

## Cabinet Meeting Notes

January 21, 2016, 9:00PM

### **Review of Cabinet Updates**

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

### **Amanda and Tatiana—ISU Dinner and Dance Marathon on February 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Dance Marathon is a big event at GU, is its own club
- Since GSBA has supported them with funding, might be good to help at their event
  - 4:00PM-12:00AM event, full night of dancing
  - Have a GSBA team (does not need to be whole group)
- ISU Dinner from 6:00PM-8:00PM
  - GSBA purchasing tables for all cultural club dinners
- How to split this up?
  - Create sign-up for cultural club dinners
  - Reasonable number for GSBA to contribute?
    - Clubs have used it as service project
    - Maybe 5-10 people from GSBA
    - Does not need to be substantial, but get some to contribute?
  - Can we split GSBA participation?
    - No, likely takes away from how the event is done
    - May need help setting up, but will determine need for help
  - If some GSBA members planning to go, we can have them as representation
  - At most 16 spots for ISU dinner, so plenty of GSBA to send around to these events
    - Only second year they had it, but very successful
- Make sign-up to get to all meetings for both events

### **Spokane Gives**

- Had a meeting downtown with members of the mayor's council, Spokane community college, WSU, Whitworth
  - Primary focus for event is education
  - But we also want to focus on Logan Neighborhood clean-up
  - If clubs wish to participate in adopt-a-block, do we need it?
    - Yes, still things to do
    - Gives us good representation and work with community

- Would be very interesting if opened for all students (clubs, etc.) as well as faculty and staff
  - Will be meeting with other university/community members to discuss adopt-a-block issue

### **GSBA and the Housing Changes of 2016**

- Class officers working to schedule a forum for this event
  - Offer resources for students
- Remain super objective on this issue, answer questions
  - Mediate rather than debate
  - More questions than concerns
- Pass mentality through class officers and senators to keep neutral with these changes and avoid criticism
  - Important to forward issues onto housing office to deal with problems
- Housing seminar forum
  - Hopefully within the next week
- Is this an issue?
  - Likely not going to change this decision, things pretty permanent
  - Best service is to try to be helpful
  - Maybe look at services, work with housing office to find possible services
  - Maybe look at resource fair?
    - Have housing, different possible options for housing
    - Update from housing, where there are openings
    - Suggestions for where people live
- Is it practical to set date for forum for end of next week?
- Maybe posting information on GSBA page about housing openings in the neighborhood
  - Virtual bulletin board on housing, trying to keep it updated and renewed
  - Might also look at Facebook page for housing
- Send out some of these links in class officer email
  - Worthwhile to talk with housing to find best option
- Class officers wish to wait for week after next week
  - Might be worthwhile to do it
  - Resource fair but not a formal event
  - Work with housing to set it in place

### **CLP East LA Trip**

- CLP looking for money for event
- Unfortunately, cannot give money to university departments
- Departments have more money than we can hope to give them

## Overall Goals for the Year

- Pushing for restructuring of the GSBA, making sure this is in the best interest of everything involved
  - making moves on said issue
- One thing on mind that could be valuable would be lights on Sharp AVE
  - Even having just one series of lights could be valuable
  - Students risk getting hit, very hard to see
  - Look at this issue
  - Examining restructuring Sharp, but not for a long time
    - If someone wanted to run with it
    - Reflective flags, but all stolen within a week
  - First thing,
    - Why has it not happened? Determine this issue
    - Alex: multiple meetings over this issue in past
      - Best action plan: put forward letter expressing this as a problem. Get senate to pass it as a resolution and then put it to Spokane City Council
      - These issues were given to Dr. McCulloh, might be valuable to bring to city
      - Attach two years worth of letters to city
      - Could pursue this letter on very short notice
  - Does a joint resolution sound appealing?
    - Would also involve cabinet
    - If we have bill, then having cabinet's approval gives it more power
  - Bring it to city transportation, Jim Simon,
  - Could bring this to formal letter
  - Could Amanda bring this up during retreat? Alex could explain steps to use it
  - Might be dangerously flexing strength to give a press release
    - If we run against resistance again and get continually shut down, we have few other options
    - Do it in a very polite, non-confrontational way
  - If we talk to a public city council meeting, it would be there very open way to get it into news
    - Do not want to be complainers, want to present solutions over problems
- Centennial trail improved in terms of lighting, blue light phone
  - Regularly used by students and Spokane residents
  - Potential for problems as well as good use
  - Proactive to avoid damage by increasing lighting and improve landscape (remove

blind spots)

- It is a need, but could be a longer term project
  - Bring up some of these big changes for future memory
- Is there enough substantial work to bring back health and safety director issue?
  - If these are important issues, is it worthwhile to talk about it again?
  - Biggest concern: could take away from the health and safety committee
    - Current health and safety committee would like to be involved in these projects, but currently working on mental health project (Florence as well as Healthy Campus 2020 smoke free)
    - They could help push these issues
    - Centennial trail could be brought up with them too, but not sure on timeline
  - As Director of Finance, Harrison gets Finance Committee's ideals and processes it through
    - Could sit on safety committee and help process it through
    - Gives validity outside of GSBA to get things done
    - But, want senator to hold weight in university projections
  - Health and safety director could take on Title IX role as Vice President role possibly shifts into the future
    - VP would be more managerial than project based
  - Run idea past the constitutional committee to see where it might go
  - Constant conversation about health and safety
  - Problems
    - Having one person directing it takes away from having senate's responsibility and ability to work with university members
    - Do not want a position we already have to be upstaged
    - With Finance Director and Attorney General cannot act without senate's position of influence
      - With Safety Director, they could act with universal strength and does not need senate approval to act
      - Power of the senate committee is nullified
- Alex Goals:
  - Each committee pass meaningful resolution on a meaningful issue
    - Smoke free campus proposal, only have 5 years to get it together with multi-year steps
    - Counselling in Florence
    - Dead Week: get final faculty survey out about this issue to determine issues relating to finals and how to make it more student-friendly
    - How to make survey more meaningful?

- Revitalized Bee Heard campaign (first one is week from today)
  - Make it as productive as possible
- IDI: please review results after receiving it during the retreat
  - Maybe send out an email to all of GSBA to give information about what they can do
- With class president possibility, look at ways to make GAB more efficient
  - If things more in place, seamless to add class officers to the committee
  - One thing will be GAB chair ability to approve events (would be in the future)
    - If things not done soon enough, then event will not take place
  - Focus on making sure all event planning and approving process is all underway
- Put forward goals outside of cabinet
- Taylor: wants to see action, things often get thrown together at end of the year and makes it very difficult for the next group
  - Make sure we get things done, have semester to accomplish it so need to get onto it