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John Fantell, Member at Large

Anissa Choiniere, Member at Large

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Dan Rogers, UC Rep

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1. Roll Call @ 8:00 PM

2. Travis Apgar, Assistant Vice President and Dean of Students – 8:00 PM

3. ACHA Hockey Nationals Proposal – 8:15 PM

4. Sangam Starter Budget Request – 8:35 PM

5. Discussion Proposed Date/Location of Activities Fair – 8:50 PM
   a. Saturday September 9th, 2017 ECAV

6. Letter for Dr. Ross – 9:20 PM

7. Reports:
   a. Director’s Report
   b. Member Reports
   c. Senate Report
   d. President’s Report

Contingencies FY17 Beginning Balance $32,500
Contingencies FY17 current balance $20,478.65

Contingencies FY16 Beginning Balance $32,500
Contingencies FY16 this week $12,462.88
Dean Apgar here to talk and answer any questions

- Wanted to stop by and introduce himself, answer any questions
- Officially the AVP to the Dean of students, now filling some leadership voids for the time being, they are looking to fill the position w an interim
- He’s the person to talk to for now until an interim is appointed by Dr. Jackson
- Dr. Jackson says: Continue to move forward with everything, no pauses in priorities despite losing Dr. Ross

Any questions or concerns about anything?

  o How fast can we get a Director of the Union into the position?
    ▪ Still in the process, working with Spellman Executive search firm, a few candidates that might be good fits, just keep PU informed about the process
    ▪ How to get students involved in process-committed to making sure students are involved, work directly w PU to figure out how to do this
  o Anything we can do to make the positions you’re filling easier/better/make relationship better?
    ▪ Doesn’t want anything in the past to be repeated
    ▪ Continue to have open communication going both ways, let him know if anything comes up, don’t assume he’s aware of anything that might come up among students

- The Assistant Director of Student Activities position- going to a conference to search out candidates for this position, expect summer to be where the people show up to campus/when they will begin their jobs
  o What of Dr. Ross’s responsibilities have you taken?
    ▪ Everything related to the Union, E-Board, Stugov. Part of his responsibilities are providing support to the Union, more direct support from Student Life

- Wants to continue to have good communication and a more direct relationship to the Dean of Student’s Office.

- Hopes to provide better support
  o Dr. Ross had begun to talk about mental health issues, so if you could keep that on your radar that would be great.
    ▪ Agrees, should be talking about how to take care of oneself
    ▪ Steve- Health center in the process of hiring another triage nurse and counselor
    ▪ Limited resources, challenge to every college campus, likes triage idea, they can help refer to other resources.

- Any topics that should be on his radar/anything you were doing with Dr. Ross?
  o Sexual Harassment, multiple ways of reporting it, PubSafe reports might not be as accurate with numbers if they don’t reference all different ways of reporting it.
Report of PubSafe—possibly create mindset that it isn’t an issue here because the report only deals with Federal crimes
- Apgar is made aware of every report and the outcome; terminology of sexual assault/harassment may be causing issue in the report
- Appointment will be made to further discuss
- Grad Council—making sure they are in the loop for student life decisions, lots of progress has been made, wants to make sure this will continue
- Newsletter from Senate and E-Board to administration so they know what is going on, had been working with Dr. Ross
  - Bulleted email is fine, but thinks that is really important
  - Communication needs to improve drastically
  - Doesn’t want problems to be the highlights of what people hear, wants to increase stories about students/groups doing good things, including to the community
  - Great step—new posters, looking at brand of RPI, sometimes we give input and administration responds with why that input won’t work (not all the time but sometimes)
  - Working on a rebranding for the Institution, more student friendly
- Will be at Senate on Monday, so come by if you have more questions

ACHA Hockey Proposal
- President and Treasurer here to present; team has been tremendously successful, made it to the national tournament, in the top 9% of their league
- Problem: paying for it; busses, hotels, etc.
- Total cost: $13,710 would get them through this round robin. Take $4000 off, comes out to $441.5/person. They have money from incentive income, brings it down to about $177/student to go to nationals.
- Need approval to use incentive income to reduce cost drastically. Helps/affects everybody in the club.
- Dues are $1125/person
- Travel Contingencies has $43,000 in it this year
- Should wait for motion before getting into details
- What would the impact be if each member had to pay that much?
  - Becomes cost prohibitive for players, don’t want money to be the reason that players can’t go.
  - They spend already a lot of their own money for travel, uniforms, etc. This would help reduce their cost

