



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Meeting
October 24, 2005 6:30 PM

Present:

Tommy Cecil (President), Dan Lindquist (VPSI), Lee Edwards (VPCL), Steven Krumholz (VPFR), Mike Curtis (VPC), Etosha Cave (2006 Rep), Kevin Tostado (2006 Rep), Dan Bufford (2007 Rep), Dean Dieker (2007 Rep), Chris Dellin (2008 Rep), Michael Ducker (2009 Rep), Joe Holler (2009 Rep), Joe Kendall (2W Rep), Heather Casper (3W Rep), Jonathan Raphael (4W Rep), Dan Lin (1E Rep), Matt Donahoe (2E Rep), Nick Hays (3E Rep), Cheryl Inouye (4E Rep), Carmelle Tsai (SERV Rep), Tiana Veldwisch (RLR)

Tardy/Left Early: Ryan Hubbard (2008 Rep), Alex Dillon (SAC Chair), Lilly Cho (HB Rep)

Absent:

Visitors: Alison Lee, Lara Clark, Scott McClure, Janet Tsai, Polina Segalova

Summary: Rod and Steve Hannabury to visit GA in November. New club approved: Olin Trinity Fire Fighting Robotics Club. Line Item approved: SWE, with lengthy discussion about reimbursements for airfare/long travel expenses, conferences, and much more. Two new committees: Professional Society Student Chapter Investigations Committee and Committee for Commencement Greeters Selection Process. Big Ole CORE party on Wednesday!

Agenda

I. Officer Reports

A. President & Review of E-Board Meeting

1. E-board looking into ways for getting students more involved in club activities, also looking into ways administrative team chooses students to greet/eat with visitors to the school, also going to discuss the use of the Jam Room for Senior portraits
2. President Miller not coming this Wed.
3. Nov. 7 – Rod is coming
4. Nov 14 – Steve H. is coming
5. Printer/copier being replaced with a simple printer in Student Activities Room (CC214). The printer/copier will be moved to the computer lab

B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley

1. E-board will be selecting Program Group Student Board
2. Committee updates are great, but some committees are still not updating – will push them to post
3. E-board will be eating dinner with Wellesley Student Government on Sunday, 11/6

C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson

1. Club Committee met for the first time
2. Looking at club policies, going to try to consolidate/update
3. Tracking down dissolved clubs/property and trying to decide what to do with it.

D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis

1. Weekly responsibilities going well.

- 2. Talked with a bunch of students about hot issues. See E-board minutes from Oct. 23.
 - 3. Constitution Committee met to begin Phase II.
- E. VPC
- 1. Working with CORE website working group, trying to get website externally live.
 - 2. Trying to figure out how to get suggested features onto the website
 - 3. Looking into getting newspapers in the dining hall again.
- II. Additional Reports
- A. Honor Board Representative
- 1. Went to a conference – presented on the Do Something clause and academic integrity
 - 2. Recap of conference at HB meeting on Thursday at 6-7PM in the Crescent Room.
- B. RLR
- 1. Facilities waiting for go-ahead approval by RLC on preliminary towel bars
 - 2. Talking with students who are Studying Away about rooming for next semester
 - 3. Talking with Joe McDonald about making West Wing first floor door of East hall an entrance as well as an exit
- C. SAC Chair
- 1. Halloween dance on Friday – costume contest judged at Midnight
 - 2. Staff/Faculty contest judged at 12:30PM on Monday
 - 3. ExpressO on November 4th
 - 4. Scav Hunt planning kicking up – will be on the 5th
- D. SERV Representative
- 1. SERV Auction still the thing going on – taking donations until Nov. 1. Auction is on the 11th
- E. Committees and Working Groups
- 1. Constitution Committee (Steve)
 - a. Met Saturday. Outlined areas that we would like to discuss for Phase II. Will likely have amendments next week.
 - 2. Gift Committee (Dean)
 - a. Poster still waiting to be signed. Thanks to all of those who signed it.
 - 3. Role of Class Reps (Nick)
 - a. Look for a survey tonight or tomorrow.
 - 4. Information Dissemination (Mike)
 - a. Didn't meet – nothing really to report.
 - 5. Recognition of History (Ryan)
 - a. Will be meeting with people who are planning similar things, to get an idea of what they are doing.
- F. Others
- III. Club Admin
- A. Olin Trinity Fire Fighting Robotics Club Proposal
- 1. Mission: The Olin Trinity Fire Fighting Robotics Club competes annually in the Trinity Fire Fighting Competition. President: Scott McClure
 - 2. Brought to the GA because the club is very narrowly focused, which is something that hasn't happened before.
 - 3. Should the mission be broadened?

