

SERVICE & ADVOCACY COUNCIL

FEBRUARY 16, 2009

9:00 PM GRR KIRKHOF CENTER

Meeting called to order at 9:03 pm

Groups Present (24):

Active Minds On Campus	Family of The Heart	Student Environmental Coalition
Alpha Phi Omega	Habitat for Humanity	Students for Fair Trade
Alternative Breaks	Hunger and Homelessness	Students for Life
Amnesty International	Miracle Movers (Dance Marathon	Students for a Free Tibet
Best Buddies	Planning Committee)	To Write Love On Her Arms
Campus Lions Club	NAACP	Voices for Healthy Choices
Circle K International	Organization for the Advancement	Vox United GVSU
Colleges Against Cancer	of Students with Disabilities	
Eyes Wide Open	(OASD)	
FACE AIDS	Pals Student Mentors	

Groups Absent (12):

Child @ Heart	Stars for Make-a-Wish Foundation	Students for a Peaceful Africa
First - Hand Aid	Students Against Sweatshops	Students for the Blood: Water
Recycling Advocacy Club	Students Helping through the	Mission
Rotaract	Assistance of Public Education	
Senior Citizens Club	(S.H.A.P.E)	
Soil and Water Conservation Society	Students for Sensible Drug Policy	

I. Guest Speaker: Amanda Schelling and Jaimi: Volunteer fundraisers for Big John Kahuna Fund (Special Olympics MI State Basketball Tournament)

- a. Free Special Olympics basketball tourney
- b. Fundraising campaign to host a free 3 day Special Olympics tournament (March 27-29)
- c. Details about event and volunteer opportunities are available in the Community Service Learning Center (1110B KC)

II. Circulating Docs (*No copies are provided, info is available online)

- d. Governor's Service Award nominations due (post marked by) Feb 24. Mentor of the Year, Volunteer of the Year, Outstanding Volunteer Program Award, etc. Online apps available at www.michigan.gov/mcsc
- e. Immediate Impact Award nominations due February 27 (Recognized at Venderbush Leadership Luncheon on Tuesday, March 24, 2009) www.gvsu.edu/studentlife (click on resources & forms)
- f. The Max (Soc Newsletter) from Feb 8 – bi-weekly publication : Get familiar with it
- g. FYI: GVSU was named on 2008 President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll www.gvsu.edu/gvnow (posted on Feb 9 "GVSU honored for community service programs")

III. S & A Council Funding Updates

- a. **Funding forms available March 9th**. In the meantime, base it off of reserve requests and formerly established tentative budgets. Funding forms will be an online form.
- b. No "base" budgets provided (for admin costs/supplies); but orgs can request funds for PR/recruitment, etc. Proposals do not have to be linked to specific events. You should be able to get what you need, but you have to know what you need in advance and ask for it.
- c. Tentative budgets submitted prior to development of councils (we can provide your org with a copy of what you submitted if needed)
- d. Tips for preparing for funding requests
 - i. Coordinate your calendar of events (share major dates with Valerie during the Winter 09 semester)
ex. Mentioned: AB – Service day to rally people who are interested in service
 - ii. Use co-sponsorship agreement forms (www.gvsu.edu/studentlife click on resources & forms)
Question: What if we do something with a non-S&A group? Same procedure, the form outlines framework to hold each organization accountable

- iii. If planning to use GRR on a weekend night in '09-'10, attend the lottery on Feb 20 @ 3:00pm in 0072 – nothing needs to be submitted in advance, just show up for the meeting. Contact Fred Mooney (mooneyf@gvsu.edu) with questions.
- e. \$20,000 for conference travel will be available soon (for 09-10). Check Senate website – Keep your eye open because the money goes quickly.
- f. Applications for the Service & Advocacy Funding Board are due this Wednesday! – Please urge people to apply.

IV. S & A Council Discussion Items

- a. Funding Review (refer to Robert's Rules of Finance "Restrictions and Guidelines")

Events that aren't free to students won't be funded

Question: What if we charge teams to sign up, so anyone can go, but in order to participate, you must pay? Not allowed to be funded by S&A Council

Question: Does it matter if the sales from the event are donated to charity? No

Reallocation form must be submitted before money is spent.

Only events put on by students will be funded.

Events can be funded if they are open to other universities; however, a portion of the event must be open to GVSU students as well.

