Student Government
General Body Meeting
10.19.2011 | 7:30 pm | Hauser 105

1. Called to Order at 7:30 pm
   a. Absent
      i. Chandler Tanner (advance notice given - out of town)
      ii. Allison Ray (advance notice given - conference call)
   b. Tardy
      i. Daniel Vargas (7:35 pm)
      ii. Victoria Burt (7:35 pm)
2. Expectations
3. Agreements
4. Feedback from 1st Meeting
   a. Led by Rachna
   b. Pluses
      i. Good food
      ii. Started on time
      iii. Organized, efficient
      iv. Loved having an agenda
      v. Open process, everyone can participate
      vi. Flexible
   c. Deltas and Questions
      i. Want introduction to SG
      ii. Want to see the Constitution - Constitution is linked on emails and also on website
      iii. Do we have a webpage?
         1. The link is in SG emails
      iv. Do we have a Facebook page?
         1. Greg is sending out invitations to that
      v. Scheduling issues - end on time, stick to the timings on the agenda, etc.
      vi. What is our funding? $20,000
   d. Time constraints
      i. Michael: Good to have guidelines for how long we want to spend on things or we'll get carried away on discussion
      ii. Leon: The time limits help us focus
      iii. Jonny: Maybe put the most important things at the beginning so we get to them
      iv. Skyler: Are you guys flexible on the meetings go over
         1. Dylan: There's real value in meeting efficiency when we try to restrict ourselves
      v. Discussion by email
         1. Rachna: This requires 100% involvement until we got to the voting. We aren't confined to 7:30-8:45 pm.

      vi. Vote: Meetings will now end at 9 pm but only extend the agenda to 8:45 pm

         1. 20-0

5. Purpose of SG
    a. Creating a sense of community
        i. DOS did an exit poll of graduating students. She was surprised to learn that one of the complaints of graduating 3Ls, LLMs, and SJDs was that they felt there wasn't a sense of community, and they didn't see any student group as engendering that. That's a need SG can fulfill in many ways; we have a Halloween Dance, Thanksgiving Dinner, Pub Nights, our spring blood drive, our faculty-student lunches, etc.
    b. Serving that community
        i. A lot of it is reporting back to the students who contact us. We go through every email we get and try to respond to them in a timely fashion.
    c. Advocating on behalf of that community
        i. It's not enough to just respond to people if there's an issue on campus. We need to be proactive, not just reactive. That's why we have the Academic Task Force to push change. We need to improve the
    d. Fairly regulating that community
        i. There are a lot of events on campus. We govern the creation, maintenance, and dissolution of student organizations. We also have an impact on the way student funding is advocated.
6. Halloween Dance
    a. Led by Robin
    b. Saturday, October 29 at the Sheraton Hotel from 9 pm to 1 am
    c. Capacity is 400. Past attendance has been 350-400
    d. Brainstorm and vote on open bar policy
        i. Drinks: $5/bottled beer, $7 for drinks
        ii. Options:
            1. 1 drink ticket per person at the beginning (approximately 500)
                a. 1 per person or 2 per person?
                b. Dylan: Wouldn't go to an event if there was only 1 drink ticket
            2. 2 drink tickets for the first 250 people
            3. 2 tickets, beer only for the first 300 people
        iii. Voting:
            1. Option 1: 0
            2. Option 2: 6
            3. Option 3: 12
            4. Abstain: 2
    e. Outside guess policy
        i. Last year's policy: Show HLS policy. Show 2 forms of ID b/c of MA law
        ii. Room holds 400 people
        iii. Options:
            1. Dan: Suggestion - allow it for any Harvard student
            2. Greg: Suggestion - admit non-HLS students but don't give them drink tickets
        iv. Victoria: To make the event more public, can we do reservations on the website beforehand, like sign in with your username?

        1. Rachna: This event is free so maybe there isn't any incentive ot sign up. It was sent out in the announcements so people know it's happening
        2. Emanuel: We could have people print a ticket out
        3. Skyler: We can iron out registration later
    v. Decision: 1 guest per person, no drink ticket
    vi. Dylan: Get people in before 11 pm
        1. Robin will look into it

f. Should we have a costume contest?
    i. Everyone: yes
    ii. Robin will decide how to judge it

7. Thanksgiving Dinner
   a. Led by Robin
   b. Wednesday, November 16
   c. Homeless shelter is the charity
   d. Raffle:
      i. Need to approach local businesses and ask for gift cards or other goodies
   e. Volunteers
      i. Skyler, Alex, Victoria, Lakshmi, Chas, Bo, Lina, Andrew C, Andrew R, Michael, Emanuel, Leon, Caleb
8. Pub Night
   a. Led by Greg
   b. Friday, Oct 21 from 7-8 pm at Queenshead (between HLS and Harvard Yard in a basement)
   c. Budget: $400-500; $3-4/drink
   d. 1 drink ticket per person but we have some discretion depending on how many people show up
   e. Open to everyone
   f. The plan is to have pub nights every other week
9. Bridging Students and Faculty Program
   a. Led by Chas
   b. Faculty pub nights:
      i. Combining pub nights with faculty lunches. There should be more than the classroom setting and the office hour setting for students to interact with faculty.
      ii. This is the first semester that this is happening
      iii. About 30 professors have expressed interest
      iv. Chas is looking for feedback since this is a new initiative
10. Outside Money: 9 Tailors
    a. Periodically, people contact us to give us money. Do we want to take it?
       i. 9 Tailors has offered to give us money
    b. Voting (needs 50% to pass): Do we want to partner with 9 Tailors?
       i. Yay -12
       ii. Nay - 5
       iii. Abstain - 3
11. Student Funding Board
12. Other Business
    a. Green Living Initiative
       i. Led by Alex
       ii. They contacted us about reaching out to student organizations and requiring them to practice green living at their events
       iii. Greg: We would not be able to enforce this policy
       iv. Vote (2/3 of the people present, 20 people present, need 14 to pass): Should we help them with this initiative?
          1. Yay - 1
          2. Nay - a lot

b. Need to address issues with Dining Hall
c. Dylan is going to send out a Google Doc for fundraising. He wants you to add any personal contacts you have with firms

13. Adjourned at 9:00 pm