- a. The club was formed with the express intent of competing in this competition, so other robotics wouldn't be the focus
- 4. Looking to other sources of funding in addition to CORE, total budget \$1000 max, probably not all from CORE
- 5. Possibility of doing a passionate pursuit and getting funding that way
- 6. Idea of linking with Wellesley's team
- 7. Not sure if the narrow scope actually affects ability to be a club
- 8. Competition is in April, and has been in existence for 5 years now, likely the club will remain active in future years
- 9. Robot will be relatively small, so storage will not be too much of an issue.
- 10. Club approved.

B. SWE Line Item

- 1. Asking for \$480 for 50% of conference registration costs for 12 students
 - a. Covers admission to career fair, all booths, and all workshops (networking, resume building, etc...)
 - b. Motion to amend motion to \$240 to reimburse ½ of the cost of 6 entrance fees, to be divided among all members attending
 - i. \$240 seems low – other clubs get much more than \$240 for their events
 - ii. Registration is the official part of the event – transportation would be the thing to cut
 - iii. Question called. Passed.
 - iv. Motion fails.
 - c. Question called. Passed
 - d. Motion passes.
- 2. Asking for \$700 for airfare/travel expenses for 12 students for trip to Anaheim, CA. Total transportation cost estimated at \$3520.
 - a. Motion to reduce the line item to \$300 to cover ½ the cost of rental cars.
 - i. Removes airfare
 - ii. No longer post-spending approval
 - iii. Desire to divide line item into more discrete parts and not just lump change it
 - iv. Motion fails
 - b. Question called. Failed.
 - c. Motion to divide the question
 - i. One motion for \$300 for car rental, second motion for \$400 for airfare.
 - ii. Actual costs: Airfare = \$2920; Car = \$600
 - iii. Breakdown not necessarily very important – request was just for “transportation.”
 - (1) Confusion about intent of motion...easier to talk about transportation as a whole
 - iv. Breakdown also allows distinction of pre-spending approval (car rental) and post-spending approval (airfare)
 - v. SWE didn't make a distinction, might be unfair to vote based upon such a distinction
 - vi. Question called. Passes.
 - vii. Motion to divide the question fails.
 - d. Question called. Passed.
 - e. Motion passes.

3. Concern about establishing a precedent for supporting airline tickets
 - a. Conference location not in control of SWE.
4. First conference for which SWE will be an official chapter. Have been nominated for an award.
5. CORE policy asks for pre-spending approval, and does not technically allow pre-approval spending of more than \$100
 - a. SWE was just formed, so couldn't really ask for approval prior to spending.
 - b. Event was advertised before being a club, and no promise of CORE money to be spend when student signed up
 - c. Didn't apply to be a club prior to last week because SWE was under MFE until the beginning of the Fall, when MFE dissolved SWE became a club.
 - d. Really asking CORE for help, no expectations for CORE funding. Policy might not apply.
6. Students feel uncomfortable about spending lots of money for an off-campus event
 - a. Value of approval equivalent to 2/3 of Student Activities Fee for each student attending
 - b. Worry about precedent – approving large amounts of funds for small numbers of people to travel to distant places. What is fair?
 - i. Approval can be contingent on future action by CORE (to prevent use as precedent)
 - ii. Contingency makes some uncomfortable – we should make a decision that is sustainable
 - iii. Could hurt our case to get funding from other areas of the school, especially because they are looking for reasons to cut budget
 - (1) Can't really assume this, and the reverse could be true – it might encourage others by leading by example
 - iv. Critical to justify why this is a one-time thing, especially if we are concerned about precedent
 - c. Concern that events like this are not really what the Student Activities Fee was meant for. Funding requests for events like this can balloon greatly.
 - d. Question on the benefit of 12 people instead of 5 (or any other smaller number)
 - i. Don't think it is fair to limit the number of people that can go.
 - ii. At least one person from every class going to the event
 - iii. Do all 12 need to be funded – can we fund 6 instead?
 - iv. Every additional person that is sent needs to get the money from somewhere. Realistically, a cap is necessary.
 - v. Large conference makes sense to send more delegates, who can split up and cover more ground
 - vi. Regional conferences exist, where transportation is much less. Unsure of marginal benefit of the large national conference.
 - (1) National conference is far larger than regional one (estimate: 10x)

