STHSA Meeting
November 1\textsuperscript{st}, 2010
STH Room 115 5pm-6pm
Minutes taken by Andrew Kjorlaug

Centering Moment: Dan

Attendance: Officers: Dan, Soren, Andrew, Nathan, Sara Beth, Insueung Ko 
Non-officers: 6 non-elected persons
Faculty: Rev. Sam Johnson

Reminder from Dan: Everyone can vote who has paid their student fee

Presentation by Jeff Rickman: Proposal for Matched Conference Funding (see minutes from previous meeting regarding committee) 

[See attachment for Proposal]

- Seeking approval today to give to faculty at next meeting
- (Powerpoint presentation, see attached)
- Jeff: seeking to give copy to each of three deans
  - Questions:
    - Budget from administration? (Andrew)
      - Used to offer
      - Does not any longer
      - Many institutions do
    - What exactly does matched funding mean? (Dan)
      - Jen: $4000 from admin to match what STHSA has listed (Jen)
      - Jeff: Directly interacts with recruitment
  - Suggestion:
    - Jen: proposal is broad in scope
    - Jeff: only seeking dialogue at this point
    - List of schools with administration helping or assisting with funding:
      - See attachment for full list
      - Examples: Harvard, Drew, BC, etc… (appendix D)
    - List of conferences attended
      - See attachment for full list (appendix C)
• Soren motion:
  o Adoption of proposal as presented, with edits as discussed
  o Jeff, Jen, Dan, and Nathan to bring forth proposal
  o Dan defers to Soren on motion
  o Jen seconds
  o Unanimously approved (one abstention)

Conference funding Requests:
  1. Jayne Swank: wants to attend Choral conducting conference in March
     a. However, has not yet provided any materials as of yet
     b. Motion:
        i. Jen moves to table till more information
        ii. Jeff second
        iii. Approved unanimously
  2. Nathan Shrunk: to spring conferences, presenting papers
     a. One in March and one in May (see attachment)
     b. $250 for each ($500)
     c. Motion:
        i. Soren moves to approve funding
        ii. Jeff seconds
        iii. Approved unanimously

Concerns about New Curriculum:
Jen: Many first year students are concerned about new first year curriculum
  1. One student wrote a “95 thesis” (see attachment)
Meredith: All deans have been notified, and Dean Moore is arranging a “town hall” to air concerns.
Jen: If we publish document on the web, are we siding with the publisher?
Kelly: Publishing may cause faculty to be resentful towards STH
Meredith: This is a public document, however, author indicates does not want it to be “harsh or condemning.”
Jen: Does reference faculty members
Soren: Person did make it public
Jen: wading into political situation
Andrew: by not listing are we “siding with faculty?”
Jen: May hold better credibility with faculty
Rev. Johnson: Not surprising regarding concern about new curriculum. Faculty really wants to hear concerns.
Motion: Soren moves to place document in website
  2nd, by Nathan
Motion failed
Motion: Jen moves to close conversation and to stay in touch with 1st year students regarding the document and the executive committee will not use the name of the person in public discussion

2nd, by Nathan
Motion passes, 1 abstention

Constitution:
Walk through of the by-laws (see attachment for by-laws, see Soren for more information)

• Question:
  o Meeting voting procedure? (Andrew)
    ▪ Variation of Robert’s Rules
    ▪ Executive board may act in Summer session
    ▪ See by-laws for full lay-out of procedure

• Suggestions:
Motion: Soren moves for adoption of new by-laws
Jen seconds
Approved unanimously

New Business:

Agenda:

• Soren moves to publish agenda by 5:00pm on Friday before meetings
• Seconded by Alex
• Approved unanimously

Kelly:

• Possible time for STH community to get together beyond community lunch
• Reception at Woman’s Residence House
• Opportunity for mingling of different degree programs and student groups
• Jen: motion to table till next week
  o Seek to find out funding and issues
  o Motion carried

Adjourned