



Council of Olin Representatives

CORE GENERAL ASSEMBLY Meeting

February 06, 2006 7:00 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), Chris Dellin (2008 Rep), Ryan Hubbard (2008 Rep), Michael Ducker (2009 Rep), Joe Kendall (2W Rep), Heather Casper (3W Rep), Matt Donahoe (2E Rep), Nick Hays (3E Rep), Cheryl Inouye (4E Rep), Alex Dillon (SAC Chair), Carmelle Tsai (SERV Rep), Lilly Cho (HB Rep), Tiana Veldwisch (RLR)

Tardy/Left Early: Joe Holler (2009 Rep), Jonathan Raphael (4W Rep), Dan Lin (1E Rep)

Absent:

Visitors: Andrew Coats, Andrew Bouchard

Summary: Rod and Dr. M to attend GA meeting in the future. Valentines Day flowers on sale in dining hall this week. Mario Kart tournament Friday, Rocky Horror Saturday. Line Items approved: ROC, Operating Expenses (Serving Dishes), Operating Expenses (West Hall Remotes). Serving Dishes Purchasing Committee created. Four new amendments proposed. Discussion on resolution of election tie. CORE Table feedback.

Agenda

I. Officer Reports

A. President & Review of E-Board Meeting

1. Talked about how to reduce time required for CORE
2. Talked about ways to decrease difficulty in scheduling time – may petition for a scheduling block
3. Turned down 24 Club proposal
4. Trying to request an “open air fire” for Founders Day event
5. Dr. M will be coming to GA on 3/6
6. Rod will be coming to the GA on 2/29

B. VPSI & Ambassador to Wellesley

1. Committee appointments this week

C. VPCL & Ambassador to Babson

1. E-board started to look over non-approved club charters. Will be making suggestions and sending them back
2. CCO will be meeting Wed. during lunch to talk about professional societies and 50% ticket rule

D. VPFR & Ambassador to Brandeis

1. No news from Scott about the P-Card or Rachel about rollover
2. Will be meeting with Rod and Helen trying to plan an Olin trip to Brandeis’s Rose Art Museum

E. VPC

1. Working on XMLifying Constitution section of CORE website

II. Additional Reports

A. Honor Board Representative

1. Honor Board will be sending out a survey to student body this week to solicit feedback from the student body
 2. Discussions about restructuring of the Board – come to meetings if interested
 3. No applicants for Honor Board yet
- B. RLR
1. R2 application process is beginning this week – come to drop-in sessions in lounges this week. Get applications from a current R2. Applications due 2/21/06.
 2. R2 interview team – Matt Donahoe, Jonathan Raphael, Lilly Cho, Chandra Little
 3. Will be getting grills and picnic tables for space between Res Halls
 4. Can graduating Seniors be R2s?
- C. SAC Chair
1. Selling flowers in Dining Hall for Valentines Day
 2. Rocky Horror in Harvard Square at midnight on Saturday (into Sunday)
 3. Mario Kart tournament Friday
 4. Call for acts for Candidate’s Weekend variety show
- D. SERV Representative
1. Restructuring – trying to assign different projects to individual board members in an attempt to more directly support projects
- E. Committees and Working Groups
1. Constitution Committee (Steve)
 - a. 3 new amendments today. More to come in the future, as well.
 2. Gift Committee (Dean)
 - a. Asking for ideas for gifts for Ellen, Katherine, and Bill Knorr
 - b. Will make thank-you notes for Scott and Joe for towelbars
 3. Role of Class Reps (Nick)
 - a. Talking about creating a single transition guide for representatives
 4. Information Dissemination (Mike)
 - a. No report
 5. Recognition of History (Ryan)
 - a. Met – write-up coming next week
 6. Club Committee (Lee)
 - a. Meeting Wednesday
 7. Professional Society Student Chapter Investigations Committee (Lee)
 - a. Meeting Friday, talking to club presidents on Wednesday
- F. Others
- III. Club Admin
- A. Republicans of Olin college Line Item
1. Asking for \$500 for food for a gala event at Wellesley
 - a. Massachusetts Area College Republicans Gala – annual event at Wellesley. Joint effort between Harvard, Wellesley, and Olin.
 - b. Statewide event – people from all of MA there. Students and politicians.
 - c. Olin taking care of all of the food for the event. Will be purchasing food from Sam’s Club, and doing the preparation.
 - d. Event was professionally catered last year.
 - e. Club has 5-6 active members, about 20 on mailing list

