Committee On Student Organizations  
Minutes  
October 13, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 pm.

Attendance: Jarrett Hardwick, Kasi O’Brien, Christina Miller, Joni Hays, Daniel Pasaribu, Erin Shaheen, Janet Ahrberg, Tara Gradney, Barry Lavine, Phillip Eby(proxy), Kathryn Tipton

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as written.

Chair’s Report – Our last meeting of the semester will be November 17 and it looks like our docket will be full till then – lots of new groups coming in.

Vice Chair’s – No Report

Unfinished Business

a) Consider recognized status for OSU-Associated Press Sports Editors – minor changes to the constitution were noted on the secretary's copy. Kieran and Ted represented the group – APSE is national org, president is in OKC as well as other officers in the state. Collection of print, radio/tv and online sports editors. Helps students build connections for internships and jobs by the editors who would be hiring them. OSU would be first FBS school with a chapter. Changes noted to the constitution were noted on reps copy. Discussion – good group. Motion was made, seconded and passed without objection to recommend that SGA grant registered status to OSU-Associated Press Sports Editors pending changes being submitted.

b) Consider constitution change for Cowboys for Life – Lauren attended as rep for group and responded to the questions previously raised by the Committee. She agreed to amend the constitution per the committee suggestions. Will email revised document to secretary tomorrow. Motion was made, seconded and passed without objection to accept amended constitution for Cowboys for Life.

c) Consider registered status for Random Acts of Cowboys – while the constitution didn’t have many problems, the committee had major concerns about the purpose of this group and whether they needed to be a student org, what their actual purpose is and how or if they could sustain themselves beyond their founders. Hunter Akin represented the group – the org is similar to “Improve Everywhere” but more like pranks – they might do flash mob or cheer people going to class, just make things more interesting on campus – maybe some dead week or finals week stress relievers. Asked if they would be doing community service, as was the impression of majority of committee when they read the name of the group, he responded that they had not thought about that, but if they got money, they would donate it. Asked what the benefit to OSU would be rep responded by saying they wouldn’t be demeaning anyone. Asked the difference/tie with pranks or escapades vs improv rep stated they wanted to do something like dressing as cheer leaders and cheering students on as they go to class or perform the first scene from The Lion King on the SU balcony. Asked why they applied he replied that he had tried to reserve a room and was told only student orgs could reserve rooms. Several members reinforced with him that is only true of classroom buildings reserved through the Registrar’s office. Wanted to do something to counteract the “arguing” people do out on the plaza, positive and brighten people’s day on campus. Asked if they would identify “targets” since some people might not like what they are doing, he could not respond. Asked if they were open to collaboration with other groups, he indicated they are but thought they had to be a student org to do that as well. Discussion – committee did not feel he answered key questions on goals and purpose sufficiently and made a motion of consent to fail, motion passed. Secretary informed representative of committee’s decision and reasoning. Encouraged group to meet with SUAB and Wellness Officer to look into options. Suggested that the group could meet with her to talk about re-applying if they wish.

New Business

Assignments for next week –

a) American Chemical Society – Barry, Kathryn, Joni

b) Racquetball – Erin, Kasi, Daniel

c) Minorities in Agriculture, Natural Resources and Related Sciences – Tara, Janet, Christina

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.