



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Meeting
September 12, 2005 7:30 PM

Present:

Tommy Cecil (President), Dan Lindquist (VPSI), Lee Edwards (VPCL), Steven Krumholz (VPFR), Mike Curtis (VPC), Kevin Tostado (2006 Rep), Etosha Cave (2006 Rep), Dean Dieker (2007 Rep), Dan Bufford (2007 Rep), Ryan Hubbard (2008 Rep), Chris Dellin (2008 Rep), Joe Holler (2009 Rep), Michael Ducker (2009 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), Alex Dillon (SAC Chair), Carmelle Tsai (SERV Rep)

Tardy/Left Early: Lilly Cho (HB Rep), Tiana Veldwisch (RLR), Joe Kendall (2W Rep)

Absent:

Visitors: Janet Tsai (VPSI Emeritus), Joelle Arnold

Summary: Committee selection soon. Wellesley Club Fair 7:00PM Wednesday. Standing committees repopulated. Discussion on committee selection – will modify process slightly to help get more feedback about nominees. CORE table Wednesday 11:00 – 2:00. GA Meeting time changed to 6:30 on Mondays.

Agenda

- I. Officer Reports
 - A. President & Review of E-Board Meeting
 1. Robert's Rules for today
 - a. Robert's Rules – useful for making sure that opinions are heard
 - b. Mike Curtis (VPC) is parliamentarian – oversees use of RR
 - c. Modified version for the day until everyone knows them better
 2. Laptop use – keep closed unless necessary
 3. Club fair fantastic. Lee rocks. So does Carmelle.
 - B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley
 1. Exciting week – committee list going out tonight
 - a. 56 positions to be filled on 25 committees
 - b. Appointments will be made this weekendish
 2. Contacted Wellesley VP – Club/Organization night Wednesday 7-9PM
 - a. Open to people from Olin
 - b. CORE will do our best to have a table or some presence there
 - C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson
 1. Club fair
 - a. Over 40 clubs represented
 - b. 5 new club Proposals
 - c. Open won club table
 2. New line items
 3. Working on new club packet
 4. Babson still there
 - D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis
 1. Still don't have official numbers on rollover money and such – waiting on Financial Services to finish up things from last year
 2. Cross-checked Constitution on website with public document

- 3. Reminder about approval of minutes
- E. VPC
 - 1. CORE website going live and external somewhat soon.
 - 2. Need bios for 'officer' section
 - 3. Plasma screens are back and working again
- II. Additional Reports
 - A. Honor Board Representative
 - 1. HB elections approaching – Sept. 21 evening
 - B. RLR
 - 1. Move in and orientation went well
 - 2. Storage has settled down – open and unlocked. Put stuff in there.
 - 3. East hall inhabited (big step). RLC taking down lists of + and Δ about East Hall – send to area reps
 - 4. 1st floor lounge of West Hall reserved for SCOPE, not lounging
 - 5. Interested in collecting feedback about alcohol policy
 - 6. Lofting policy slightly revised for East Hall
 - 7. Call public safety during class time to unlock doors. Only R2 on duty has master keys.
 - 8. RLC will be looking at policies for team rooms, kitchen
 - C. SAC Chair
 - 1. Going well – beach trip coming up. Possible outdoor movie.
 - D. SERV Representative
 - 1. Ideas to get freshmen involved should be sent to Carmelle.
 - E. Committees and Working Groups
 - 1. Unrestricted Funds and Club Assets Committee (UFACAC) (Lee)
 - a. Nothing new to report – haven't met this year
 - b. Have a couple of proposals, but not quite adequate
 - c. Need another member or two to replace members that left
 - F. Others
 - 1. Class of 2006 Representatives
 - a. Going to form a senior work group to address larger senior issues like senior week
 - b. Want to try to organize at least 1 event per month – not necessarily senior only
 - c. Month of September will have class meeting (with wine and cheese) as a brainstorming for senior year events
- III. Committees
 - A. Amendment from New Initiatives Fund Committee – reviewing current amendment on the table
 - 1. Everyone should look at amendment and ask any necessary questions
 - 2. Will be voted on next week
 - 3. Tabled for second week
 - B. Standing committee for Constitution
 - 1. Constitution has some inconsistencies, want to get it up to date
 - 2. Motion from Kevin to create CCC: verify the accuracy and completeness of the CORE Constitution and propose any amendments as needed to bring the document up to date
 - 3. Motion from Mike to amend the motion to state that the committee has no less than three members
 - 4. Committee: Steve (Chair), Kevin, Michael D., Mike C
 - C. Gift Committee – repopulate

1. Nice to get gifts for people leaving Olin to say “thank you”
 2. Committee: Dean (Chair), Etosha, Cheryl
- D. UFACAC – repopulate
1. One vacancy – can replace with one or more people
 2. Standing members: Lee (Chair), Steve, Tiana, Dean
 3. New Members: Matt, Dan B.

