

Cabinet Meeting Notes

January 14, 2016, 8:00PM

Review of Cabinet Updates

Present: Taylor, Bryan, Brandon, Alex, Katie, Amanda, Nathan, Taylor, Tatiana

- Other points
 - Will start work on Fireside chat for next semester, including GUTV
 - Smoke Free campus, will start working with senate to get this through over the semester
 - GUTV and State of the Zag: will be working with them soon
- Colleen
 - Will be splitting time between SIL office and 313
 - Looking at new program coordinator for GU Outdoors and program coordinator for Spike Nights as well as an associate director (all additional hires, nobody replaced or leaving)

Future Cabinet Planning Proposals

- The following is a schedule for how information should be prepared for cabinet meetings. The idea is to simplify your work load, allow for effective communication between all branches, and make sure we can effectively utilize our time.
 - Thursday 10:00AM: Please send me
 - —Weekly position updates (even if it says: no updates): please do bulleted sentences and identify if you have any important announcements. I will organize these points into the weekly email where the main section will give everyone an update on times and the bottom will have updates per position
 - Make word document to send with cabinet updates for everyone
 - —Desired Cabinet Topics: please send any points you think would be important to cover in cabinet, including topics rated based on priority you might deem it to be (high priority, medium importance, low importance). This will help serve as a basis for scheduling meeting agendas and subjects
 - Thursday ~10:00AM: I will send the weekly update to all of GSBA
 - —Please read the email, especially position updates. If there are any problems, please make sure to take note to discuss for the first part of

cabinet meetings

- —Taylor and I will determine meeting agenda in terms of topics based on your desired priority
 - Might be good to bring in as many different issues as possible presented by as many people as possible (do not monopolize, allow others to take opportunities leading)
- Thursday 9:00PM: President's Conference room
- —9:00PM-9:15PM: bring forward any questions/concerns with updates
- —9:15PM-9:35PM: Agenda discussion topic 1
- —9:35PM-9:55PM: Agenda discussion topic 2
- —9:55PM-10:15PM: Agenda discussion 3 (if really needed)
- Friday Afternoon: I will send discussion notes for review

The New GSBA Structure Proposal

- Major possible revision to GSBA structure
- Changes
 - Removal of Judicial Board from GSBA: while originally faced with major responsibility with clubs, they need more administrative support rather than judicial support
 - Have been searching for task for them, but appears needless to create work for them if it has no meaning, unfair to have them if we cannot use them
 - Senate governance committee will assume the responsibilities of judicial board as needed, it regularly meets and could provide any trial functions
 - Removal of class officer positions: less influential than when created, have little power to plan events or policy compared to GAB or senate
 - Vice President: would take on administrative role to meet with directors and help manage their jobs, freeing up the president to manage external side of Chief of Staff
 - Chief of Staff will take on the HR position (hiring in the middle of year, coordinating)
 - Also manage elections commissioners
 - Senate will take on class communication role with options for class committees that send out weekly class emails
 - Director of Communications would oversee committee to do weekly emails
 - Look at hiring photography/videographer to manage these issues to improve our communications quality and ability
 - College specific senators to sit on academic committee

- Want to ensure as much student representation as possible
 - College specific senators would represent their discipline, adding legitimacy to academic committee and meeting with their respective deans to promote academic needs
- Thoughts
 - Communications committee with Director of Communications could be beneficial to help keep communication managed and representative as a whole group
 - Maybe communications director should help hire photographer so as to ensure they are a good fit as needed
 - Maybe an employee of the Bulletin or University Marketing/Communications could help manage this position and add legitimacy?
 - Marketing/communications interns could be a good resource
 - Minimal office hours (check in, manage pictures, etc.) but considerable field work
 - Not be in competition, but partnership with other university policies
 - How would we put forth changes?
 - For something this big, will need to cover this issue with senate and go over ideas
 - Possible issue: removal of the class officers
 - Beyond a job description, pride for a class and for person
 - If problem of a lack of job, might be worth examining a partnership with class officers and senators
 - They hold tradition, value attached to position
 - Many schools moving towards single branch governments without class officers (for better or for worse)
 - Not all fit into the senate style versus the class officer model
 - But senate might be more capable at accomplishing their goals, hard to determine
 - Issues with two different people working on the same thing between senators and class officers can make work very difficult
 - Two separate branches trying to accomplish the same thing, we are not providing single front to administration
 - Compromise (?): one class president versus class president/vice president, would serve as non-voting member of senate
 - Be the facilitator of class specific meetings
 - Structured brainstorming to support class
 - Could a senate chair do it?

- Need to get many viewpoints
 - Class officers become members of GAB to manage programming?
 - Non-voting member of senate might be a good way to hold them accountable for communication
 - They could work with GAB to coordinate specific events
 - Do we need it?
 - But title is important
 - But much is within senate's role
 - Many people feel more comfortable going to their class president, confused with different senator role
 - It attracts a different type of leader
 - Specifically elect class chair?
 - Maybe elect class presidents as a particular position within the senate to serve as normal senator but also work for class interests
 - But not everyone who wants to be in GSBA wants to be a senator
 - Class officers can have conversations and work with others
 - Senate a different environment that not everyone likes
 - Not necessarily everyone wants to be in senate
 - Note: few entry level freshmen positions to get them involved
 - What is really important about being attached to your class? What role could a person play with that particular position
 - Maybe look at overall plan and find specific issues that can be covered
- What comes next?
 - Not planning to break it up, but make one new constitution
 - Making one change would require rewriting whole thing
 - Very difficult to pass the whole document
 - Alex, Royal, speaker pro-tempore, and governance committee chair will write this, others welcome
 - Would rewrite whole constitution
 - But might be difficult to get the whole thing voted for
 - But necessary for students to vote on class committee vs. class officers
 - While talks of removing class officers, a reason why they have been left before
 - Half of our job is being appealing to students, if students do not find things make sense, then it will not work
 - More than just cabinet opinions need to be heard
 - Should we offer a forum to discuss this issue? Put all our cards on the table, give them the option for feedback, even if they choose not to do it
 - Constitutional changes: all but readjusting the finance section are constitutional

changes requiring senate supermajority and student vote

- At retreat, will offer information on forum for discussing changes for GSBA and make it available for all those who want to attend (maybe January 24th)
 - Determine if/when we should present to the student body
 - State of the Zag would come at beginning of month
 - Could look at offering this presentation on February 1st
- Might get a regular “beat” reporter for GSBA at senate meetings