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SGA Senate Meeting
Tuesday, May 17, 2011
Official Minutes

Keynote Speaker – None

A meeting of the Rose-Hulman Institute of Technology Student Government Association was held on May 17, 2011, at 5:30pm, in the Kahn Room, the Vice President being the chair and the Secretary being present.

Call to Order

Vice President Nicholas Addante called the meeting to order and Secretary Ross Schneider called the role: 27 present and 11 absent.
The absent Senators being:

- Paige Cooke
- Daniel Maginot
- Veer Nairyani
- Gretchen Ward
- Alex Schwier
- Nick Leedy
- Heng Ye
- Tim Boyer
- John Durrett
- David Eddy
- Chris Miller

Reports of the Officers and Standing Committees

Executive Officers

President – Mitch Pettigrew

- No report

Vice-President – Nicholas Addante

- No report

Secretary – Ross Schneider

- No report

Treasurer – Douglas Selby

- No report

Executive Director – Derek Archer

- No report

Class Presidents

Senior Class President – Dominic Gates

- No Report

Junior Class President – Debbie Davis-Brutchen

- No Report

Sophomore Class President – Clay Condol

- No Report

Freshman Class President – Kristin Uuk

- No Report

District Reports

Apartments East/West

- No Report

BSB

- No Report

Commuters

- No Report

Deming

- No Report

Mees/Blumberg/Scharp

- No Report

On-Campus Fraternities

- No Report

Off-Campus Fraternities

- No Report

Percopo

- No Report

Skinner

- No Report

Speed

- No Report

Open Forum

Issues that arose

- Fees that go to individual cannot be reimbursed (and therefore should not be approved at this point), per the Finance Committee by-laws

Gen Fund

- $43,334.12

Old Business

None

New Business

Engineers Without Borders

- $2,000 for trip for flight, etc.
- FCR full amount
    - Approved

TRM

- No longer need $ for race tires (as they have not done as much this year) to buy new exhaust system for Porsche
- Allocation – motion passes

Exec Board

- T-Shirts for Freshman
    - Will be shipped to freshmen over the summer
    - Option 1 – 0
    - Option 2 - 0
    - Option 3 – 2
    - Option 4 – 3
    - Option 5 – 6
    - Option 6 – 0
    - Option 7 – 6
    - Option 8 – 5
    - Option 9 – 3
    - Revote b/w 5 & 7 - tie at 14, Exec Board will choose
    - Senate votes to approve the Choice of shirt
    - Motion for the same as last year
        - Discussion, use the cheapest, motion did not pass
    - Approve the cheapest - $1943, which includes shipping, approved
- USB sent to Freshmen with the Fact Finder Binder
    - Approved $1512, which is half the amount, other is paid by another organization
- Discount Card
    - $1,500 - approved

Budgeting – Probationary Status

Swing Dance Club

- Seeking full status (currently probationary)
    - Travel around dancing, with professional instructors
    - Approved as full SGA club
- Asking $14,596.25 – FCR full amount
    - Lot of money for events
    - Individual Registrations make up a decent amount of budget
        - Motion to table the issue until the Fall, where the club will have re-done their budget, voiding any individual registrations

Budgeting – Clubs with no FCR deductions

Bonfire Committee

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Bowling Club

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Water Polo

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Drama Club

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Jewish Culture Club

- Motion passes to approve FCR

International Students Association

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Martial Arts Club

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Scuba Club

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Women's Lacrosse

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Ultimate Frisbee

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Dance Team

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Robotics Team

- Motion passes to approve FCR

Budgeting – Clubs with FCR deductions

Performing Arts

- Discussion
    - Performing Arts Series, like a gift to students
    - Could be cut down from some items
    - Where exactly is the SGA money going? Is it within SGA's scope of their role on campus?
- Bunny Nash's Answer: Operational Fees, Starter funds for artists, but need to be Self-sustaining with ticket revenue
- Motion to approve the full amount, as FCR - *failed*
- Approval of reducing overall tickets across the board by 5% - reduction by ~$1,200

    - Approve $24462.50 - *pass*

Fencing Club

- Issue with Team Entry Fee (Line Item #4.20)
    - This fee is done on a *per weapon*, silencing the issue of individual entry fee
- Motion to approve FCR
    - *Pass*

Ballroom Dance

- Issue with registration fee
    - Clarification: they pay a team entry fee based off the number of players
- Question of increase from last year:
    - Will attend more events this year.
    - Rules changed, there are now two advisors
- SGA does not fund advisors (due to Student Activities Fee)
- Motion to reduce the number of people Line Items 4 from 8 to 6
    - $9553 is the new number – *passed*
- Motion to remove The OSU competition fees (Line Items 4.6, 4.12, 3.2)
    - $8938.70 is the new number - *passed*
- Motion to approve the new reduced value
    - *Pass*

