STHSA Meeting Minutes
24 February, 2011
5:00-6:00pm
STH Room 115
Attendees: Sara Beth, Ko, Dan, Andrew, Soren, Debbie, Nory

Dan- welcome

1) Graduation Celebration –
   a. Soren: overview of costs – approximately $40 per person, everything
depends on level of waitstaff, other costs
   b. Andrew: who do we invite
   c. Soren: we could do this for about $35 per person
   d. Debbie: extra costs for dance floor
   e. Soren: yes, manageable costs, perhaps post-event
   f. Dan: how do we want to pay for this
   g. Andrew: how many graduating
   h. Soren: we should know by end of first week of March
   i. Jeff: propose that people not graduating pay $15, people who are graduating
pay nothing
   j. Andrew: deans and doctoral advisors in for free?
   k. Debbie: All faculty/staff? how do we determine
   l. Soren: how do we draw lines about staff
   m. Soren: there are probably 60-70 folks here would be considered staff
   (facilities)
   n. Soren: from an administrative standpoint – we should issue tickets – must be
obtained a week in advance – this needs to be the way to do that
   o. Scheduled May 6th – Friday – all agree this sounds good
   p. Soren will know date by which we need reservations when he speaks to
catering
   q. Faculty, staff (who have payroll through STH reporting through Dean Moore),
invitations to facilities staff will be made individually at the discretion of the
STHSA president
   r. list of faculty would be acquired though – Dan motions to empower Soren to
acquire this list of faculty and staff by next week – we will have the
conversation about who gets in – seconded – passed unanimously
   s. Motion to table conversation about charges and total attendees –
seconded – all in favor - Soren abstains – motion passes

2) Class Gift
   a. Dan met with Alumni development officer, Ted – 2009- two class gifts one to
university and one went to outside charity – class gift to be back to
university – Ted gave us two ideas – each individual will be asked
   b. Soren – class gift campaign – university asks graduating classes to donate
funds to university – in development theory – idea is asking students to give
back as investment – the standing of university (accreditation) is tied up into
this
c. leadership of student government will be asked to contribute
d. T/A office, library extension/collection, two ideas
e. Ted also wants to host event – bring in alumni

**f. Motion to authorize Dan to act on behalf of STHSA in matters related to class gift and alumni – all in favor – Dan abstains – Soren facilitates – motion passes**

3) Update Student Groups
   a. Alyssa from UCC and Sacred Worth groups can’t access accounts –
   b. Jeff – account shows that dollars are in account – but dollars may not be accessible
   c. Soren – will check on the status of things – something is backed up in office
   d. Ko – Partakers got $700
   e. Soren – looks like funds should be through next Monday – will check on this

4) Conference Funding Requests
   a. Josh Hasler – already attended conference in January – funded by Lilly Grant in conjunction with Gordon College (Jerusalem and Athens Forum) – in Italy – educational trip – conference on Dante’s purgatory – interdisciplinary honors program – great books course – faith and intellect – eligibility requirements
   b. Soren – no distinct sign that this is an academic conference – wants Dan to ask if this was related to class – he may have been a teaching assistant with this class – this
   c. **Motion for Dan to get the details – seconded – all in favor – passed unanimously**

5) Funding for Sister Prejun to visit BU – Catholic center here at BU broke commitment to have Sister P attend – Dean of School of Theology – meeting this morning about this event hosted by Hillel – 1200 is total – 700 needed – Good reasons for funding: Roman Catholic sister – American advocate for abolition of death penalty – Dead Man Walking – her methodology is uncomfortable for Catholic Church
   a. Jeff – there was an angry demonstration at her visit to Arkansas
   b. Debbie/Soren – no financial contribution – if administration/Marsh chapel not backing – we should follow their example
   c. Andrew – no conflict for me – because we should allow for the free exchange of ideas – doesn’t think putting money behind that is an issue
   d. **Andrew motions to contribute $500 to event – seconded by Nory –**
      i. Discussion:
      1. Debbie – making this large of donation is problematic
      2. Andrew we are also giving money to student groups – doesn’t see this as being any different – our responsibility to fund events that foster free exchange of ideas
      3. Soren – how many students will really benefit from this
      4. Nory – this film is part of Stone’s class
      5. Jeff – both great reasons
      ii. Dan facilitates vote to give $500 to this event
1. Two in favor: Nory and Andrew
2. 2 abstain: Ko and Sungmin
3. All others vote against: Debbie, Soren, Sara Beth
4. Motion does not pass

iii. Dan will notify Stephanie of this decision – Dan abstains – all others in favor – motion passed

Meeting adjourned.