



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Meeting
September 19, 2005 6:30 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), Dan Bufford (2007 Rep), Dean Dieker (2007 Rep), Ryan Hubbard (2008 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), Lilly Cho (HB Rep), Tiana Veldwisch (RLR), Alex Dillon (SAC Chair), Carmelle Tsai (SERV Rep)

Tardy/Left Early:

Absent:

Visitors: Joelle Arnold

Summary: CORE retreat this weekend. Committee reps selected, new committees on the table. HB open forum Wed. at 7PM. Funding guidelines in Constitution amended. Guidelines for unrestricted funds approved. Possible goals for the year/discussion at CORE retreat. Discussion on club space.

Agenda

I. Officer Reports

A. President & Review of E-Board Meeting

1. Where we're going to meet
 - a. AC 328, rest of the semester
2. E-mail from Joe Hunter – interested in increasing communication on campus to help foster community. Looking into solutions.
3. Reminder about CORE retreat – this weekend, likely at Wellesley
4. Meeting with Rod - Class Reps can't serve alcohol w/o Needham liquor license and Needham Police Officers, or can pay for Sodexo to serve. Talking about senior parking in Lot B.
5. Want to start on CORE t-shirts early this year. Send suggestions or designs to Tommy.
6. New assignment for Gift Committee – see Tommy

B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley

1. New committee members appointed
2. Four new committees needing 20 reps coming up
 - a. Program groups (one group for each major, 5 students each)
 - b. Alumni association steering committee (1F, 1So, 1J, 2Se)
 - c. Wellesley Org Night – talked to clubs at Wellesley, trying to organize cross-campus communication
 - d. Meeting with Wellesley VP to talk about Wellesley-Olin relationship

C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson

1. Passed line items at E-board meeting
2. Two new clubs
3. Yarr!

- D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis
 - 1. Met with Rachel to get a better idea of when financial data will be available for this year – Fridayish
 - 2. Will be working with Carol to create a “financial fact sheet” for Clubs and Organizations
- E. VPC
 - 1. Thanks for bios!
 - 2. Gearing up for comprehensive look at CORE communications
- II. Additional Reports
 - A. Honor Board Representative
 - 1. HB Open forum this Wed. 9/21 at 7 in the auditorium
 - B. RLR
 - 1. ResLife met last week to look at storage stuff – talking about a yard sale for unwanted stuff. Also thinking about one in the Spring.
 - 2. Bunch of electronics in 4th floor team room – needs to be cleaned up.
 - 3. Still collecting lists about +s and Δs about East Hall
 - a. East Hall budget empty
 - b. Can request for next year, or take OSL money that could be used for study breaks
 - 4. Decided against making team room policies
 - 5. Looking at Fall Room lottery, and how to deal with empty beds/filling beds
 - C. SAC Chair
 - 1. SAC going well
 - 2. Working on dates for big dance this Fall
 - 3. Talked about having a “not Tower Court” with Wellesley on 9/30
 - D. SERV Representative
 - 1. SERV budget allocated for the year
 - 2. Working on a SERV week in mid-October
 - 3. Working on response to Katrina
 - E. Committees and Working Groups
 - 1. Unrestricted Funds and Club Assets Committee (UFACAC) (Lee)
 - a. Met last week, created a proposal
 - 2. Constitution Committee (Steve)
 - a. Had to iron out some constitution stuff with Mike before meeting, will be having our first meeting this week
 - F. Others
 - 1. Senior class looking at class ring – other classes invited to “get in on the action”
- III. Line Items
 - A. Class of 2006 Reps
 - 1. Line item for Class Meeting – up to \$100 for cheese, crackers, soda, cups, etc...
 - 2. Line item approved
- IV. Committees
 - A. Amendment from New Initiatives Fund Committee (amendment off the table - up for discussion and voting)
 - 1. Discussion before vote – everything looks OK
 - 2. Policies more fluid, flexible, appropriate for restrictions on clubs
 - 3. Probably better if Constitution simply empowers CORE to write policies, and does not enumerate what the policies should state