Outdoor Ventures Club

- Fishing license
    - Individual registrations, removed from budget
- Camping changed to $10/night from $15
    - *Pass*
- Motion to approve amended budget
    - *Pass* $10295.25

Linux Users Group

- No show
- FCR cuts are okay with group
- Motion to approve $682.50
    - *Pass*

Yoga Club

- $45 CD player was taken off
    - Removed because White Chapel has stereo system
- Motion to approve FCR $3534.50
    - *Pass*

Astronomy Club

- Photoshop was cut from $800 to $200
    - Further reduce to $0, as the Digital Resource Center has Photoshop available
- Also, change price per night from $15 to $8
    - *Pass*

- Approve reduced budget $438
    - *Pass*

WMHD

- Move to add $59.99 1TB hard drive, in place of the $44.99 160 GB that was removed by FCR
    - *Pass*
- Motion to approve budget as it stands $20,469
    - *Fail*
- Motion to reduce # of concerts from 2 to 0
    - *Pass* - $16,469.13
- Approve current Budget
    - *Pass*

Anime

- Change from last year
    - Maintenance fee – new filing cabinet $100
    - Senate deems not necessary for various reasons – club officer is a member of Senate
- Issue around the $700 cut by FCR for DVD public showing
    - Motion to call the question -*pass*
- Motion to approve FCR
    - *Pass* $1,127.47

Volleyball

- Misc Equipment
    - Seems high
    - But there are some things that they are sure they are going to spend
    - Motion to reduce Line Item #2.1 to $500 from $1000
        - *Pass*
- Motion to approve new budget
    - *Pass* $4977.00

Climbing Club

- Would like to move # people cut from Line Item #2.2 to #2.1
- Motion to approve current budget
    - *Pass* $9,230.18

Men's Lacrosse

- No show
- Motion to approve FCR
    - Pass $4987.50

Student Activities Board

- SAB offers to cut %10 across the board, allow them to decide how to reallocate $$
- Motion to cut by 10%
    - *Pass*

- Motion to approve budget
    - *Pass* $46,466.87

Triathalon Club

- Motion to approve FCR
    - *Pass* $4,716.00

Board Game Club

- Questions about club
    - Enough exist for everyone to play
    - People like to try something new
- Cuts can be made, as board games are not necessary for club interest
    - Club rep will make the decision on which ones to cut, chose 4
- Motion to remove 4 board games from budget
    - *Pass*
- Motion to approve current budget
    - *Pass* $590.90

Efficient Vehicles

- Want $$ to build a new car for the second year in a row. Senate does not like this, as they agreed to make an exception for last year
- Motion to remove Line Items #3.1-3.9
    - *Pass*
- Motion to approve new budget
    - *Pass* $16,835.15

Tech Radio Club

- Group is satisfied with FCR cuts made
- Motion to approve FCR
    - *Pass* $1,693.00

Paintball Club

- Almost doubled budget from last year
    - A lot more going on this year
    - More practice
    - 10 on team, 42 in club
- Motion to amend paintball money from $8000 to $5000
    - *Pass*
- Motion to approve new amount $11,918
    - *Pass*

Unity

- Registration is individual
    - Brings up a grey area
- Motion to move $75/person to $50/person for #3.1
    - *Pass*

- Motion to approve new budget
    - *Pass* $4,110.75

Team Rose Motorsports

- Group presentation
    - FCR cut fiberglass, new car fund, spare engine for Porsche
        - Now left with no projects for next year
    - Focus on Porsche and Mustang
        - Mustang has little else work to do, is not as popular as the Porsche
        - Porsche is almost done, should be running by this weekend
        - All work is engine related, and will take the car off the road
    - If they get new motor, will open a lot of possibilities
    - A new car will also provide a lot of opportunities
        - If they are need to do this, it needs to be in the budget at this time
- Motion to approve FCR (without the new car)
    - *Fail*
- Motion to approve items for a new car (car + fuel) but minus the tools
    - *Pass* $10,750.50

Roleplaying Club

- Satisfied with proposed cuts
    - But would like to change *which* items are cut
- Motion to approve FCR, giving the club the freedom to select which books, which will be submitted to Treasurer
    - *Pass* <$1,284.34

Budgeting – Clubs without FCR's

Best Buddies

- Motion to approve the full amount
    - *Pass* $1,357.60

Film Club

- Around 10 club members
- Motion to approve budget
    - *Pass* $638.00

"Passing of the Gavel"

The meeting adjourned at 6:15PM.

Nicholas Addante	*Ross Schneider*
SGA Vice President	SGA Secretary