

Cabinet Meeting Notes

February 4, 2016

Review of Cabinet Updates

Present: Maggie, Harrison, Bryan, Brandon, Taylor, Alex Gomes, Tatiana, Royal, Katie, Amanda, Nathan

- Court watch: program provided by King County where students can watch sexual assault cases
 - However, since many cases disappear, hard to determine if it is worthwhile

Taylor: Melee polling app

- Met with student Kevin McPherson
 - Started an app called Melee, a social meeting polling app
 - Will leave papers with us
 - Sends poll to get resources
 - Could be used with Be Heard
 - Might be a good tool to utilize
 - Maybe look at use for GSBA, anyone can make a poll
 - Like Instagram, you can follow different people who publish polls and you can complete these polls
 - Is there a way to monitor and moderate polls
 - Could work with app developers to help set this up
 - Would people actually download the app?
 - App is just in approval state, hard to tell
 - Could use during forums for people to ask different questions and add to content
 - Maybe utilize like the guidebook app

Brandon: Office Staff blog

- Will start GSBA blog by looking at GSBA office staff member of the week
 - Will describe each person in GSBA to show some different perspectives into GSBA
 - Only a sample of people
 - Still in brainstorming process
 - Cannot everyone in GSBA post on blog?
 - Yes, might be good to include updates on GAB events or even some blurbs on people we have in our events

Katie: Spring carnival updates

- Katie, Tyler, and Alice working on this, is now officially getting underway
 - Getting bids
 - Richard had been asked to get together music before, is now on team to get bands assembled for this event

- Pressure to change name is ongoing, will now be doing it
 - Can alter it as they wish
 - Event had been housing until about 4-5 years ago, has drastically changed since GSBA got it
 - Changing a few names to make it more descriptive to this event
 - Creating new logo for event
 - Name will be released likely February 16th along with band applications
- Event on April 15
 - Similar structure with carnival games, art department will have some projects
 - New beer garden to increase efficiency
 - Global Neighborhood: nonprofit group that helps resettle refugees
 - Will have outdoor flea market to raise money run by those helped by the program
 - Working to develop community connections
 - Likely will do press release through the Bulletin

Alex: Crosswalk Safety Resolution

- Has been little development for the Sharp ave crosswalks despite safety needs
- This resolution calls for administration and city to examine safety for students and community members who need to be able to cross this road day and night
- Asks for additional lighting and crosswalks and the road should be repaired to reflect the campus image
- Passing this resolution again in order to rally the administration behind it as well as petition the city this is an issue
- Joint resolution shows that all of GSBA sees this as a risk
 - Especially noting accidents in the past
- Might be worthwhile to add more specifics
 - How many accidents occurred along Sharp AVE, cite facts
 - Depict who needs to be responsible with getting the road fixed
 - Identify how needs have been pushed off in the past for fixing this road
 - Might even need to delineating the renovation of the street crosswalks
 - Cite ongoing student nature concerns
 - Sharp is a major avenue in Spokane
 - Could lobby faculty senate to put together a resolution on this issue as well
 - Have we told this to administration?
 - Have mention this to some, including Dr. Biggs Garbuio, who identified some possible solutions
 - Event something to fix the issue is better than nothing
 - But even temporary fixes have given little benefit

- But, calling forward experts to analyze issue is worthwhile
- Anyone can help write this bill, but only senate can pass it
 - Harrison can help write the bill in conjunction with senate health and safety
- Present that we like bill, want to make it a joint resolution, and bring facts to health and safety
- Harrison will give thoughts to Amanda, who can talk with the committee

Greek System

- Senator brought up wanting to talk about the Greek system in senate
 - Want to talk about it in detail
 - Can contact with Greek members on some issues
- Two girls interested starting a sorority like the fraternity in the past
 - Would include students, but not officially affiliated with students
 - Student concerns over this issue, hard to tell if for or against
 - Technically, “Spokane” fraternities/sororities, since not GU
- Greek system is not within our charter
 - Would cause a drastic change in culture if we adopted
 - Can be bad side effects to have Greek system on a campus our size
 - Seen from experience
 - What does fraternity offer that we do not have?
 - Does have network of alumni, but not something that we necessarily need
 - Worth looking at someone from Santa Clara
 - Katie has contacts in their student life
 - Experiences with Santa Clara show negative side effects of Greek system
 - If we get a Greek system, it will happen outside of university
 - Should not get an entirely negative view
 - The negative connotation with the system keeps it from getting recognition
- Would there be harm discussing this in a senate forum?
 - But, would senate actually have meaningful impact/conversation?
 - Might not be best to have on agenda
 - Dr. Biggs Garbuio willing to talk to anyone on this issue, might be worth directing this conversation to her
 - Note that Gonzaga cited many bad things with system, but recognized out of their control
 - If you cannot stop it, control it

- Why did they bring it up?
 - Can we have more Gonzaga insight over an issue
 - Is a conversation on campus

Drafts for the first three resolutions of the constitution changes

- **Vice president, Chief of Staff, and judicial/attorney general position resolutions done**