our first meeting this past week, it was cancelled

Planning to send an email with what we would have gone over

Finally got access to the website and am updating with current board members and internal and external committee members.

We're also creating posters for Fall Events:

CANVA use experience! Seeking volunteers

Potential for tabling and updating SBA Outline Bank

What are some reasons that we haven't received outlines?

Might happen next week

Newsletter: this hasn't been well circulated in the past; the subcommittee can work on this to get out a newsletter

---> Student Organizations can publish their events in this newspaper

---> we can also write about events that have already happened! Snap a picture and send it in.

West: Budget

Every fall we meet to decide how much money goes into Programming, DEI, Travel Budget and Student Org fund. Student orgs = 50%

This year we've taken away some money from student orgs, and shifted to a travel budget.

Travel: \$1100/\$4300 has been used!

---> helping to get students to events

Budget Meeting; 5 hours long and 4 hours was student orgs

With the shift to student affairs with student org information, the Budget Committee will be freed up for other things.

If a student organization is sponsoring an event, you can collaborate with SBA too!

Kathrine:

All 3 Amendments passed: YAY!

Spaces

Never (vote on) spaces again ---> 16v Y, 1v N

Typos: 2-11 ---> 15v Y

Rules Committee participation amendments

New text: ---> 16v Y

a) Shall consist of no fewer than 2 non-executive SBA members and shall be chaired by the Secretary. Group membership shall be an odd number of voting members where possible. The Secretary shall vote in the event of tie.

Jordin: Transportation

A bunch of people from all 3 campuses are joining to talk about parking

Wil bring up an update for parking in Nov 2023 meeting

SBA sent out a transportation survey to students

Responses are fiery

Immediate concerns: safety issues

Walking back and forth at night

Walking in the forest at night

Blackberry bushes

Please fill this out and it will stay up.

Julia Sicard: Do we know how many students come all campuses have cars and permits vs the number of available parking spots?

A: (Jordin) transportation will have this number for the difference between cars and students

Ricky: Faculty Appointments

Actively hiring for a lawyering professor

11 Interviews, 2-3 candidates

Coming by the first week of November

There's been historically low involvement from students

Dedicated time to meet with students

WAYS FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE:

Attend the job talk in a classroom setting

Casual student discussions, meet with 3-5 students to have a talk

Draft a letter of support for a candidate in student organizations

If you have ideas for students to get students involved, send to Ricky or Julia.

Short time frame.

Megan:

Open-Floor

1L Pod Funding

Provide a certain amount of money to the pods so they can host events for first year students.

It's a wonderful idea, and the E-Board supports it, but it was instigated without a bylaws change or a vote by SBA

When 1Ls requested funding, it caught a lot of people off guard because we didn't know this was a thing. We'll be working through the funding requests.

West will approach this with the same process as we did with student orgs

\$200-\$250(ish) ideal, not guaranteed

Leann Pawlaczyk: put in request for all pods to get together. Not sure if each pod reps needed to put in a request as well.

Ideally would like to split the amount; do they need to put in a request for funding?

Emails were included for all pod reps

West: will review the requests. Each would need to apply if each pod is cost-sharing.

Will follow up with Leann.

Julia: re: SBA Student Organization transition:

Who decided to address this issue at this moment in time? Why are we doing this now?

Megan: this was a conversation that the faculty has been having for a couple years. It's unusual for SBA to manage the fund for other student orgs. The administration

Kathrine: Equity in allocation concern

Megan: yes, and how we make sure that we're using the money to benefit the school/events and not snacks during the last part of the final semester

Amy: might create more confusion and hesitation, but the power is shifting to administration. There's a lot of questions that admin doesn't even know yet.

Send out email with FAQ

Structure the Q&A with questions

West: Wants to develop what the student body wants their money going towards
If we give the administration a list of meritorious conduct

ACTION ITEM: ---> maybe an SBA resolution

Celeste: When admin gets this duty, will students be on this committee like we have on other committees?

Megan: VP of student affairs or an elected position. Having this be an additional duty allows for continuity, but we're open to having this be a new elected position.

Shifting power is a really big deal and we don't want student orgs to feel as though their orgs aren't getting enough. This goes to Celeste's point that having students on the committee is important. There's been a lot of general care re: consideration of student organizations at the administrative level.

The only thing that we'll be voting on is the change on our bylaws. We are a large part of what this will look like.

Celeste: will the admin meet with the student orgs to go over this? It's a good idea overall, but there's a potential for hesitation on the part of student orgs. Doing something this semester while the process is being discussed is probably best.

ACTION ITEM: ---> SUGGESTION FOR LISTENING SESSIONS

Megan: Yes, this is an ongoing process. Will send them an email before they start drafting things formally.

ACTION ITEM --> send an email to Student Affairs

West: will have something to discuss in these listening sessions re: funding