

SOC meeting

A. Designate Committee Member to take Minutes:

- Laura volunteers

5:10 B. Attendance introductions

Sam, freshman, gaming society, PRA

Maisha, senior, unisex, womyn's center, poetry, gender studies, senior experience, senior gift, campus living, piolog,

Eli: chief justice, senior experience, senior gifts, thanks for coming! This is the most important committee.

Kris: sophomore, ACLU

Laura: SEED

Christabel – this is an important committee!

5:18 C. Pick Dates

a. Weekend for Deliberations

Discussion of dates..... conclusion: weekend of 4/2-3 is best for deliberations.

Budget applications due 3/11 Fri

Appeals deadline: 4/8 Fri

Spring budget meeting with student leaders: 2/23 Weds 3:30 and 7:00PM

5:25 – Justin introduces self. Finance committee. Eli points out that he can't serve on this committee.

5:34 D. Application process

a. Review 09-10 process

[Copies of last year's materials e-mailed to committee members]

Accountability for deadlines and bylaws is really important. Make it clear that everyone (student leaders) needs to be on top of planning and application process. It's our job to do our best to make sure everyone knows when the due date is and what processes (application, interview, etc) are necessary to get funding.

i. Requested information for initial budgets

New for this year: C proposes a space to explain the itemized budget (about 500 words) on the application form to help interviews go more smoothly.

1. Harvard – formulaic budget process,

2. PSU – very clear stipulations (ie, no group can spend more than 50% of its budget on food)

3. Willamette – similar applications to ours.

5:50 E. Improvements/Changes – L thinks we've already covered this. She apologizes for typing it all under the wrong heading.

DISCUSSING CRITERIA FOR FUNDING ALLOCATIONS

Lots of ideas:

Concrete criteria: attendance, membership, etc, important to receiving funding.

Do we want “guidelines” instead?

- numbers might not be best way to determine funding
- holistic view? 500 word addendum could help
- rubric?
- Categorize the sections of applications? Prioritize them?
- “scorecard” to help guide decisions?

Next meeting: coming up with a quantitative tool to help guide funding decisions.