Motion 1: allocate $5814 from FY16 incentive income to be used for ACHA Hockey National Tournament
Wording and language:
none
Merits:
- We want to encourage clubs to the best they can be; this is a way to show our support
• Two motions—one for incentive income and one for paying more money
• Club has earned this right, if we want them to represent them, we should cover the entire cost
• Incentive income is from budget last year, they paid the money into their budget and didn’t use it—basically asking to use their money
• Cheapest hotel—$114 after taxes
• Asking for us to give them the incentive income and they can pay the rest, team wanted to show the whole cost
• This motion is just so they can use their own incentive income
Motion passes!
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• They’ve competed with the number one team in the league, lost 2-1, 2-1, 2-0, beat NYU 2x, lost once
• Playing the best hockey they’ve ever played, but also the first time they’ve ever made it to Nationals
• Beat number three team in our region
• Was funding flying club the total cost of their tournament? Not sure.
• If we choose to fund all, will come from Travel Contingencies.
• Might overspend one budget, but we balance the overall budget so it’s okay to overspend Travel Contingencies if necessary
Motion 2: Allocate $3896 from Travel Contingencies to pay the rest of the cost for the ACHA hockey National tournament
Merits:
• If they make it through the first four days, would we have to fund the last two days?
  o Probably not, but would react to after the fact.
• What other clubs have done as well as this group?
  o Curling, but in Utica
  o Quidditch, Ski Team
• Are there other clubs we should be addressing this with? Nobody has dues like this, already paying an excessive amount for it. Other sport club: Equestrian club, if they do well in regionals, they will go to zonals, and then nationals. They might need money later if they make it this far
• Okay with this if we do the same for other clubs if they need
Motion passes!
16-0-2

Sangam Starter Budget
• Club has existed for 2 years, want a starter budget.
• Currently, $25/dancer for club dues, 12 dancing members, staying local and on campus for shows, have the routines and skills to represent RPI outside of campus at intercollegiate competitions
• Hard to take all the dancers to another campus, house them, compete, costumes, classical Indian dance jewelry is expensive, want to offset the cost of traveling
• Starter budget to just cover base costs right now, would need money later if selected to attend competitions
• Questions:
  o FY ends in July, so any money we give you today would only be available until then, would need to reapply for more money in the fall if necessary
  o What would starter budget be going towards?
    ▪ In the past, both rented and bought costumes. Funded team costumes through member dues, total ended up higher.
  o How often do you perform/is it for the community or ISA or Union or?
    ▪ Little bit of all, have traveled off campus to performances in the Albany area, Ronald McDonald house. Typically on campus, PAKSA show, ISA show, charity dinner, did hockey night last year for International night. Been invited to Festival of Nations in Albany this coming year
    ▪ Pushing to get off campus a little bit more
  o How many competitions are you thinking about?
    ▪ Probably only 1 or 2, would maintain focus on campus for now, trying to get into the competitive circuit next year
  o Other dance clubs do compete, they want to constantly improve, and competition is a good way to do this and learn.

Motion 3: Move the RU E-Board approve Sangam’s $300 starter budget request

Wording:
Merits:
• Why $300 starter budget instead of $200?
  o $200 for their budget, $100 to help offset the costumes they purchased previously
• Costumes to stay with club?
  o Yes
• Would like to see starter budget of $200 and a second motion to approve the $100

Motion being amended to detail above request
Now reads: starter budget of $200, NOT $300
Motion passes!
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Motion 4: move to approve Sangam’s request for $100 for additional costume costs

Wording or language:
Merits:
• Still not seeing clear need?
  o We have the money, would help the club
  o The dancers have already purchased this for the club, not for themselves
• Festival of Nations-giving them the extra $100 to make the costumes better would be great because they are representing RPI
• $100 can be a lot to a club

