



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE EXECUTIVE BOARD Meeting
October 23, 2005 8:00 PM

Present

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

Absent:

Summary: Visitors to GA. New club (Trinity Fire Fighting Competition Robotics Team) and SWE Line items sent to GA for further discussion. Discussion about representation on Administrative Council. Discussion about greeters at commencement. Overview of some student feedback about club activity, CORE Digest, end of year faculty/staff award/recognition. Diversity Committee to meet with E-board at a future date.

Agenda

- I. Officer Reports
 - A. President
 1. Getting more visitors
 - a. Rick – unclear if he is coming on this Wed. or not. Leaning towards no, but no confirmation yet.
 - b. Steve H – coming on 11/14 (GA Meeting)
 - i. Will come with a presentation on college finances, and will also take questions about things of our choosing
 - c. Rod – coming on 11/7 (GA Meeting)
 - i. Will come to discuss things of our choosing
 2. Mentioned Faculty Award idea to Rod, Rod said it was OK, but probably also want to consider a staff award
 3. Concern about scheduling conflicts with Jam Room
 4. Copy machine/printer in CC 214 is moving to computer lab, regular printer will replace it.
 5. Concern about how students are chosen to go to corporate-type events/dinners. These kinds of opportunities are very good for students, but don't seem to be available to everyone.
 - B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley
 1. 14 people applying for program group committees – will select tomorrow following GA meeting
 2. Not every committee has reported to the website yet, will try to encourage committees to do so
 3. E-board will meet with Wellesley Student Government over dinner at Olin's Cafeteria
 - C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson
 1. Club committee met, will look at old club policies and see if they need updating/consolidation. Will try to make sure that all information is available in one place.
 2. Reallocated Hawaii club's luau materials to SAC
 - D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis
 1. Met with Constitution Committee, outlined plan of action for Phase II

2. Talked to a bunch of students about various issues regarding clubs, funding, etc... More in discussion.
 3. Will talk to Financial Services about rollover money.
- E. VPC
1. Working on CORE website, trying to go external live. Had request for various features (budget, for example). What kind of things are the website for? Do we have the resources? Use Operating Expenses to hire a student (if we need to)? Is hiring appropriate?
 2. Got an email from Nick Tatar about the Library's newspapers in the dining hall
 - a. Library used to do it, but it was too expensive
 - b. Should CORE buy the subscriptions (about \$200/yr)?
- II. New Club Proposals
- A. Trinity Fire Fighting Competition Robotics Team
 - B. Mission: The Olin Trinity Fire Fighting Robotics Club competes annually in the Trinity Fire Fighting Competition.
 - C. President: Scott McClure
 - D. No clear consensus on E-board. Will be sent to the GA for advice. Concern about a club with such a specific mission – have never encountered such a specific mission statement prior to this one.
- III. Line items
- A. SWE
1. Asking for \$480 for registration for 12 people (\$40, each – ½ of cost)
 2. Asking for \$700 for transportation (airline tickets/rental cars/etc...)
 3. Large expense for a small number of students (about \$100 each)
 4. Feedback from other students about SWE Line Item
 - a. General disapproval of large amounts of money going to pay for a many people to go to a conference
 - b. Seems to stem from disapproval of CORE funding professional societies
 - c. Suggested (temporary) solutions (until professional societies issue can be resolved): limit number of people that can go to a conference, limit the number of people whose costs will be reimbursed by CORE (any more will have to divide the reimbursement amount for the max number of students), limit amount per person per conference, limit amount per conference, take out transportation funding – fund events only.
 5. Also, all of this money was already spent. This is in violation of the \$100 pre-approval spending limit.
 6. Will be brought to the GA for discussion
- IV. Committees
- A. Administrative Council
1. Part of a new organizational structure for President Miller
 2. Can CORE get a representative?
 - a. Some students requested representation
 - b. A student on the committee might change comfort of members of the council during meetings – might be detrimental
 - c. Dan will talk to Rod and Provost Kerns to get their feelings on it
- B. Commencement Greetings
1. Looking for 5-minute greetings from a student, faculty, and staff speaker
 - a. Looking for more of a greeting than a speech
 2. How are these people selected?

3. Suggestion for Student greeter: form a group of 4 students (class reps from 07, 08) who will, by November 14, accept applications/nominations. By December 15, committee will pick top 3 to be brought to Commencement Steering Committee, which will make the final selection.
 - a. Does not preclude any Senior member of E-board from being a greeter, and doesn't require them to have a conflict of interest
 - b. Will send student greeter policy to the GA to flesh out and then decide – create a working group and recommend that Jesus F. is a part of it.
4. Suggestion for Faculty/Staff greeter: E-board solicits suggestions from Class of 2006, then nominates 3, and gives the names to Rod to be brought to the Commencement Steering Committee, which decides.
 - a. Will also send this policy to GA working group
5. Leaving final decisions to Steering Committee is a good idea, since they are more insulated from “popularity contest” type things, and can also gauge appropriateness of greeters
6. Need to decide how much information is required to run (sample speech, statement of intent, or something else).

V. Discussion and Other

A. Overview of some direct student feedback

1. Concern about lack of enthusiasm among club members – great ideas are generated, but difficult to implement without student support
 - a. How much can be expected out of students in terms of extra curricular activities?
 - b. Should we actively try to get more students involved, and hopefully inspire even more?
 - c. What happens to activities that have been tried and failed?
 - d. Seems to be an overexpansion of clubs, such that there isn't enough time resource for clubs to keep as much activity as some of their presidents would want
 - e. Inspiring people to attend club events and be involved is a skill and takes a good amount of work. Maybe we can help club presidents acquire these skills.
 - f. Important to build connections within Olin to get presidents/students advice from other interested or experienced parties
 - g. Lee will come up with a few suggestions as to how to inspire students to be interested in club/organization activity
2. Concern about randomness in Digest. Some flavor is good, but random inside jokes are “distracting and somewhat annoying.” Some described it as “a little over the top.”
 - a. A challenge to balance sense of humor with seriousness
 - b. Not everyone understands Mike's sense of humor – some think randomness is actually inside jokes, and feel left out of the loop
 - c. Perhaps include comments that are less random and more targeted towards things with which most of the community can associate
3. Mixed approval of Faculty Award/Thank You idea
 - a. Idea – to have the Class of 2006 give a faculty member an award for their contributions/teaching/etc... during class day
 - b. Some like the idea of celebrating an individual faculty member for their great achievements

- c. Some are opposed to singling out professors – don't want to create any bad feelings among the faculty
 - 4. Concern about E-board burnout
 - a. Everyone seems to be OK – spending about 10+ hours/week...which is very reasonable to us all
- B. Seniors and OSL
 - 1. Few Seniors ever go up to OSL anymore – Rod wants to make sure that everything is OK
 - 2. Do Seniors feel like OSL has pushed them out, or do Seniors just have other things to do?
- C. Diversity Committee
 - 1. Interested in talking to CORE leadership about how we are making ourselves aware about diversity issues
 - 2. Will be requesting a meeting with E-board about this
 - 3. What are the places where CORE/E-board can improve?

Line Items Approved

Club	Amount	Summary

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 PM.

Approved: SMK, MWC, TCC, DRL, LRE