- f. Concern about percentage of cost fronted by Olin, as compared to other schools
 - g. Wellesley taking care of venue and alcohol for event, Harvard taking care of cost of live swing band
 - h. ROC had initially asked for \$1,000, but CCO knocked allocation down to \$500. Andrew feels as though this is the best use of that money.
 - i. Some concern that this might not be enough money – suggestion to look for outside funding. Seems to fit political mindset – perhaps try to tap Needham
 - i. Looked a little bit for outside funding, but no success
 - ii. Still trying to find other sources
 - j. Anticipated 150 person attendance, perhaps 5-10 Olin students
 - k. Comments from students from lunch:
 - i. It would be nice to try to provide as much non-monetary support as possible
 - ii. SWE went to CA, similarly pertinent to goals of the club (networking, school relationships, etc...)
 - iii. Like the idea of the networking and the relationship with Wellesley
 - l. If Olin doesn't get funding, club members will likely pay money out of pocket
 - m. Unlike SWE thing, this event isn't providing any thing valuable to Olin – nothing is coming back.
 - n. Wellesley and Harvard clubs funded via fundraisers and student governments.
 - o. Sentiment that it would have been much nicer for ROC to have come to the GA prior to committing to spending money on the event.
 - i. Kind of need to re-address the concept of “guilt” in a line item – spending prior to approval. Though this isn't quite that, it feels like it.
 - p. Started planning for the event in December. Wellesley comfortable with “risk” of leaving food in Olin's hands. Wellesley has no real contingency
 - q. Event will be open to all Olin students
 - r. Consistent with CORE's funding guidelines
 - s. Hope to be invited back in the future, and perhaps get outside funding once the club can get moving. Relying on this event to get people more involved in the club.
 - t. CORE has a great amount of money unallocated (~\$20k), running out of time in this year
 - u. Event is the same time as Candidate's Weekend
 - v. Motion passes.
2. Asking for \$200 from NI for serving trays for gala
- a. Can't borrow large chafing dishes/trays from dining hall b/c of Candidate's Weekend
 - b. OK with dishes belonging to CCO/CORE. Wants line item because they need them.
 - c. People at CORE table thought it was a good idea.
 - d. There is plenty of space to store them.

- e. About \$80/dish, would need 2
- f. Motion to amend allocation, changing value to \$240 and change source from NI to Operating Expenses
 - i. Perhaps increase allocation to get a full set of serving dishes
 - ii. Might want to wait to consider it in more depth and wait on approval, but ROC kind of needs the money ASAP
 - iii. Many students agreed that it would be useful to have student body owned serving dishes, instead of relying on dining hall.
 - iv. Motion to amend passes
- g. Motion passes - \$240 allocated from CORE Operating expenses for serving dishes.
- 3. Motion to create a 3-person Serving Dishes Purchasing Committee to work with Andrew and get the service-wear.
 - a. Motion passes
 - b. Tommy (Chair), Tiana, Mike C., Andrew Bouchard
- 4. Motion to allocate an additional \$160 from Operating Expenses to service-wear, to be spent by the Serving Dishes Purchasing Committee
 - a. Motion passes
- B. Meat Club
 - 1. Submitted charter, and have new leadership
 - 2. E-board hasn't looked through charter in detail, but it represents a real effort to make it legitimate
 - 3. Not fair to hold Meat Club accountable for an unapproved charter when pretty much every other club has an unapproved charter at this time
 - 4. Meat Club has money allocated, but can't spend it until they are off of probation
 - 5. Motion to take Meat Club off of probation
 - 6. Motion Passes
- C. Residence Life
 - 1. Motion to allocate \$80 from New Initiatives Fund to Residence Life Representative for purchase of new remotes and batteries for West Hall televisions
 - 2. Motion to change allocation to Operating Expenses
 - a. Motion passes
 - 3. All 3 remotes are dead (and have been for some time). Need replacing.
 - 4. Motion passes