No funding for arts & crafts – use the creation station located in the Student Organization Center (0008 KC)

Individual dues will not be funded by the Service & Advocacy Council

Question: Will nationally affiliated groups' membership be paid? Only if the affiliation is associated with a charter

Question: What if affiliation is individual for national? Not allowed to be funded by the S&A Council because it would be sponsoring individuals.

Discussion: Will t-shirts be funded?

Question: If we decide to allow t-shirts, will we be able to shop around for prices? No, locked into UPO standard vendors.

Question: What if we approve to allow t-shirts, can our org. use other vendors? No.

Comment: Using the school's money for t-shirts limits the amount of money going towards other programs

Comment: Think about handing out t-shirts for events

Call to Question. Vote to fund t-shirts: Results: 0 no, 2 yes: **T-shirts are not funded**

Discussion: Honoraria: Do we want to keep honoraria capped?

Comment: Keep it at \$20, purposing \$20 per speaker

Comment: \$20-\$30 per speaker

Comment: \$50 has served us well, keep it the way it is

Comment: The organization members should be responsible for buying honoraria gifts

Comment: money would need to requested up front per event

Call to Question. Vote for honoraria amount: Options: \$20 max for event, \$20-30 per person, \$50 cap per person, No funding. Results: 14 for *\$30 total: Cap per person for honoraria is \$30.*

Other discussion:

Question: Will co-sponsorships with S&A groups be considered with preference? Every request will be looked at on an individual basis.

Question: Will funding board proposals be due march 9 or March 10? Be prepared to fill out the form on the 9th

Question: About GRR lottery – For the Fall 2009 and Winter 2010 semesters? No, just for the Fall 2009

- b. Suggestions for Fall 2009 Monthly Day & Time (1st or 2nd week in Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec)

Option one: Friday afternoon (not an option, no votes)

Option two: Rotate days of week at 9:00pm (majority vote) *9:15pm suggested

Option three: Rotate days of the week at 6:30pm (a couple of people voted this option)

Other?

- c. S & A Council Adopt-a-Highway - Do you think this is something your group would want to help out with? Feedback: All take on and rotate it, event for bonding as a group. Sponsor sign-ups in the CSLC (similar to blood drives).

- h. Questions & Feedback

Suggestion: Can meetings be later to accommodate for those with 9pm classes. This will be taken into consideration for the future.

V. Updates from Valerie & CLSC

a. Service & Advocacy Week recap

Feedback:

-Lions club had a room change that affected turnout

- b. Community Outreach Week (March 16-20) *9am & 1pm service opportunities. www.gvsu.edu/service Sign up via CSLC
- c. Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society (ODK) applications are due this Friday, February 20. www.gvsu.edu/studentlife (click on resources & forms) look on forms for requirements to be a member. National nonprofit board training offered in the summer time; good for getting experience as a professional
- d. Save the date for Helping Hands: Housing is looking for student volunteers to assist with moving in new students in August! More info to come about signing up your organization! MOVE-IN dates are August 25, 26, 27 (Tuesday, Wed, Thurs. 2 shifts each day 8-noon or noon-4).
- e. Dance Marathon 2009- Contact Bunmi Fadase (fadaseol@gvsu.edu) if interested in assisting with planning Application to recruit planning board members, event held on a Friday in November

VI. Service & Advocacy Announcements

- a. Colleges Against Cancer - Relay for Life is around the corner – Relayforlivegvsu.com

VII. Reminders

- a. Minutes in mailboxes easier? No
- b. Continue to check your STUEY for messages! And read the Max! ☺
- c. Meeting minutes will be posted on www.gvsu.edu/studentlife (click on Councils and Funding Boards)
- d. Upcoming deadlines & reminders:
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| i. | Feb 18: | S&A Funding Board Applications due |
| ii. | Feb 20 (3pm, KC 0052): | 2009-2010 Lottery for the GRR |
| iii. | Feb 27: | Immediate Impact Award Nominations due |
| iv. | March 14: | RSO Awards (Awards are April 19, 2009) |
| v. | April 1 st : | Community Service Reporting Form due |

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 pm

Dance Marathon please meet after.

PR tip: Send info about your group's events to soctothemax@gmail.com to be included in the bi-weekly SOC newsletter that goes to everyone registered on STUEY (over 5,000 people).