4. All sections taken out of Constitution are already in policies
 5. Motion to amend the Constitution as written in the amendment
- B. UFACAC proposals (see Appendix B)
1. Unrestricted funds
 - a. Financial Services wants to be able to track larger amounts of money flow for tax purposes
 - b. Want to make sure that club presidents don't forget about income and not use/spend it
 - c. Ensure that Club assets carry over from year to year
 - d. Clubs can create accounts to manage their own finances, but VPFR needs to be informed, and club needs to have enough asset turnaround to make the extra effort worthwhile
 - e. Week delay intended to allow some flexibility in quick-turnaround spending
 - f. Motion by Lee to turn UFACAC proposal into CORE policy
 - i. Motion passes
 2. Club Assets
 - a. More concrete (be explicit, especially because cmte has decision making power)
 - b. Define "deal with club-related issues"
 - c. Fundraiser goods don't fall into this policy
 - d. Committee more flexible to deal with case-by-case basis
 - e. CORE doesn't necessarily assert jurisdiction over club assets (CORE constitution unclear)...make it more clear?
 - f. Motion to sent proposal back to UFACAC for reconsideration
 - i. Motion passes
 3. Reconsider proposal, perhaps make it more formal/concrete
 - a. Consider not making it a committee – make a simple policy
 - i. Policy might not be able to handle all situations
 - ii. Lots of grey area – standing committee might be able to handle it better
 - b. Financial Services considerations with assets as well as cash
- C. Help Lee – become Ambassador to Babson
1. Nobody on GA really wants to do it
 2. Ask the student body?

V. Discussion

- A. Open Forum – Goals for the year?
 1. Help guide discussion at retreat
 2. NERF battle with MIT?
 3. Discussion about liaisons on GA (SAC Chair, RLR, etc...)
 4. Area reps – how many?
 5. Role of class reps and area reps in general
 6. Separating ambassadorships from VP positions
 7. The way that we use resources for communication
 8. January term (experimentation on classes, optional laid-back classes, etc)
 9. Reinstitution of Partner Year
 10. Committee selection/appointments consideration
 11. Transition of CORE from when Class of 2006 isn't around
 12. Re-visit election procedures
 13. Get students involved in SERV
 14. Club space

- B. Where are clubs going to go?
 - 1. Clubs used to have activities in unused AC rooms. Pushed out now due to use of classrooms for classes and research labs
 - 2. Clubs don't have space to "do their things"
 - 3. Probably have Jam Room for first semester – rooms in East Hall not sufficient
 - a. Building B – talk to Large Scale Project Space Committee
 - b. Perhaps a "Building B-"
 - 4. Olin's houses are rented out, inhabited and/or already used for other purposes
 - 5. Perhaps push back to get space in AC
 - 6. Dining Hall can be reserved, but needs to be worked out with facilities/Public Safety
- C. CORE Table – Wed. 11-2PM
 - 1. Topic of CORE retreat
 - 2. Club space?

Motions:

Action	Person	Vote	Text
Amend the Constitution	Kevin	Unanimous, for	See Appendix A
Set CORE Guideline Policy for Unrestricted Funds	Lee	Unanimous, for	See Appendix B

Line Items

Club	Amount	Summary
2006 Reps	\$100	Snacks and such for Class Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 8:00PM. Duration: 1 hour 30 minutes.

Approved: SMK, LRE, MWC, TCC, DRL, CMD, TV, RMH, JR, NAH, KJT, JPK, HAC, CT, LSC, DLD, AED, MJD, DTL, CMI, ERC, JRH

Appendix A

Article VI - 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).~~

Appendix B

UFACAC's proposal for dealing with club assets is as follows:

We propose that CORE form a Club Meta Committee to assist the VPCL in dealing with club-related issues. The committee would be comprised of the VPCL, VPFR (to deal with financial club issues), the SAC Chair, and perhaps a couple of club presidents chosen from the student body (perhaps via CCO). The committee can also bring in other members as it deems necessary. One charge of this committee would be to deal with club assets, both in the case of current clubs selling property (what happens to the funds generated?) and clubs dissolving (what to do with their property?).

Guidelines on use of unrestricted funds:

Unrestricted funds are the funds that Clubs have raised or acquired from a source other than CORE. Clubs are encouraged to keep their Unrestricted Funds in the possession of the Vice President of Finance and Records. Any amount in excess of \$50 should be submitted to the VPFR within a week of acquiring the money. Clubs are free to use their Unrestricted Funds to make purchases, and should submit a receipt to the VPFR for reimbursement. Clubs may define the procedures for approving the use of Unrestricted Funds in their charters. Club purchases using Unrestricted Funds must abide by the Honor Code and the core values of Olin College.