

Cabinet Meeting Notes

February 25, 2016

Present: Bryan, Taylor, Nathan, Amanda, Katie, Tatiana, Brandon, Alex (invisible)

Review of Updates

- Dining in the Dark went really well (about 93)
- Smoke Free campus
 - Meeting with people from plant services and counseling to get their assistance with the resolution
 - Will then be able to pass a resolution with more concrete timelines and plans
 - Health/counseling happy to help and partner with it

GSBA Member Stance on Upcoming Elections

- Conflict of interest can be caused when different people run
- In addition, different GSBA members are running
 - Online campaigning with invites
- Maintain a neutral ground with elections
 - No problem joining Facebook groups (support process of elections), but join all invited)
 - Appropriate to give advice from personal experience when asked for direct help, but do not show favoritism towards a particular side
- Remain objective when it comes to elections
 - We are entitled to our own vote, but endorsing a candidate might be questionable
 - Might not be best to be on Facebook groups (could sway people from sides)
- No easy answer
- Senators and class officers have right to have their voice heard and make choices, but executives should remain neutral and consistent to the degree possible
- Be careful in private conversations, let people make decisions for themselves
- Do we want a policy that nobody joins Facebook groups?
 - Yes
 - Hence, remain unbiased on social media to not show favoritism towards any candidate (any/all offices, including executives, senators, and class officers)

Taylor: Basketball Court

- New updates on the basketball court
- Met with Megan P. to discuss fundraising options for the basketball court
- Plan
 - By beginning of spring break, will have a plan to help raise funds for the basketball courts
 - Already have commitments from unofficial sources

Taylor: Programing revolving around D'Souza event

- Would it be helpful to have programming around this event/spectrum?

- Might be a good GAB event
- College Republicans and Young Democrats are already planning a debate to represent national political leaders
 - Also talking about bringing local candidates to election
 - This is March 15th event
- Talk about political climate around this issue
- GAB has the money, have a conversation around this issue
 - Create a panel of professors or other individuals
 - Previous speaker very polarizing, people had opinions after leaving
- “A Dialogue not a Debate”
- Use Courageous Conversation model to discuss this issue
- How do we respond to these issues
 - Celebrate opportunity for conversation, do not put personal issues around this event
 - Do not have to have an opinion, give opportunity on campus for conversation
- Patience and gauging need for events
- Neutral social media approach
 - No way to win

Taylor: Jesuit Letter on Diversity

- National Jesuit Student Government association in response to racial injustice across the nation
- Basically stand in solidarity with protestors standing against injustice
- How do people feel about it?
 - Inform president if any additional ideas or concerns

Katie: Accountability in the Future

- Creating ways to keep people accountable in the future
- Keep this in mind when training your successor
- Is there a way that all of GSBA can maintain this accountability?
- What types of concerns
 - People not showing up
 - Not completing all aspects of the job
 - Overall, might be nice to have GSBA system to hold people accountable
 - Helps make the process more efficient and cleaner

Brandon: We have a Linkdin account

- See what email is associated with it to help ensure the Director of Communications can access it
- Free Wepa printing