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AFRC Hearing Minutes

September 26, 2013

In attendance: Bobby Miller, Ellie Hofer, Haley Van Cleve, Allison Wolf, Laddie Arnold, Blake Gerold, Elizabeth Mark, Brandon Karels, Molly Olson, Sue Lor, Dan Magner, Sarah Ashkar, Dave Swenson

The meeting began at 8:00 p.m. The members introduced themselves. They are as follows:

Bobby Miller, Junior, Chair (BM)

Ellie Hofer, Junior (EH)

Haley Van Cleve, Junior (HVC)

Allison Wolf, Junior (AW)

Laddie Arnold, Junior (LA)

Blake Gerold, Sophomore (BG)

Elizabeth Mark, Sophomore (EM)

Brandon Karels, Junior (BK)

Molly Olson, Junior (MO)

Sue Lor, PNA (SL)

Dan Magner, PNA (DM)

Sarah Ashkar, Staff (SA)

Dave Swenson, AFRC Advisor (DS)

Meara Hove, Secretary

Vice Chair Elections

LA and EH ran for Vice Chair. LA said that he has a lot of leadership experience leading, as he is an officer in four committees. EH said that she is not an officer of many committees, but she has been on the committee for a year and is on some other boards. It was put to a vote, and Laddie Arnold is the new Vice Chair.

Classifications

IVCF

HVC motioned to classify as D4. AW seconded.

Morris Feminists

- Take Back the Night: EH motioned to classify as an A. HVC seconded.

- Slut Walk: HVC motioned to classify as a C-3. EH seconded.

Student Organic Gardening Club

EH motioned to classify as a D-4. HVC motioned to classify as D-3. LA seconded.

Paintball Club

AW motioned to classify as a B. EH seconded.

PHVC

The committee has previously classified this as a D-1. The request is under \$200 with their current assets, and for individual gain. EH motioned to classify as D-4. BG seconded.

Prairie Pagans

The group does a lot of meals. EH motioned to classify as a C. It is only for members, and is off-campus and limited student attendance. SL seconded. It was put to a vote and opposed. LA motioned to classify as a D. BG seconded.

Vamos Juntos

BG motioned to classify as an A. AW seconded.

Hearings

IVCF

Charlie represented IVCF. He said that they would like to go to Alexandria for a larger IVCF retreat the weekend after Fall Break. They will network with students from other groups, worship, and bond with students in the UMM IVCF chapter.

The form was modified to reflect their current assets. With a recent donation, the group has \$974. They said that they have grown a lot as a group.

EH motioned to fund at \$1250. SL seconded.

Morris Feminists

Take Back the Night is an annual event to raise awareness about sexual assault and violence. People can talk, share stories, educate, and give victims a voice. The group tables for the event. Last year there were 30 people who stayed for the speak out, and more for the vigil and walk. EH motioned to fund at \$62. AW seconded.

The Slutwalk is an annual global protest started in Canada in 2011 when a cop insinuated that women are raped because of what they're wearing. The event is in Minneapolis, and the group would like to take whoever would like to go. They have around 20 people interested currently.

SA motioned to fund at \$192. BK seconded.

OGC

Natalie Hoidal represented OGC. The Powershift Conference is a large climate change conference. They do workshops and education with participants. Many students from a variety of groups are interested, and what they learn at the conference can be brought back and shared with the community.

The group has Coke funds to use for travel.

SA motioned to classify as C, for institutional memory and precedent. LA seconded.

EH asked how much participants would be willing to pay each. To help cover travel costs, members are already being asked to pay \$70.

There was some discussion of consistency when IVCF has requested funds.

DS recommends revisiting the IVCF question at a later time.

BG motioned to fund at \$1680. LA seconded.

PHVC

The club would like to go to a Health Careers Fair. This is consistent with the club mission, and will provide pre-medical field students with information and resources to compete their education.

EH motioned to fund at \$67. BM mentioned that they have money in their account to cover the costs. SL motioned to fund at \$0. BG seconded.

Prairie Pagans

The group hopes to do more fundraising activities now that they are in their second year. They are planning on having more events with fees. They are planning to do a series of meals geared towards educating people about Paganism and various cultures. The group sends out emails to members of their club. They don't send out a listserv email for fear of backlash from other groups. They are open to new members who are interested in respectful attendance. A lot of the events are advertised through word of mouth. The group will table to spread awareness of the group. They have around 15 people attend the weekly meetings. EH is uncomfortable funding all these meals. The group is still gaining experience as far as funding, and plans to become more independent financially as they gain experience organizing and planning. LA motioned to fund at \$261. EH seconded.

Vamos Juntos

The group is requesting funds for the Dia de los Muertos dance. The dance promotes Latin culture by playing Latin music along with mainstream music. The group is planning a field trip to the Maya exhibit at the Science Museum. They are planning on having a bake sale to help pay for the dance. They are planning on charging a \$1 admission fee or a non-perishable food item. The group has a fair-sized carry-over, suggesting that they are responsible with their funds. SA motioned to fund at \$473. HVC seconded.

Paintball Club

The club was unable to attend the hearing, but the committee looked at the request anyways. The group cannot use club funds to purchase weapons, though they can use it for safety equipment. LA mentioned that their assets are actually half of what they think they are. SA motioned to table. AW seconded.

DS suggested the committee revisit IVCF.

IVCF Revisited

There was some discussion about whether or not to consider registration fees as a travel cost. The club is already taking on the travel fees, so should we punish them for taking care of that? EH said that if they ask for vehicles or gas they should be classified as travel. If they don't ask for that, do not classify it as travel. BK asked how we would know if they used it like they said, and DS said that Student Activities can keep track of that.

AW wondered if the way we were approaching this was religious discrimination, but the committee agreed that it was not a concern.

LA motioned to reclassify as a D. HVC seconded.

The committee maintained the allocation.

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Meara Hove