IV. Discussion

A. Committee selection

1. E-board usually chooses goes on committees
2. E-board probably will no longer be representative of classes
3. Dan asks for people to help advertise committees
 - a. Volunteers: Tommy, Dean, Tiana, Ryan
4. How to make sure input about candidates is gathered and heard
 - a. Have representatives in room during committee selection
 - i. Confidentiality issues – more people = less confidential
 - b. Get class reps to gather input for E-board
 - i. Actively seek feedback from freshmen reps about freshmen nominees
 - ii. Dialogue more rich than Q&A
 - iii. Physical meeting with class reps before selection
 - iv. Class reps can take the responsibility to give feedback (nominee list is publicly available)
 - c. Send e-mail to candidates to talk with current reps
 - d. All classes should have equal representation – encourage everyone to apply and give feedback
5. Dissemination of information about committees/representatives
 - a. E-mail describing all committees and encouraging nominations from anyone in the student body
 - b. Perhaps use flyers to help increase visibility?
 - c. Two committees have reserved spots for freshmen
 - d. List of current reps, committee reports and such will be on website, which will be live soon
 - e. System still in place to ask community for feedback about committee nominees
6. Concern about finding a steady-state solution
 - a. E-mail requires effort, especially one about someone else’s ability to serve on a committee
 - b. More voices in committee selection makes it even harder – don’t have more people in the room to pick committees
 - c. Perhaps a solution to gather feedback without e-mails
 - d. Need to have voices of all class reps
7. Solution?
 - a. Open time for people to come talk to E-board and relay feedback in person (not huge group of people, divide up E-board to decrease size)
 - b. Trick is to get people involved in feedback without making it forced
 - c. Send out a survey about everyone
 - i. Too many names...people will get tired
 - ii. Bordering on an election
8. Favorite ideas

- a. Office Hours for E-board
 - b. Reps from every grade level talk individually with E-board
 - c. **Current system (E-mail for feedback, esp. from reps)**
 - i. E-board will have office hours in case anyone really wants to talk to them
 - d. Excellence Voting
- B. CORE Table
- 1. Weekly table in dining hall encouraging students to sit down and chat with CORE members at the table
 - 2. Time: Wednesday, lunch (11:00 – 2:00)
 - 3. Suggestions for next CORE table
 - a. Committees
 - b. Current amendment
 - c. UFACAC stuff
- C. What is the CORE retreat?
- 1. Time to help set a vision for the year
 - 2. Learn about each other and about CORE – makes group more dynamic
 - 3. Think about good things to talk about at the CORE retreat
- D. Meeting time on Monday moved earlier - 6:30 on Monday**
- E. Awesome motivational pep-talk from Janet. Woo!

Motions:

Action	Person	Vote	Text
Move to create the CCC (CORE Constitution Committee)	Kevin	Unanimous, For	Charge: verify the accuracy and completeness of the CORE Constitution and propose any amendments as needed to bring the document up to date
Amend the CCC Charge	Mike C.	Unanimous, For	The CCC should have no less than 3 members from the GA

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM. Duration: 1 hour 15 minutes.

Approved: SMK, MWC, LRE, TCC, DRL, HAC, DLB, DLD, CT, CMI, MKD, KJT, TEV, MJD

Appendix

Pending club funding restriction amendment. Will be discussed at the next full GA meeting (formatting not accurate to constitution):

Article IV - Funding

Section 4: Limitations on Funding

No funding shall be provided to clubs, organizations, or activities that:

- A.** Violate the core values of Olin College.
- ~~**B.** Are redundant of other activities at Olin College.~~
- B.** Violate any Olin College *or* CORE Policies.
- ~~**C.** Use flyers in non-designated areas as a means of communication.~~
- ~~**C.** Use unsolicited *unapproved* mass communication to *the* Student Body (clubs may submit items for the digest published by the Vice President of Communication).~~