



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting
October 16, 2005 8:00 PM

Present

Dan Lindquist (VPSI), Lee Edwards (VPCL), Steven Krumholz (VPFR), Mike Curtis (VPC)

Absent: Tommy Cecil (President)

Summary: ASME and Chinese Club line items approved. New club approved (SWE). CORE Night up and coming. Discussion about CORE members receiving "gifts." Discussion about casual vs. formal nature of CORE Digest.

Agenda

- I. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Nothing specific to report. In California.
 - B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley
 1. Met with Allen Downey to talk about Student Curriculum Advisory Board. Will write up a description of the concept for ARB.
 2. Will send out a request for students for Program Groups this week.
 3. Will invite Wellesley student government over for 11/9 on Wednesday to meet with E-board
 - C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson
 1. Club committee will meet this week to kick off activities for the year.
 2. Met with Yrinee and caught her up do date about Babson stuff. She will meet with Steve Schiffman and Dr. M.
 - D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis
 1. Busy catching up from High Holidays – couldn't do any VPFR stuff.
 - E. VPC
 1. Met with Dissemination of Information committee, will be putting together a survey to be sent to some people
 2. Will also be scheduling interviews with people
 3. Working on form for CORE Digest submissions
- II. Line items
 - A. ASME Loan
 1. Asking for a fundraiser loan of \$400 for a T-shirt fundraiser
 - a. Approved
 - B. ODP
 1. Asking for an additional \$200 from New Initiatives funds to pay for some of Boston's finest tango instructors
 - a. Sent to GA for approval
 - C. Chinese Club
 1. Asking for \$150 for club dinner to prepare dishes
 - a. Approved
 - D. Yearbook
 1. Asking for \$8.14 for postage.
 - a. Approved
 2. Asking for transfer of \$51.80 for shipping costs (post-purchase) from Yearbook Unrestricted to Yearbook Restricted via a line item.

- a. More than 30 days after purchase
- b. Reimbursement has already been processed (September 12) and money has been refunded
- c. Not Approved

III. New Clubs

A. SWE Club

- 1. Mission: Our mission as an Olin SWE campus chapter is to help women realize and overcome the social paradigms which limit their opportunities in the engineering environment through education, activism and networking.
- 2. President: Alison Lee
- 3. Club approved
- 4. Also asking for initial budget of \$1,975. Will be sent to GA, since it is from New Initiatives Funds

IV. Discussion and Other

A. CORE Night

- 1. E-board doesn't currently have a role
- 2. Open a special "E-board" room
 - a. Our money would come from Operating Expenses – will request \$75 from OE at GA.
 - b. Want to draw both upperclassmen and underclassmen
 - c. tEa-Board suite event (tea themed)
- 3. Join other rooms
 - a. Let class reps be there for their class
- 4. Request for additional \$75 per class from Operating Expenses
 - a. Also need to ask Rod about purchasing Alcohol with OSL's money.

B. Constitutional amendment

- 1. Constitution Committee met and made changes suggested by students. Will propose an amendment to the current amendment to address these changes.

C. Constitution "gift" clause

- 1. Article XIX.7 states: "A CORE member shall not accept, either directly or indirectly, any monetary or material compensation, gift, favor, or stipend that is a direct result of his or her position or office within CORE, with the exceptions of materials that are provided at gatherings required to complete job functions and end-of-term gifts."
- 2. Question about getting "gifts" for attending dinners/meeting with corporate people, as a representative of CORE
 - a. Not explicitly mentioned as a "job function"
 - b. Still part of the role of a student leader, even though it isn't defined as part of the role
- 3. Does the student body benefit from a CORE member's attendance?
- 4. Intent was likely to avoid bribery/corruption/etc, not prevent these kinds of events.
- 5. Things like President's advisory council and corporate dinners are OK.
- 6. Corporate gifts aren't really given to students *because* they are CORE members, but would come about more commonly with people like CORE members.
- 7. Constitution Committee will look at making clause more clear.
- 8. For now, mechanisms that exist can be used if anyone has a problem with the actions taken by any CORE member

D. CORE Digest

1. Some people felt that aspects of last week's CORE digest were inappropriate
 2. How casual should it be? Is it a reflection of the VPC, CORE, the Student Body, or Olin?
 3. Many people were not very amused, didn't really appreciate the casual humor. Thought the very casual and personal introduction wasn't too meaningful.
 4. Introduction does add personality and interest to the Digest, and some people appreciated the casual nature.
 5. Content and format are much more important – overall the Digest is very effective
 6. Balance between formality and casual commentary is an ongoing discussion
- E. Club activity discussion
1. Caught Lee up on last week's discussions
 2. If clubs aren't spending money, other clubs that are active could use the money
 3. Don't want stagnated money

Line Items Approved

Club	Amount	Summary
ASME	\$400	LOAN for T-shirt fundraiser
Chinese Club	\$150	Club dinner
Yearbook	\$8.14	Shipping

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Approved: SMK, (TCC), DRL, LRE, MWC