

Student Assembly Meeting

April 21, 2014

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

2. Old Business

- Wertimer Teaching Award
 - Vote will be sent out to all students tomorrow

3. Funding

- Amount remaining prior to Student Assembly meeting 4/21: \$12.95
- *see attachment for full funding
- Total requested from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): \$564.16
- Total recommended from Spring 2014 budget (excluding holds): \$564.16
- Amount requested from Discretionary Fund for Bowling Club: \$551.20
- Amount remaining in general fund if recommended funding passes: \$0
- Amount remaining in Discretionary Fund if recommended funding passes: \$1,060.72
- Funding for Duelly Noted passes.
- Funding for Bowling Club passes.

4. Committee Reports

- Constitution
 - Meeting Thursday at 7:00pm
 - See discussion on new funding code legislation below
- Elections
 - Elections start tonight at midnight and will go to Thursday at midnight
 - Voting for Wertimer Award and Constitutional changes will be included
- Cultural Affairs
 - La Vanguardia is hosting this week's Cultural Food Truck series at 6:00pm in Sadove
 - Discussion on Diversity this Wednesday in the Events Barn at 7:30pm
 - Wednesday the 30th panel on diversity with faculty and students in the Chapel at 7:30pm
- Facilities
 - Staff Appreciation Day a big success
 - No meeting this week
- Food
 - Survey about campus dining options will be sent out soon
 - No meeting this week
- Health and Safety
 - Dining hour changes for C&C day; possible hydration stations
 - Working with Active Minds on Puppy Project
 - No meeting this week
 - No clarify rumors: students who are over 21 will NOT be allowed to bring 6-packs to the concert
- LITS

- Seniors should look out for a survey this week about research skills; seniors who take the survey will have a chance to win a prize
- Philanthropy
 - Finalizing everything for the Silent Auction Gala; this Friday at 6:00pm in Sadove; senior formal tickets, senior week tickets, Clinton pottery mugs, breakfast in bed, serenades by a cappella groups, and much more will be auctioned!
- Social Traditions
 - Plans for selling C&C day tee-shirts
- Student Interests
 - Next meeting is Monday at 4:00pm in Sadove
 - Vandalism campaign close to roll-out
 - Slip-'n'-Slide proposal underway
 - Little Pub Pool Tournament
 - Library Chargers
 - TED talk

5. New Business

- Discussion on funding codes legislation
 - 80% of the general fund would be used for strategic budgeting
 - Organizations would have 2 week in the beginning of the semester to submit a strategic budget for the semester
 - The remaining 20% of the general fund would be used for spontaneous budgeting
 - Money left from the strategic portion of the budget would not be rolled back until after Spring Break
 - Comments:
 - Funding Committee strongly supports
 - Other NESCACs and NY6 schools fund this way
 - Most equitable way to distribute funds
 - Will result in better planning
 - Will allow for collaboration of different organizations planning similar events; increase of turnout and decrease of costs
 - Will allow for more time at meetings to be spent discussing important issues rather than debating funding
 - This could be a big change to spring on students this semester
 - The 80% is a large enough portion of the funding that people will have incentive to plan a strategic budget
 - Perhaps a precise definition of a strategic budget to clarify for student organization leaders
 - Big information sessions on this topic
 - This will not affect new clubs, as they are already automatically put on a ten-week probation when they are formed
 - Funding Committee will have to be more flexible with dates and location
 - Is students in organizations are organized and structured, they will be able to plan a strategic budget; good experience for students
 - Cannot make a value judgement on events if they are not all being looked at at one time; looking at all proposals at once will allow for fairness and consistency
 - Two weeks of intensive planning can bring organizations together
 - Students have the most time to plan events during the first few weeks of the semester, before heavy workloads become a problem
 - Yes, there will be outliers who may not plan in advance well, but this will result in the most equitable division for all funds and better planning for most organizations
 - If a line in a funding proposal form were added asking a student to sign off saying s/he actually believe that the number of people predicted to attend will be

the same as the number of people actually expected to attend would create accountability

- New funding legislation passes.

6. Announcements

- Election season is here! Don't forget to vote!
- Town Hall on diversity this Wednesday at 7:30pm in the Events Barn