

Board of Directors of Cooperative Activities
Thursday October 22nd 2009
Minutes

- I. Call to Order – Chair Hambrick @ 12:35
- II. Roll Call – Vice President Jackson
 - Executive Board:**
President Barcio, VP Johnston, VP Goodge, VP Hambrick, VP Jackson
 - Co-Op Senators:**
Senator Kennerdell, Senator Peters
 - Student At-Large Representative:**
Erin Berger, Katie Campbell, Elston Vanstory, Philip Pesko
 - Faculty Representative:**
Dr. Zhou, Dr. Crow
 - Finance Adviser:**
Ed Hess
 - Business Manager:**
Cathy George
 - Excused:**
Speaker Thorne, Senator Bailley, Dr. Wang, Dr. Foley
 - Unexcused:**
Dr. Colvin
- III. Approval of the Minutes
 - Motion #1** – That the Board of Directors of Cooperative Activities approves the Coop Minutes of October 8th, 2009
 - Pesko/Goodge
 - **Discussion**
 - **Passes CORRECTION OF MINUTES**
- IV. Chairs Report – Vice President Hambrick
 - A committee is being formed, will include the SGA President, VP of Finance, 1 CoOp Senator, 1 Student At Large Member, and various faculty members
 - Erin Berger and Adam Kennerell have been selected to participate in the committee
- V. New Business
 - Motion #2** – The Board of Directors of Cooperative Activities reallocates \$1000.00 from Budgetary Reserves for SRU Brass Ensemble New Initiative
 - Peters/Kennerdell
 - **Discussion**
 - Hambrick – they were recognized last year and didn't apply for a budget. (See attachment for "First Time Funding" policy) They should be able to apply for as much money as they want. There has been a lot of discussion on if they can ask for any amount or just \$250. Dr. Smith (see attachment) has made recommendations.
 - Johnston – this was not personally suggested from Dr. Smith
 - Kennerdell – It was my suggestion. My suggestion was to have each department create a club that will reduce budgeting issues. Will this be a bad idea?

- George – Each department receives an Academic Enhancement Fee and they also can take other avenues as well instead of going to SGA. A lot of times, they usually use it for travel. There is specific money used to enrich you education. Music groups have always been debatable. If we do it now, it will continue. As of now, it is only the Flute Ensemble.
 - Johnston – there is no reason why we shouldn't fund these groups. They fit into every category.
 - George – there might not be the funds for next year.
 - Berger – We have no track on how this group spends the money. I think it is a lot to be giving.
 - Hambrick – they need the rights for the music. All can attend the concert for free. That's all I know.
 - Barcio – is this an addition performance? If so, how do they usually receive funds?
 - Hess – I'm still not clear on what the \$1,000 is for.
 - Pesko – we can't pass this because they don't have a line item list
 - Zhou – yes we need some more detail. It's too vague.
 - Hess – we would like a representative to speak on it for the next meeting to explain what they plan on using the money for
 - Kennerdell – **Motion #3** – To table motion #2 for next CoOp meeting.
 - Peters
 - **Passes**
- **Motion #4** – The Board of Directors of Cooperative Activities reallocates \$1000.00 from Budgetary Reserves for SRU Wind Ensemble New Initiative
 - Johnston/Campbell
 - Discussion
 - Barcio – this is the same president?
 - Hambrick – yes
 - Kennerdell – we are kind of giving the two organizations \$2,000.
 - Kennerdell – **Motion #5** – To table motion #5 for next Coop meeting
 - Johnston
 - **Passes**

VI. Old Business

George – The athletic department has honored the same price of the cheapest for the Men's Volleyball Club

VII. Open Forum

- Hambrick – meetings with organizations to explain rules and how the finance committee works. We are looking to start at 8am.
- Hambrick – how about Wednesday and Friday 8am-9pm? Doesn't start until November; Friday November 20th 8am-9pm in room 207.
- Kennerdell – what was the % that goes to academic enhancement fee?
- George – 10%
- Kennerdell – Can a percentage of that come to SGA?
- George – No
- Pesko – I don't see how this is affecting us right now.

- Berger – we can't limit a student to create a club. They is completely what we are against
- George – keep it student to student organizations
- Hambrick – I would like to know the availability of the Student at Large members. If you all could email me your availability, that would be great.
- Campbell – Green and White Friday tomorrow
- Wilhelm – Take Back the Night is tonight at 9pm.
- Berger – is it possible to have two finance meetings for next week? Departments like dance, theatre, music, etc don't fit into our molds of our definitions.
- Hambrick – Monday at 8am work for everyone.
- Barcio – Presidents of other SGAs across the PA system. They requested to have a SGA conference at Slippery Rock. We will be given a \$5,000 to help with the conference. This will be taken place during the last week in January.
- Peters – what other schools are open to this?
- Barcio – all 14.

VIII. Advisor Comments – None

IX. Announcements

- a. The next Co-Op meeting will be held on Thursday, November 5th, 2009
- b. The next Senate meeting will be held on Thursday, October 29th 2009
- c. Finance Committee meetings are every Tuesday at 5 PM in the SGA Office.

X. Adjournment

- **Motion # 6** - That the Board of Cooperative Activities adjourns the meeting on October 22nd, 2009.
 - Crow/Peters
 - **Discussion**
 - **Passes**

Co-Op Policy regarding Organizations looking for first time funding:

“Newly formed organizations must wait for a trial period of one (1) semester, a four (4) month equivalent, after obtaining official recognition as a student organization through the Center for Student of Involvement and Leadership and the SRSGA Senate. After the one (1) semester, four (4) months, trial waiting period, the organization can receive up to \$250.00 which they will use to build and maintain membership during their second semester of being a recognized organization. Once one (1) full year has passed as a recognized organization, they may then apply for unlimited funding through the budgeting process or through a New Initiative. Case-by-case basis will be considered.

Budget Suggestions from President Smith

“While I’m not sure on what exactly is comprised in a “Department’s Budget”, I imagine it is not only faculty related. For example: the political science department helps sponsor a trip for interested students to participate in a model united nation’s trip to D.C. each year. My suggestion is to have each department create a Department Club and submit it and a budget request to the Student Government Association to pay for the STUDENT related expenses. This is possibly one way in which SGA, which is an auxiliary, can help alleviate burdens on university costs. This is possible because of the fixed increase in the budget SGA receives based on tuition increase and enrollment.