

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.