Motion passes!
Discussion for proposed date and location of activities fair

- September 9th. EMPAC and Armory will be in use for medals day, but ECAV is available
- Cameron is starting to plan activities fair for 2017, used to be held on the second Saturday of classes, would make more sense to do on a Saturday if held in ECAV
- Too large to have it in the Armory, if on central campus, would need to be in two locations
- Conrad- MAP worked on this a little bit, location: ECAV is the best choice
  - Day and time?
  - Want to work around Rush, lots happen on the first Saturday, so second Saturday might be good
  - If IFC kickoff and Activities fair happen at the same time, could be a nice time to get all of campus together; schedule around 1-4 so wouldn’t interfere too much
- Does not conflict with athletic events, make shuttles available to ECAV from the Union that day
- Why Saturday? Thursday evenings were rough and with larger class sizes, more possibility of nighttime classes, used to be a weekend activity
- What part of ECAV?
  - Depends on how planning happens, idea is to book the gym, could be a much larger event than in the past, AC in ECAV
- Are we determining who’s planning this? Cameron and Union staff? MAP?
  - Chip would like to have that discussion w Cameron
- Good idea for perspective students and the medalists, maybe push it back a little bit for the medalists? Shuttles taken up by parents and elderly people
- What about club equipment? They might have things that need transporting
  - Extending shuttle service if necessary
- Date doesn’t interfere with recruitment either
- Keep in mind people volunteer at the medalist day events, don’t let it interfere with that
- If this will be highly advertised to medalists, might want to have some overlap so students can attend without being too crowded; more for the freshmen already here
- Concern about high foot traffic in vehicular area
  - Try not to park at ECAV because far away; students stationed at crosswalks; coordination’s with admissions, safety precautions
- Can the board members help?
  - They will let us know

Motion 5: approve the proposed date and location for Fall 2017 activities fair (September 9th, 2017 at ECAV)
Wording: for all years? Just a weird thing this year
Motion passes!

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Letter for Dr. Ross
• Need to vote to approve the letter to send to Dr. Ross
Motion 6: approve the farewell letter to Dr. Ross attached to the motion
Wording:
Merits:
• I think it’s good we are doing this soon instead of later
• Thank you Inez for putting in the work to write this
• Thank you Jen for writing this too!
Motion passes!
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Reports
Director’s:
• Reorganization of the office with business coordinator coming in; departmentalized the office; student activities to the left, lounge moved to the left, facilities in the back corner, business stuff when you walk in.
• Some electrical stuff to worry about but will figure it out
• Make it easier for students!
• Business coordinator position public? Yes! Start date March 20th
• Cargo vans and crew truck; working with Procurement to get bids for them, will come back to us and tell us the costs of them. Looking at new and almost new vehicles

Member:
• Conrad-thank you to Steve for email about club sports; if you have those clubs, give them a big thank you from the eboard for doing so well, congratulate them
• Luke-Architecture student came to last Mother’s meeting, so wasn’t the last Mother’s meeting
• Shannon- Chris and she went to meeting w Dr. Jackson to discuss student life, Greek life, and what we expect of the new Dr. Ross; random students there
  o Grad students weren’t invited to the meeting, not everyone who should have been invited was not invited
  o Chip let them know to invite grads
• Jen-feels some disconnect with grads and Student Government

Senate:
• VP Communications came in, tasked with rebranding RPI, better website, we are not changing our name, very competent, wants to communicate better with students

President’s:
• Linda’s portrait will be done soon! Waiting on framing
• Finished averages for expense forecasting we did; definitely clear frontrunners and also gave a list of things to get more people exposed to
• Still hoping to use leftover money to invest in new project? Will be working with Staff to use the list to come up with proposals to bring to the next E-board to get the financial expertise and knowledge to make proper timeline for projects
• Will let members know when meetings happen about finances
• Genericon this weekend!
Motion # 1

Date: March 2, 2017

I move that the Rensselaer Union Executive Board allocate $5814 from FY16 incentive income to be used towards ACHA National Tournament.

So moved by:

[Signature]

LUKE KUPRENAS
Printed Name

Seconded by:

[Signature]

RASILA EKHALLIKAN
Printed Name

For  Against  Abstaining

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Motion: Passes/Fails