

**Student Government
Board Meeting
2.15.2012 | 7:30 pm | WAS 3015**

1. Called to Order at 7:30 pm
 - a. Tardy
 - i. Emanuel
2. Check-ins
3. Student Government Budget Disclosure
 - a. Should SG disclose its budget?
 - i. Convince people first the money we are spending is spent well first before we disclose. We are eclipsed by other organizations. They get funding from outside sources.
 - ii. It says something good about being good representatives of students if we are open.
 - iii. If we release all the numbers, people would see how much we allocate to each event and for any events we're cosponsoring with other organizations
 - iv. People would be able to give suggestions about what to spend money on. We should welcome that feedback.
 - v. We are being responsible with our money and our budget. We don't need to be afraid to disclose it.
 - b. Motion to table to next meeting: 16 people
 - i. **Yes: 13**
 - ii. No: 2
 - iii. Abstain: 1
4. Proposed Student Government Bylaws
 - a. SFB bylaws
 - i. Allocation criteria:
 1. Where did the criteria in Article 5 come from?
 - a. Based on observations on SFB and discussions from past SG members
 2. Is the section on judicious expenditures weirdly written? Don't want to force people to get Dominos for every event.
 - a. We want to prevent orgs from letting 5 people eat a really expensive meal when they could have had a speaker event that feeds a lot of people.
 3. Maybe add something about financial need on here
 - a. It's on there somewhere else, but it can be added
 - b. Maybe it shouldn't be a criteria b/c it could disincentivize getting outside funds.
 4. What about making a criteria on what they got last year?
 - a. Don't want an org to be tied down by what they got last year.

- ii. Red flag: Article 6, last bullet. Suggestion: Maybe disclosure policies should be codified.
 - 1. The language is purposefully open-ended
 - 2. Another suggestion: SFB could disclose to SG only
 - a. This could be bad if SG knows what every org gets
- b. VOTE: adopt these SFB bylaws. Requirement to pass is $\frac{2}{3}$ of the members in attendance. We need 11 votes out of the 16 present.
 - i. **Approve - 15**
 - ii. Opposed - 0
 - iii. Abstain - 1

5. Proposed Bylaw for Student Organizations

a. Article III Section 1 Addition

- i. Law schools are becoming increasingly international. Our role is to support the initiatives of the students.
- ii. Though the language says “default”, it still leaves a lot to discretion. If an org has special circumstances, those could be considered.
- iii. Take out the “for instance” - doesn’t make sense.
- iv. DOS wants this.
 1. But we should vote on this based on what SG wants, not what DOS wants. Maybe we should assert our independence.
- v. This is not retroactive.
- vi. We should close down the orgs that aren’t doing anything, but we should be allowing new organizations who want to do great things. Students should be able to decide what’s good for them. SG should support them.
- vii. Resource constraints
- viii. Proliferation of groups could hurt each group’s ability to function well
- ix. Saving time
 1. Have many meetings with these groups in the year and this policy gives us a default.
- x. VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ of those present: need 11
 1. Approve: 11
 2. Opposed: 4
 3. Abstain: 1

6. Proposed Amendments to Constitution

a. Article II Section 1(c) Amendment

- i. VOTE: $\frac{2}{3}$ of all members: need 14
 1. Approve: 14
 2. Opposed: 0
 3. Abstain: 0

b. Article III Section 2 Amendment

c. Article IV Section 1(2) Amendment

7. Other Business

8. Pluses and Deltas