Student Government Meeting  
Wednesday, September 17, 2014

Meeting Highlights:
- A budget request from Sequel was approved.

Complete minutes are as follows:

Roll Call:

Absent: Ethan Fredrick, Ryan Stewart

Minutes from last week stand approved.

Reports:
Student Body President Alex Severn: Here are the updated committee nominations:
-EPCC: Jessalyn Holdcraft
-Admissions, Scholarship & Financial Assistance: Jacy Gomez, Keegan Carson
-Library Advisory: Sara Reed
-Multicultural Minority Issues: Ashley Gomez, Shawn Schossow
-Study Abroad: Molly Monk
-Teacher Education: Savannah Ferguson
-Teacher Development: Hannah Clark

Manager Michael Reuter: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Ethan Fredrick: Absent

Senior Class President Jessalyn Holdcraft: We have one budget request from Sequel and one general discussions item.

Junior Class President Austin Jacobs: My committee had a good meeting last Thursday. We talked about doing a survey like we did last year to get student input on what is happening on campus. This would include technology issues, the mascot, the car share program and many other items. We will meet again tomorrow.

Sophomore Class President Robert Lyons: The Student Advocacy committee will now be meeting on Wednesdays from 3:30 to 4:30.

First Year Class President Zach Goodrich: The Student Organization committee will be meeting tomorrow and helping the Philosophy club get set up.

Advisor Kristen: Nothing to report.
Erica Heidler: The food committee met with Chartwells management this week. We got people’s general opinions on things. There were a lot of little changes but nothing big. We will be meeting every other Tuesday.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Sequel Budget Request: Total Requested: $4,500.00 Recommendation: $4,500.00
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I move to allocate $4,500.00 to Sequel. They are a literary magazine. Free copies are available in Dunn Library. There was a push to make them more environmentally friendly last year. They also have an online version. The printed versions are printed on an environmentally friendly paper. The printed versions cost about $15 to produce but they are given out for free. They have student editors but they also utilize a professional editor.

Robert Lyons: Do they have a marketing strategy?

Jessalyn Holdcraft: They only mentioned the reading that they do during second semester. That would be something for the Student Organization committee to talk about because it is not something that has been done in the past.

Vote: Passed

General Discussion:
Latinos Unidos Budget Request:
Jessalyn Holdcraft: The Tier 1 group Latinos Unidos wants to fund two positons. We have never funded these positions before. All of the student positions we now fund were funded before the SGA reorganization which created tiers. We are bringing this up in general discussion instead of new business because it couldn’t make it out of our committee as it stands. We were uncomfortable with the amount they are asking for. The CAB president makes $100 a month. They are asking for $784 this semester. Also, we have never funded these positions before. We also aren’t sure if both positions need to be paid. I have tried to contact Walter Lain about the positions and tasks because some of the duties in these positions overlap with what was already done over the summer. We do want to discuss this instead of completely shooting down the request.

Ruth Ann Roberts: I am uncomfortable with how much their treasurer is making considering ours makes $25 a month.

Robert Lyons: Can someone explain the Latino Heritage month activities.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Latino Heritage month runs September 15 to October 15. They host many activities throughout the month.

Zach Goodrich: Are they doing any events outside of Latino Heritage month?

Nick Laning: I can speak on this because I have attended a few Latinos Unidos meetings. Heritage month is their main task. They are asking for a semester worth of pay for events that are taking place in one month. They didn’t really show scheduling for any activities for any events outside of heritage month.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: They stated that they were only planning on asking for the money for this semester which also makes us uncomfortable because the number of events they are doing is comparable with the number of events CAB or WTF does in a month. WTF does not have any salaried positions at this time.

Olivia Anderson: I think the best option would be to wait a year and see what happens with Latino Heritage month. Then we might be able to recommend a lesser pay rate, possibly equivalent to CAB.

Robert Lyons: What kind of events do they have planned? Are they huge events?
Nick Laning: I would say no but that depends on attendance. They are bringing in a dance instructor, taking a trip somewhere, cooking in Pfeiffer, and bringing in a Taco Truck again. There wasn’t anything out of the ordinary of what you would think a student organization would be doing. I am not positive, but I think CAB is putting on more events than Latinos Unidos in the same month. It doesn’t seem worth $800 to me.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Another reservation we had was that the summer position included organizing for Latino Heritage month. There are details in the request as to what types of duties these people would be performing but it doesn’t go as far in depth as we need.

Nick Laning: Another reason we wanted to talk about this in general discussion is because we want to have a discussion about student pay and set a precedence for it.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Right now only Tier 1 groups are eligible to receive student pay but CAB, SGA and Simpson Student Media all had student pay prior to the large discussion we had about student pay last year. We need to discuss how new tier 1 groups are going to get paid.

Alex Severn: The reason we have student pay is because of the time commitment these students have to put in. I think it is appropriate that CAB and SGA get paid because of the time they put in. Because I know my situation best, I know last semester I tracked some of my hour commitments for the week and I know I put in 20-30 a week. However I get paid $200 a month. I also know that there are harder working people out there like Ruth Roberts who get paid less, but make great things happen. We all get nominal amounts but it is enough to keep someone alive for the semester as we could not work a job with our commitments.

JJ Hansen: Could this be an opportunity to motivate them to grow their programming?

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Right now this budget request is stuck in our committee because we can’t find a majority. They are only two years old and they got tier 1 status after one year. Let’s do a little trial period and see how they do this year. We can compare their time commitment to CAB and WTF and see if it is on par. This is also a discussion about how to deal with new tier 1 groups asking for pay. If the current status of bringing all student pay issues to the committee for evaluation is fine then I am ok with that decision.

Tyler Stokesbary: I am a CAB executive that gets paid $25 a month and work for extremely small wages so I think it would be best to pay them an equivalent amount.

Kelsey Wittorf: How are they rationalizing this amount and have they considered lowering the amount?

Alex Severn: They proposed an hourly breakdown which we can’t fund according to our constitution. That is why we said they just get an amount for the semester. I think they are trying to rationalize it in that way with the amount of time they are going to put in.

Kelsey Wittorf: That is not even normal work study pay.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: The reason we didn’t reduce it in committee is because we knew that this discussion needed to happen and we didn’t want to end up with such a nominal amount that it would get passed. This is a discussion of if they are putting in enough money to qualify for student pay and how are we going to deal with new requests for student pay.

Nick Laning: In our committee we talked about if we are going to start giving pay to Latinos Unidos then we almost set a precedence that if another tier 1 organization requests student pay we aren’t following our precedence if we deny them. If we start continuously approving student pay, what is stopping every organization from getting student pay, even if they aren’t putting in the same amount of time as CAB and SGA?

Alex Severn: Reaching tier 1 status is not an automatic qualifier for student pay. We have shown that through the multiple tier 1 organizations that don’t receive student pay. There is another level that groups need to reach which might still need to be defined, and I would task that to the Financial Committee.
Announcements:
- Homecoming information is being released Thursday, September 18th
- Wednesday, September 17th, 8:00pm: Home Volleyball vs Wartburg
- Friday, September 19th, 9:00pm: CAB Capture the Flag in Buxton Park
- Saturday, September 20th, 1:00pm: Home Football vs Illinois Wesleyan
- Sunday, September 21st, 3pm – 6pm: Residence Life Carnival on the Pedestrian Plaza
- Wednesday, September 24th, 9:30am – 3:00pm: Tri Delta Blood Drive in Great Hall
- Wednesday, September 24th, 11:30am – 1:30pm, Service Fair in the Black Box
- Sunday, September 28th, 7:00pm: Rotaract Club Meeting in Carse 171