

July 12, 2005

GSA Minutes

Collins trip was good, but he would have rather been sitting on a beach somewhere!
Mmmm Beach...

Approval of the Minutes: Ok

Orientation Week:

Stephen has started to update the profiles, the rest of the forms don't need that much.
Sheets are due the 2nd or 3rd week of July... Collin will get a real date.
Stephen has ~half of the profiles – pictures...

The social reps seem to have things planned for the orientation week, but we are not sure what exactly they are – need to talk to Ted...

Speaker series proposal – Chris Waren has been putting a lot of work into the proposal, try to increase the profile of the speaker series and extend it. Collin will e-mail out a copy of the proposal this week. It is at a standstill right now, want to attach Simons name to it... Difficult because we can't approach him directly, the proposal is 50\$ bursary for everyone presenting... same format but advertising it. Having abstracts put forth 2ce a year and select speakers. Also a judging process so the winner will have an award with a 500\$ bursary at the end of the year and a wrap up dinner (~50 people) for the speakers, Tom Simons, winner would present at dinner, limited # of tickets, but subsidized tickets for students who wanted to attend. Needs funding... Budget \$5000/year. We may be able to match funds, if we want to do this, we may have to fund a more significant part of the series this year. We all think the series is a good idea... Don't talk about it yet because things are still in progress, need to be completely run by the GSA and a subcommittee. Need someone other than grad students to act as judges to have some impartial judging system. Need Tom's approval because we need to get abstracts in for August in order to get it going this year because we want to have the dates set at the start of the year.

CFS update: nothing much happened while Collin was away. Chris went back and forth with lawyers; both parties are kind of at fault for not formalizing contract, but lawyer said if it came before the courts the judge would probably scold the CFS. Adds strength to our position, Collin will send a letter asking to remove our name all his publications. Will not bring in the fact that we consulted a lawyer until absolutely necessary.

BBQs- we are aloud 2 potlucks/calendar year and we need to inform Aramark.-We have 2 potlucks before January (October and September?)
Collin thinks we need ~2 more social functions this summer.
They gym in the athletics complex is Aramark free- may be able to have events there?
Collin will e-mail Bill and inquire what sections may be "Aramark free"

May have BBQ at the picnic area up the road-will do that for our next one Thursday, July 28, 2005.

Constitution- Cathy will send it to Collin this week – want to get moving on it because we have to get it all approved, get it done by early September.

Budget approved at our AGM members in our bylaws... This year we should get our budget approved, but also put together a budget for the other monies (the money that has been and will continue to be taken off). Maybe have 3 acts, Rainy Day, Levy, and Other \$\$\$.

Need to start thinking about where we want this money to go (invest and have limited access, completely access at all times... Scholarships... Discuss with Doug... We need to figure out what our best options are and then talk with Doug... **THE BIGGEST THING WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT THIS SUMMER...Have a stipend for GSA positions...**

Audit-how easy would it be to contact an accountant and get an audit on last years spending. Kaela will look into it.