Grad Council Meeting  
02/24/20

Representative Reports

BSD
- workshop series

Booth
- Just had Booth Winter Formal
- Preparing Diversity Week

Divinity
- Therapy service (less talk)
  - anonymous service
- Group going to art museum

Graham
- Hekasan
- Gave alumni subsidy to travel to Hyde park campus

Suggestion from Katrina: Send event info to VP of the Committee of Marketing

Harris:
- Thurs (2/20): Harris After Hours (more academic focus)
- Fri (2/21): Admitted student Day
- HSG is working on getting STEM for MPP
- A lot of students applying for Travel Fund because of the Spring Career Trek
  - Harris Profession Travel Fund is not enough

Humanities:
- Dean student advise report meeting last Friday
  - Students were not satisfied because generalized statements rather than written answers
- Opened up travel fund for grad students
- shortage of the teaching assistance
  - will think about senior year students

PME:
- Events last week and this week
- PME apparel
- Enrollment
  - Current class: 60
o Incoming class: 120

Thoughts on school expanding & not enough funding to accommodate their needs
Largest five divisions: 3+ Reps

Pritzker:
- More attention on Low-income & Disabilities
- Quiet study area
- Anxiety of Med students
  o Trying to get more resources to help with students’ mental health

PSD:
- Interactive events with the Dean

SSA:
- Trying to get 2 more Reps next year

SSD:
- Social aspect of schooling
- Shortage of the teaching assistance

**Executive Team Updates**

- VP of Travel fund
  o 23 small programs
  o We have more capacity for more applications
  o From reimbursement application to check sending out: 2-3 weeks
    ▪ compared to previous years when it takes 6 months to send out the checks
  o Been hearing about good reviews

- VP of Finance
  o STW fund

- VP of Travel
  o Final touch on students’ survey of traveling

- VP of Community:
  o Magic show event: good turn out
  o 380 responses

- Diversity Chair
• Absent & no report

• VP of Marketing and Communications
  o Have reached out to the LAM groups
  o Took more time than expected
  o Next step: collect the data
  o At the end of the academic year: promote the housing info website

• VP of Social Events and Programming
  o 490 (not as good as the previous years)
    ▪ Reason 1: speed dating same night
      • How to avoid the time conflict in the future?
    ▪ Reason 2: more informal events
  o Good discount from the FIELD Museum

Reps’ thoughts about working with GC

• Committee should make things more transparent
  o (Diversity & Inclusion)
    o Should have more communication about what they are doing
• About undergrads’ speech on 2/10 & assembly on 2/12
  o not well-informed
• Executive team report should be more specific & detailed
  o more graphical presentations by executive team in the future
• More info about how funding distributed to all these different events
• Continuity & cohesiveness
  o understand what everyone else has done
  o Financial statement be made available to other people to review?
  o Year-on-year comparison
  o Starting from this year, we keep everything documented

Fuel for the Mind/Body/Wallet Project Presentation

• shopping smart & food insecurity
• strong awareness among undergraduates but not among grad students
• To make healthier & more affordable food choices
• Provide a place for grad students (and other students in UC) to ask questions about how to spend money smarter on healthier food
  o Budgeting
  o Shopping Smart (tailoring to Hyde Park specifically)
  o Cooking Demonstration
Grad Student Experiences

• Request Reps’ help to send info out through every division

Feedback from Reps
  o Check with other orgs on campus
  o Tax credit for students in school who are not making much money
  o Cooperate with Health Promotion & Wellness

Updates from the floor

• Transportation & Advisory Board meeting next Tuesday (Justin & Katrina)
  o Welcome to attend if having strong thoughts
  o Could also send thoughts to Katrina
• Applying for Executive Board on Grad Council (election & approval of positions at the end of the next quarter)
• Provost meeting on Wednesday 2/26
  o Could ask about enrollment of different divisions
• Meeting w/ board trustees on Thursday 2/27 (Rohail & Justin)
• Feedback on Grad Student space (1st day: 4/6)