Boston University  
School of Theology Student Association  
Executive Council Meeting  
Minutes from meeting on 6 September 2010  
6:00pm – 8:30 pm  
Attendees: Insung Ko, Dan Kim, Soren Hessler, Debbie Brubaker

1) Proposal by Debbie to fund yoga class as complement to Theology and Trauma with Shelly Rambo  
   a. Board would like to see weekly yoga class open to entire STH community  
   b. **Proposed up to $1100 for yoga for fall semester**  
   c. **Board unanimously approved amount**  
   d. Debbie to contact Dr. Rambo and yoga instructor for details

2) Proposal by Dan to fund snacks for “Lecture Series” to include film nights for Trauma and Theology hosted by Shelly Rambo  
   a. **Board unanimously agreed to pledge financial support for lecture series**  
   b. Final decision will be contingent on estimated budget  
   c. To be discussed at meeting on September 15th

3) Board discussed making announcements at community lunch on Sept. 8  
   a. Discussion of weekly table

4) Elections  
   a. Elections pending until students are able to register online for online nomination/election process  
   b. Registration online will follow the release of STH email list  
   c. Dan to contact Dean Newsome regarding this list  
   d. Board suggested beginning elections/nominations as early as Sept. 13th

5) Collegium (Online Newsletter) vs. interactive online calendar  
   a. Board discussed efficiency of producing a weekly newsletter (pdf) or using online calendar linked to STH website  
   b. General agreement to use online calendar  
   c. Soren to email Student Life Coordinator and Dean Newsome for details

6) Intramural Sports Rosters  
   a. Soren proposed SthSA support for intramural sports teams from STH  
   b. **As many teams – up to $500 per team**  
   c. **Board unanimously approved amount**  
   d. Soren to work with Student Life Coordinator to put up sign-up table

7) Student Groups  
   a. Dan to email student groups about providing contact information for semester  
   b. Will be announced at community lunch Sept. 8.

8) Weekly Student Council meetings  
   a. First official open meeting to be conducted on Sept. 15th from 12:45-1:30  
   b. Agreement to hold weekly meetings  
      i. Every Wednesday 12:45-1:30  
      ii. No longer than 45 minutes  
      iii. Space to be reserved asap
9) Remaining debts and “leftover” graduation funds from 2009-2010 year
   a. Discussion of remaining debts
      i. Remaining debts from 2009-2010 graduation celebration
         1. Bill Peden
      ii. Remaining debts from Spring 2010 semester
         1. Anne Hillman
         2. Connor Wood
      iii. To-be-recovered remaining debts
   b. Proposal to locate and pay remaining debts no later than Oct. 15th 2010
      i. Proposal unanimously approved
   c. Discussion of remaining funds
      i. “Slush Fund” – Petty cash leftover from spring 2010
      ii. Proposal to deposit remaining cash in SthSA account
      iii. Proposal unanimously approved

10) Discussion of summer updates
   a. Nametags – SAO issued nametags
   b. University Academic Conduct Code
      i. Board discussed need for STH to be in compliance, sign on to university-wide academic conduct code
      ii. Board to review code
   c. Constitution
      i. Board discussed need to revise SthSA Constitution
      ii. Board discussed need to open revision process to entire STH community – Board unanimously agreed on the openness of this process
      iii. Board to present this revision process at meeting on September 15th
      iv. Board agreed to allow revision process to continue until October 15th 2010

11) Discussion of website
   a. people.bu.edu/sthsa
   b. weekly minutes from meetings will be updated by Debbie once system is learned
   c. council will send personal contact info to Soren to update

12) Proposal by Soren to request STHSA funds for students wishing to attend professional academic conferences outside the Boston Metro area.
   a. Unanimous board decision to politely require STH administration to match any funding STHSA provides
   b. Proposal to assist students attending AAR/SBL (American Academy of Religion, Society of Biblical Literature) by providing $100 per student attendee from STHSA funds
      i. Proposal unanimously approved by board
   c. Proposal to assist students presenting at AAR/SBL by providing $250 per student presenter from STHSA funds
      i. Proposal unanimously approved by board
d. Proposal to provide equivalent funds to students wishing to attend or present at other professional, academically relevant conferences – unanimously approved by board, contingent on outcome of following:
   i. Discussion – Students wishing to obtain funds for attendance or presentation at professional conference must submit written request to STHSA with additional discussion of the academic necessity, professionalism, and relevance of conference
   ii. Decision to approve/deny funds will be discussed at further time, may need to be possible joint decision between board and administrative representatives/assigned faculty

13) Teaching Award/Faculty appreciation
   a. Board discussed possibility of establishing an STH teaching award to recognize, internally, teaching and leadership excellence
   b. Will begin public discussions in weekly meetings
   c. Final decision and program to be established by November 1st, 2010

14) Community Lunch Schedule assigned as one topic, among others, at first community meeting

15) STH Clothes/Merchandize
   a. Board committed to supporting and advocating the purchase and distribution of ethically made and sourced clothing and merchandise for STH community

16) STHSA OFFICE space
   a. Proposal to approve $50 to cover cost of keys for office space on 6th floor of STH to provide meeting space for STHSA activities and community needs
   b. Proposal unanimously approved

17) Other updates
   a. Trustees Ballroom reserved for 2010-2011 end of year celebration
      i. Will be presented to community for discussion at first meeting