

Cabinet Meeting Notes

January 28, 2016, 9:00PM

Review of Cabinet Updates

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

- Dance marathon sign ups
- Cultural club dinner sign ups

Katie:

Something for Tyler

- Tyler (senator) in recovering process, maybe something to give support for GSBA
- Maybe find a way to make cards to respect his privacy and also show GSBA support
 - Make your own cards and put them in Katie's office box
 - Group or individual cards are definitely an option for this
 - Finish by Friday February 5th
- Cabinet card at next cabinet meeting

Nathan/Taylor:

Student Government Summit February 27th-February 28th

- Central Washington university meeting for all Washington state student governments to meet
 - Might be worthwhile for us to have a presence
 - Could even offer to other students interested in student government
 - Need to get ideal numbers
 - Put out to senate and other GSBA groups
- If enough people, could look into a van
 - NJLC budget could help if needed for any funds

"Envision America" Participants

- Green fund
- Senators who may be interested
- Brandon will check with Grant

Wednesday February 3rd Jesuit Lunch 12:00PM

- Nathan will get reimbursed for expenses he paid for retreats and holiday party

Alex:

Senate

- Previous senate meeting
- Cabinet members and speaker need to set example, be relaxed
 - Do not want to interfere with how it operates
- Financial update at next senate meeting
- Otherwise, senate going really well
 - Individual meetings with senators
 - Will be running meetings at slower pace to avoid conflict
- Point of controversy: funding over HPIC and BSU
 - Senate finance committee had recommended amount based on their analysis
 - Some departure from rubric to increase consistency amongst clubs
 - Clubs can reapply for financing if they need additional funds beyond with GSBA controversy
- Going forward, can clubs talk to finance committee talk to clubs interested in funding to avoid further issues
 - Dynamic that club members coming to meetings should add value
 - Might be worthwhile for a committee chair to bring in the rubric to show how finance decisions are made
 - Note that rubric is only guidelines, not rules, might be adjusted to reflect other needs
- Would finance be comfortable with publishing this information
 - If known that it is purely involved in decision making rather than sole determining factor, could be valuable
- Share rubric with others
 - Do not scan the rubrics and include with bill, because rubric is only guidelines and is imperfect to show to public
 - But can show to senate possibly to help clarify the decision making process
- Note that finance committee has to adjust over year to account for budget and needs, but recognize they vary from the finances over time
 - Also, senate starts to finance the bills more than they initially did
- We are doing okay on finding at this point, plenty of money left
 - Can start to dive into extra funds
- Senate asked to get full breakdown of costs at meetings the same as the senate finance committee
 - Might slow down meetings, but increase transparency
 - Can share over Zagtivities
 - Remember finance committee are the experts, they are responsible for analyzing the bills and making choices

- Gather all information before pushing through a specific bill

College Republicans

- Dinesh D'Souza (political commentator) will be speaking on campus
 - Very conservative, controversial
 - Has a point of view that students want to hear
- Looked at Gonzaga faculty to argue against his view
 - But might be best to just have the one individual
- Meant to be educational on this perspective, even if we disagree with him
- What about GSBA's image in response?
 - Will be small, closed audience
 - Club funding, does not involve our sponsorship
- Just published a book, is making a tour
 - Interesting story, just not a social justice line

Nathan:

Retreat Debrief

- Good to hear from everyone that might not have been heard from on a regular basis
 - Beyond just meetings
 - But, a lot of presentations over time, a lot of sitting, might have gone on too long
 - 5 station presentations
 - Rotate between groups presenting
 - Have representatives from each different areas
 - Activity half way through to keep people moving, change of scenery
 - Good to involve street team in the future
- Enjoyed the panel discussion
- Title IX
 - Last point, can be a bit boring
 - Heavy stuff, can put a bit of a damper wherever it is placed, hard to see where it might benefit people
 - Having panel afterwards might have reenergized people
 - Great having her there, but she clearly had more to say
 - Difficulty with scheduling safe space type training at a different time, best during retreat
- Snow tubing
 - All had fun
 - But unfortunately, many left at the last minute
 - What might be solution for the future?
 - Might have retreat off site for future years

- But, difficult to rally groups off site
 - People have many things going on each weekend
 - Good to have fun worked in with business
 - But, we need a break from GSBA at points
 - Remembering many different priorities for many different people
 - Create space for other things to occur
- What do we look forward to in the next semester?
 - Get it done!!!!
 - Many projects keep getting scrapped, need to keep on task
 - Shout out to Luke, really cool member that bring positive things to team
 - Looking forward to street team
 - Had conversation about courageous conversations
 - Good asset for future years
 - Looking forward to working with communications staff
 - Printers, IT projects, paint room shelves
 - Creating better staff unity and teamwork
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