Minutes, Arts & Sciences Student Life Committee Meeting, Tuesday, October 1, 2013

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SLC Meeting
12:30 p.m., Bib Lab
10/1/2013

Attendees
Members: Yusheng Yao, Brooke Pankau, Alex Grimm, Rachel Newcomb, Adriana Talbot, Alice Davidson, Heidi Limongi, Scott Rubarth, Gabe Anderson, Zeynep Teymurolu
Guests: Raquel Ells, Penelope Strater

I. Minutes from 9.24.13 meeting approved
II. Ship Discussion
   o Who will monitor post-SHIP grant progress/reports?
     ▪ Should we ask Penelope to do it?
     ▪ What do we want the post-grant monitoring to include?
       • Can retract $$ (charge to student account)
       • Can deny funding for future grant
       • Ask supervisor/faculty sponsor to review the post-grant report (Zeynep)
       • Maybe we can have sponsor evaluate it using LEAP learning outcomes (Ed)?
         ▪ Don’t think it’s going to go anywhere (Rachel), but we need to be accountable for what our students are doing
       • If/when student applies and submits application, we develop a sub-team that confirms w/ faculty that they review it? (Heidi); but faculty have to sign the initial form (Rachel); but there should also be a blurb where faculty says they agree to review post-grant report (Zeynep): “faculty advisors must also sign off on post-grant progress reports”
       • Think sub-committee should approve the applications and also the evaluation of the post-grant progress reports; if we’re going to go after funding for this it makes sense to be strategic, so that we have something we can show we’ve evaluated (Gabe)
     • Responsibilities of sub-committee:
       o Members:
         ▪ Make up is 2 faculty, 2 students, and 1 staff member
         ▪ Students will rotate from fall to spring
         ▪ Faculty will probably be the same
         ▪ Subcommittee members: Rachel Newcomb, Alice Davidson, Brooke Pankau, Ed Leffler, Gabe Anderson
       o Revising form (clarifying that “faculty advisors must also sign off on post-grant progress reports”; No more funding of an entire class project – add to revised application)
       o Reviewing applications and approval/denial
- Yusheng will create a Blackboard site and all applications will be posted there for people to review
- Fall Application due dates Oct. 22 and November 12
- Spring application due dates Feb. 11 and April 8
  - Reviewing post-grant progress reports
    - Due date of progress report: 2 weeks after event happens
  - Communicating anything that needs to be done with faculty
  - And then make recommendations to larger committee
  - So, if faculty sponsor does not want blog posts made public, the sub-committee will still be able to review it and make sure the work happened. And faculty sponsor will need to give rationale why

  - **Additional $$ needed**
    - Maybe contact people with Rollins alumni magazine and have them do an article on it, to PR, Institutional Advancement to market it, so people know it exists; sub-committee can help identify exceptional grants that might be spotlighted
    - $$ coming from VPSA, Dean of A&S, and International Programs – not from CPS right now; probably not in our purview to deem CPS applicants ineligible for grants

  - **We need to address rumors going around last year that the awarding of grants was somehow connected to who people knew on the committee** (Yusheng)
    - Is application process blinded? NO
    - Maybe we could consider possibility of removing names from applications (Ed)
    - We need to try to review grants as objectively as possible
    - Review by R-card #
    - Possibility of bias against/for an applicant
    - People on sub-committee should recuse themselves from reviewing applications if they know the person (Alice)
    - Worry about people disclosing info that’s too personal/sensitive (Gabe) – but it is helpful to have context to make decision
    - Have Penelope email applications to everyone – but sub-committee will review and make yay/nay decisions and then bring decisions to whole group
    - No one on sub-committee should be an advocate for an applicant
    - Has to bring recommendations to larger committee for final approval
    - Only controversial cases will be brought to larger committee to discuss

  - **Blogs – who is reading them?**
    - Maybe we can have one internal blog site and one that is for more external readers that is part of the monitoring process; does PR want to be involved in this process? (Scott)
“Get the blogs we like, meet with PR, and make it sexy” (Ed)

In award approval email, we’ll have a step-by-step process for what will happen

Put check box on application up front about whether students are ok with their blogs being posted

III. Agenda for the Year
- Scott: Are we going to talk about what our agenda goals are for the year?
  - Yusheng: yes, next meeting
- Brook is going to make announcement at the beginning of each meeting about what SGA is concerned about/what they’ve been addressing
- Bike rack outside of Bush Science building.
  - Brook – students want it
  - Zeynep – it’s happening

NEW BUSINESS
IV. Non-smoking policy
- Brook: we implemented a policy, but it’s not very effective right now. There’s no consequence for anyone who does smoke in non-smoking areas.
- You should involve Maria Martinez (HR). She can give you some of the rationale behind policy (Heidi)
- Raquel – I spoke with Maria last year who said it’s campus safety’s job and Ken said it’s not their job.
- We get VPSA on this (Ed)
- It’s an everybody on this (Heidi)
- Maybe we should go smoke free (Heidi)
- Pilot program is not really working, so maybe we need to go smoke free (Brooke)
- Should we invite Maria Martinez to come to SLC meeting? (Rachel)
- Useful to have Sandspur article about this? Let people know this is being considered (Scott)
- I think people don’t know about the policy. I see people smoking everywhere. Put up flyers so people know about it (Adriana).
- We will wait on bringing Maria Martinez to SLC
- Admissions should be aware of this also (Ed)
- We will:
  - Encourage a Sandspur article to be written about this
  - Remind Maria Martinez to email everyone reminding them and then revisit this in 3 months (Rachel)

Meeting adjourned = 1:45 p.m.