Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Wednesday July 24, 2013

Chris Lizotte, Elisa Law, Kimberly Schertz, Renee Singleton, Chris Erickson, Evan Firth, Larry Huang, Evelina Vaisvilaite

Meeting called to order: 5:05

Chris Lizotte: Move that we insert inaction item to vote to support an insurance policy that allows people to opt into having explanation of benefits given only to them (pertains to minors) vote to tag along with other groups that support. 5A

Kimberly: Second

Evan: Second

Chris L: Approval of the minutes from June 5; entertain motion to approve min

Elisa: So moved

Kimberly: Second it

Chris L: Faculty senate is putting together adjudication panel to look into conduct of faculty member, ASUW and GPSS are asked to provide 6 people in where 2 of each will be picked to sit on panel, we’re working with Alex (assistant to faculty senate) we’ll appoint those people. Procedure in fall, sensitive situation, by faculty member against student

Chris L: Genesis cannot be here tonight due to a family emergency. Taking over a departmental allocation that was received in June (budget) for retreats. We are essentially going to charge executive committee to come up with procedure. What we have to do now is sign off and approve the request that was made (details in minutes that are in binder, under F&B Departmental allocations) F&B has already sign off, GPSS executive must approve

Kimberly: Move to approve

Evan: Second

Kimberly: How much was it for?

Chris L: $500, for retreats we are doubling amount that they can get

Kimberly: Is it coming out of next years budget or budget from now?

Elisa: 2013-2014 budget

Evan: Second

--no opposed

Chris L: Motion carries
Chris E: Background on student named Paul Berry. Currently when people are on their parents insurance or spouses there is an explanation of benefits that go out to people, for certain services like mental health, sexual information, it could go out to parents, current process is that people can sign a form for information to be privatized but not ordered for all carriers. Tomorrow they will be sending letter in to insurance commissioner proposing changes; idea is to add our name to it in order to carry importance. Proposal> add name to letter as group that endorses the rule change to enforce privacy. With that I entertain discussion. Washington student’s insurance alliance made by students

Evan: Are they simply requesting a rule?

Chris E: Real only push back if any, would be from providers, because it would add more work to put that in place and check for liability.

Chris L: Comfortable without seeing the letter

Kimberly: Comfortable supporting

Chris E: WSA would be good and ASUW; speak to them for support as well. Breaks barrier for students especially but people in general so that would like to have something done, can be done, without letting their parents know or those whom they do not wish to know.

Evelina: ASUW has a meeting tomorrow, could potentially be said that ASUW is considering supporting it. If there was interest from ASUW tomorrow, could they kind of sign up for that?

Chris E: yes, that would be great

Chris L: any other questions, comments. Entertain motion to add name to letter

Elisa: So moved

Evan: Second

Chris L: all in favor?

--- all in favor ---

Chris L: executive senator reports? Evan and Kimberly?

Kimberly: I sort of do, Elisa has been working with committee that I created “students for recognition and opportunity” regarding provosts post of questions for criminal background questions, provost is opening dialog to give students an opportunity to seek higher education.

Chris: can you briefly tell us what nature of your involvement was?

Kimberly: I found out about proposed question back in November or December and also heard about it from executive director when I was doing clinic work through law school and wanted us to reach out to administration and get more information to express our opposition. Not only impacts diversity of students coming in, we’re also very concerned that people wouldn’t have a meaningful opportunity to move past their mistakes. We started building our coalition with other grad students who are interested, when we wrote our letter to provost we had long list of members. Just reach out to the community, we are still opposed to the question, but at the very least we want to be part of the dialogue, to at least make sure the question is fair to enter.

Chris E: King county is moving to not use arrest records in any of their hiring
Kimberly: How this came out was a concern for campus safety, but crime that happens on campus happen by non-students and especially for sexual assaults because those normally don’t have criminal records.

Chris L: do you know about the incident that precipitated this decision?

Kimberly: yes, and I also spoke to the student who was for this position. That is all

Chris E: Working with insurance companies. WSA retreat, I won’t be available for the dates, but Chris will be there for our behalf. Have not heard anything from ASUW, we’ll work on coordinating that to have some good representation. Need to meet with Chris L about Sage, generally cancel appointments. Without a new transportation budget, something like 650,000

Elisa: Orientation for GPSS and UW PD safety are coming along, half of department is scheduled. New roster for senators is updated. Archivist is almost finished with last year minutes and meeting agendas, and putting it all into a book, much like ASUW and having Mackensie work as far back as we can to get records organized. Moving forward, is to start reaching out to GPSS committees to recruit for orientations which includes officers. Can start working on dates and times for that so that people can sign up. Have not heard from John Vinson, UW Chief of Police

Chris: I’m meeting with him on Friday

Elisa: if you can send him my way. That’s it.

Evelina: Office space reorganization. Tomorrow at our meeting we are finalizing office space finalization, summer advising organizations, conversations about homecoming, husky leadership retreats

Chris: Officers briefly met, and have decided to come up with purchasing procedure, and everything will go to Genesis. We have highered development coordinator: Cory & hired special assistant. Coming up with happy hours, events to build community. Point one to get current graduate students to involve themselves with GPSS students. Idea of having a GPSS Gala (Rene idea) black tie affair that would be geared among promoting endowment, money raiser. Last week, Michael Kutz and I, Bergis, and guy from environmental group were brought over to Starbucks headquarters where we were given informative presentation where starbucks tried to convince of what good they do in the world “green”. UW is entering with starbucks sponsorship agreement, we are thinking about ways to work proactively with Starbucks, one of the things is that they have compostable hot cups but not anything else and this clashes with campus ideas, all recyclable but not compostable, but they will develop those compostable things in the next year. Try to milk them for starbucks coffee for meetings, events, etc.

Chris E: Two questions: some of thier stuff that is fair trade, is that the only coffee that would be served and two what does that do for price point? What does that do to the other coffee shops?

Renee: if its run by HFS, then they fall into the big agreement to convert into Starbucks. New day, new time, new approach to sponsorships. I would send Chris back to confirm, but for now its Starbucks.

Chris E: where is USAS on this?

Chris L: USAS was contacted, but they have not responded.

Chris E: They have power, and have people behind what they do. That’s not something we want to deal with after the fact.

Chris: they were in the loop from the beginning, so no idea why they haven’t responded. Easier to address concerns beforehand
Evan: didn’t expect anyone to jump on sponsorships so quickly.

Chris: we already have one with Coca Cola

Renee: we do. It goes back and forth, but larger aspects now, we have a department, we have staffing for sponsorships. Invite sponsorship meeting to see what’s going on

Evan: so we can get those that can maybe be opposed to the sponsors, before things go too far along

Chris: Alaskan Airlines is also trying to sponsor us for travel. Sponsorship as part of the advancement development. Finally able to get a meeting for tailgating tomorrow and that is moving forward, and I will be able to assemble people who are interested. We have been in business with Foster and Law people. Michael Kutz and I have met twice so far with the President, and we have built a good relationship. Both Michael and I… student life has been a priority. In next couple weeks I will be writing a letter to provost and president to ask for money for events that are coming up, ex: Gala, Tailgating, anything else that people can think of, just let me know, for next time

Entertain motion to adjourn

Elisa: So moved

Evan: Second

All in favor ------

Meeting Adjourned: 5:55