IV. Constitution

- A. Residence Life Committee Amendment (See Appendix A, B)
 - 1. Some debate over usefulness/appropriateness of adding "Chair" to end of "Student Activities Committee"
 - a. The section is really about the committee, not just the chair
 - b. All other Sections in Article IV refer to the person filling the position, putting "Chair" there seems consistent – SAC isn't in the GA, but the Chair is
 - c. Change just for the sake of change?
 - 2. Motion to divide the amendment into two parts. One addressing the "Chair" and one addressing the RLC addition
 - a. Motion Passes
 - 3. Student Activities Committee Chair Amendment

- a. Constitution committee should meet and discuss
 - b. Amendment tabled for 1 week
 - 4. Residence Life Committee Amendment
 - a. Amendment tabled for 1 week
- B. Election Presider Amendment (See Appendix C)
 - 1. Seniority not defined anywhere in the Constitution, the amendment changes the wording to read that any member in the GA can run the election
 - a. Kevin will revise election guidelines to reflect this
 - 2. Amendment tabled for 1 week
- C. Trustee Committee Delegate Amendment (See Appendix D)
 - 1. Unclear how to interpret “elected CORE representative” – change it to a member of the GA
 - 2. “Elected” seems to create unnecessary preference for certain members of the GA, but everyone has equal say
 - 3. Unclear who is a CORE representative – SAC Chair? SERV Rep?
 - 4. Amendment tabled for 1 week

V. Discussion

- A. What if we have a tie?
 - 1. Not in constitution
 - 2. Runoff of all tied, re-run election, anything else?
 - 3. Support for a runoff
 - 4. Public RPS tournament? Flip a coin?
 - 5. Change to a plurality runoff (only one vote, not excellence)
 - 6. Make sure the policy covers more than 2 people in a runoff
 - 7. Perhaps work on a solution that doesn't involve the entire student body
 - 8. Decide in GA.
- B. CORE Table
 - 1. Feedback
 - a. Question about inventory of club property – how do we know what belongs to which club?
 - i. Perhaps hand off to club committee
 - ii. CORE should also have an inventory of things available to all clubs
 - iii. Centralized source allows for many people to be able to use club assets
 - b. CORE table is populated mostly by Juniors and Seniors – should “bribe” underclassmen to come
 - c. Idea to bring back a modular building for CORE office
 - d. Many people want rowing machine
 - e. Put CORE table topics in the Digest
 - 2. Monday 11AM – 2PM
 - a. 11-12 Dellin; 11:30–12:30 – Kevin; 12-1 – Tiana
 - 3. Topics
 - a. What would you call Founder's Day
 - b. 50% reimbursement rule

Motions:

Action	Person	Vote	Text
Take The Meat Club off of	Lee	Motion Passes	Meat Club has new president and charter.

Probation			
Create Serving Dishes Purchasing Cmte	Etosha	Motion Passes	Committee is to purchase serving dishes for use at large student events
Motion to amend the Constitution	Steve	Tabled for 1 week	See Appendix A (SAC Chair)
Motion to amend the Constitution	Steve	Tabled for 1 week	See Appendix B (ResLife Committee)
Motion to amend the Constitution	Mike	Tabled for 1 week	See Appendix C (Election Presider)
Motion to amend the Constitution	Mike	Tabled for 1 week	See Appendix D (Trustee Delegate)

Line Items:

Club	Amount	Summary
ROC	\$500	Food for MACR Gala at Wellesley
Operating Expenses	\$400	Chafing Dishes and other service-ware
Operating Expenses	\$80	New Remotes for West Hall

Meeting adjourned at 9:00PM. Duration: 2 hours

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

Appendix A, B

Proposed Amendment to the CORE Constitution: Residence Life Committee Executive Summary

Amendment A: The amendment re-names the title SAC section to be descriptive of the *position* on the GA to which it refers, as opposed to the committee itself. This is more consistent with the rest of Article IV.

Amendment B: This amendment is intended to include the Residence Life Committee, by name, in the constitution. The intent is to clarify one of the primary roles of Residence Hall Representatives, and ensure that the RLR knows of their responsibility to the RLC.