7. Reasons why the conference is important
 - a. Many very important things that come from the conference – students will be imparted with a great deal of information that can be brought back to the Olin Community
 - b. Exchange of ideas and best practices brought back
 - c. Possibility of national recognition
 - d. Will give a presentation and write-up in SWE newsletter
 - e. Can also be viewed as a one-time startup investment
8. Comparatively, Olin is sending a large portion of our student body to the event (when compared with representation from other schools)
9. People would be able to go regardless of how much money CORE decides to fund. Looking for CORE support.
10. SWE just received an OIR grant for \$1,000 for this event.
 - a. Might not be necessary for CORE to fund as much
11. Concern that CORE is not the best place for a professional organization
12. This is very much a start-up thing, and SWE intends to learn from this experience and improve for next year.
13. Have not fundraised from among the student body – not really very practical to get smaller sums of money. Tried to get larger grants instead.

Roll Call Vote on Registration Fee Line Item:

For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Dieker	Mike Curtis	Carmelle Tsai
Lee Edwards	Michael Ducker	Heather Casper
Matt Donahoe		Cheryl Inouye
Jonathan Raphael		
Ryan Hubbard		
Tiana Veldwisch		
Kevin Tostado		
Daniel Lindquist		
Nick Hays		
Dan Lin		
Etosha Cave		
Dan Bufford		
Alex Dillon		
Joe Kendall		
Joe Holler		
Chris Dellin		
Steve Krumholz		

Roll Call Vote on Transportation Line Item:

For:	Against:	Abstain:
Dean Dieker	Mike Curtis	Carmelle Tsai
Lee Edwards	Michael Ducker	Heather Casper
Matt Donahoe	Nick Hays	Cheryl Inouye
Joe Holler	Jonathan Raphael	Alex Dillon
Ryan Hubbard	Joe Kendall	Kevin Tostado
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Daniel Lindquist		
Etosha Cave		
Dan Bufford		

(10 minute recess called mid-motion)

IV. Committees

- A. Motion to create Professional Society Student Chapter Investigations Committee
 - 1. Charge: to investigate the appropriateness of having student chapters of professional organizations as clubs, to create potential funding models for student chapters, and to recommend a policy to the GA regarding these issues.
 - 2. Motion passes.
 - 3. Committee: Lee (Chair), Joe H., Dan B., Carmelle, Heather, Etosha
- B. CORE Constitution Committee Amendment
 - 1. On the table from last week. No comments. Will wait one more week.
- C. Committee for Commencement Greeters Selection Process
 - 1. Greeter = internal speaker at commencement.
 - 2. Motion to create the Committee for Commencement Greeters Selection Process.
 - a. Charge: to evaluate the selection processes for students, faculty, and staff and propose a policy to the GA for approval.
 - b. Motion passes.
 - c. Committee: Tiana (Chair), Kevin, Dean

V. Discussion

- A. Big 'Ol CORE party
 - 1. Need to advertise – Etosha has prepared flyers
 - 2. Word of mouth!
- B. CORE Table – Wed. 11-2PM
 - 1. Dean 11 – 12; Carmelle 12 – 1; Tommy 1 – 2.

Motions:

Action	Person	Vote	Text
Motion to amend the Constitution	Steve	Remains tabled for 1 more week	See Style and Consistency Amendment Document, Version 3
Create the Professional Society Student Chapter Investigations Committee	Lee	Approved	Charge: to investigate the appropriateness of having student chapters of professional organizations as clubs, to create potential funding models for student chapters, and to recommend a policy to the GA regarding these issues.
Create the Committee for Commencement Greeters Selection Process	Dan Lindquist	Approved	Charge: to evaluate the selection processes for students, faculty, and staff and propose a policy to the GA for approval

Line Items

Club	Amount	Summary

SWE	\$700	subsidy for transportation to Anaheim, CA for 12 people
SWE	\$480	50% of \$80 registration fee costs for 12 people (\$40 per person reimbursed)

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM. Duration: 2.5 hours

Approved: SMK, TCC, MWC, DLB, NAH, CT, LSC, MJD, EC, MRD, KJT, HAC, DRL, DLD, DTL, LRE, RMH, JPK, CMI, TEV, JH, CMD