MINUTES FOR THE Ninth GA MEETING OF 2017-2018

Wednesday, February 14, 2018
6:00-8:30 pm

Houston Hall
Ben Franklin Room

I. Food is served

II. General Assembly Meeting

Ben Franklin Room

a. Approve Minutes from January 31
   - yes

b. GAP Fund Discussion
   - Exec releases a monthly report to G12 presidents and treasurers about how much they have left
   - 2/3rds through the year, we’re at 19% utilization
   - Why do GAP unlike synergy? [Prior to this fund, contact between G12 execs was minimal. This was intended to promote engagement.]
   - Schools have chances to pull their money out, but they’d lose the matching
   - Note from SAS that proper utilization of GAP can effectively increase a school’s budget
   - Question from Education as to why allocate funds this way, beyond the incentive for participation?
   - Should we change the GAP system, and if so, how?
      - Are emails individual or central? [varies by school]
      - Urge to not get rid of GAP, because it has made great events possible. Recommend to rename perhaps (e.g. “inter-school collaboration fund”), and shrink size.
      - Suggest that the current setup is much more efficient than it would if the power were given to the GA
      - Clubs might have a harder time if they needed to get support from student councils
      - Maybe we should set up a planner/tracker/forum for schools to post ideas? (And students in those schools)
      - Smaller schools have smaller budgets, so decreasing from 10 to 5 would remove the incentive for participation from the schools which actually have been
      - Besides president and treasurer, perhaps there should
also be a GA rep included in those communications.

- A rep’s idea: increasing the contribution at some scale rather than across the board. Perhaps performance-based.
- Decreasing the buy-in might make it less likely for schools to toss a couple hundred to extra events here and there.
- Call from a proxy to focus on increasing awareness and education, rather than giving up and decreasing.
- Consensus seems to be positive, and to work on making GAP workable.
- It might be good to ask for proposals at the beginning of the Spring of how G12 schools plan to use the GAP fund. Those (current) plans don’t show up on today’s graphs, for example.

c. Carryover voting
   - Full ranking and point tallies will be made available along with the Finance proposal in two weeks. The GA can then discuss, and vote.

d. Environmental pledge
   - SAGE has some texts proposed, to serve as a non-binding encouragement to consider green/environmental practices to the guidelines we give out with funding. [approved]

e. Exec Updates
   - Research Thursday tomorrow at the GSC!
   - Mental Health survey has been put into Qualtrics
   - Micro Salon at United by Blue this Sunday.
   - April 25th event for alumni networking at Magic Gardens
   - IDEAL Council had its first action summit. HP is having office hours this Friday, in McNeal #142 from 1-5pm

f. Fight Night Presentation
   - Law and Wharton students are presenting
   - Raises money for the Boys and Girls Club, through a night of spirited amateur boxing
   - Has applied to the GAP fund, has been a struggle.
   - None of GAPSA’s funds have or would go to the Boys and Girls Club
   - Will GAPSA’s contributions affect ticket costs? [Ticket costs have been set already, so this could offset other costs]
   - Tickets are $50 for general-admission
   - How much outreach has Wharton and Law done so far? [there has been an effort]
   - How much does T-Payne cost? [$40,000]
   - Were premium and VIP tickets promoted widely? [The advertisements for fight night went to anyone who receives sport-event related emails from the Palestra. Those started being sold on Jan 24th, and sold out]
• [Recommendation and Deliberation]
  • $5000 passes, with breakdown of half cash & half
tickets (for discretionery)

III. Council Meetings: 7:30 – 8:30 pm
   IDEAL Council: Morris Seitz Room (313)
   Professional Council: Ben Franklin Room
   Research Council: Bishop White Room

IV. Happy Hour: 8:30 – 11:00 pm
   City Tap House