Also considered for this amendment was changing the time at which the RLR was selected (change to May, instead of August), and eliminating the restriction on the RLR being a senior. However, consideration into the role of RLR, and that the RLR likely will have work to do over the summer led to the decision that it would be beneficial to keep RLR selection in the Fall, and allow the RLR term to carry through the summer. Consequently, the RLR must not be a Senior, so they are still a student of the college over the summer after graduation.

**Article IV
General Assembly**

[Amendment A]

Section 3: Student Activities Committee Chair

- A. An appointee of the President shall serve as the Student Activities Committee Chair.
 - 1. This person shall report directly to the Vice President of Campus Life and serve in the General Assembly.
 - 2. No individual shall serve in this position for more than one year; this clause does not apply to members of the Classes of 2006 and 2007.

- B. The Student Activities Committee shall be responsible for the planning of campus-wide events. Participation in the Student Activities Committee by members of the General Assembly is encouraged, though any interested members of the Olin Community may participate.

[Amendment B]

Section 4: Residence Life Representative

- A. The Residence Life Representative shall be selected according to the following guidelines:
 - 1. This representative shall be selected by the Resident Resources in August.
 - 2. This person may not be a Senior.
 - 3. The Executive Board and Dean of Student Life must approve his or her selection.
 - 4. No individual shall serve in this position for more than one year; this clause does not apply to the Classes of 2006 and 2007.
- B. The Residence Life Representative shall:
 - 1. Serve as CORE's voice in planning the Freshman orientation.
 - 2. Provide a voice in the General Assembly for Resident Resources.
 - 3. Coordinate the dispersal of CORE funds allotted to Resident Resources.
 - 4. **Chair the Residence Life Committee, as described in Article IV, Section 8.B.**
 - 5. Have a term that runs from the beginning of the Fall semester until the start of the next Fall semester.

Section 8: Residence Hall Representatives

- B. Residence Hall Representatives shall:
 - 1. Be the chief spokespeople for the residence hall and represent its best interests to members of the Olin Community.
 - 2. Serve on CORE committees, as they are able.
 - 3. Communicate with the Resident Resources for the residence hall that they represent.
 - 4. **Serve on the Residence Life Committee, which shall work with CORE and** the Office of Student Life on matters of residence life policy, to include:
 - a. Drafting and implementation of room selection procedures
 - b. Allocation of storage space within the residence hall
 - c. Policies regarding public safety and security
 - d. Assisting with the Resident Resource selection process
 - e. Other residence life matters, as determined by the Office of Student Life in concurrence with the General Assembly.

Appendix C

Proposed Amendment to the CORE Constitution: Election President

Executive Summary

The phrase "most senior CORE officer" is ambiguous because an order of seniority is never defined among the officers of CORE. Moreover, seeing that seniority is not an essential indicator for the selection of the election president, this phrase has been amended to require that the election president simply be a member of the CORE General Assembly.

**Article III
Executive Board**

Section 2: Executive Board Elections

- A. ~~The most senior CORE officer that~~ **A member of the CORE General Assembly who** is not running for office shall preside over elections. In the event that no student is eligible to preside, the Dean of Student Life shall preside.
- B. In early April, each candidate shall submit a petition bearing the supporting signatures of at least twenty students to the individual presiding over the elections. The petition shall state for which office or offices the candidate intends to run. Students who are Studying Away and students on Leave of Absence at the time of election are not eligible to run for the CORE Executive Board.

Appendix D

Proposed Amendment to the CORE Constitution: Trustee Committee Delegate Executive Summary

Seeing that the phrase “elected CORE representative” is not defined in the CORE Constitution, this amendment changes this phrase to the unambiguous “member of the CORE General Assembly,” when describing eligible delegates of the CORE President on Board of Trustee committees.

Article III Executive Board

Section 3: Duties and Powers of the President

The President shall:

- A. Uphold the Constitution of CORE.
- B. Serve as chairperson of the Executive Board and General Assembly.
- C. Call, preside over, and create agendas for meetings of CORE.
- D. Represent the Student Body to the Board of Trustees and President’s Advisory Council and have membership on, or delegate another ~~elected CORE representative~~ **member of the CORE General Assembly** membership on, all relevant committees of the Board of Trustees and President’s Advisory Council.
- E. Serve as the official representative of CORE and the Student Body.
- F. Serve as an official representative of the College when requested by the President of the College.