AGENDA

New Business:

1. August Finance and Expenditures Report
   - $5300 spent – people spent what they had
   - Have surplus rolling into next year
   - With new activities fee, nice surplus
   - Summer social $2200, one travel grant refunded (bulk of money)
   - Hoping to stay under budget
   - Well above surplus budgeted by last council (thanks, Danielle)
   - Two standard funding requests
   - *Question:* Soccer Club spent money on equipment and social activities
   - *Vote approved to post online*
   - Funding Request: $1000 from IGMP
     - Welcome Social (September 19th)
     - 50+ people (circulating) GRAD Lounge
     - With money given last year, had enough to give food to people
     - Positive reviews on food
     - Organize many events throughout the year in all seasons and all activities
       - Block funding used for smaller events, so larger amount requested so they can use block funding for other event
       - Last year: Block funding was $1,000, spent almost all of it
     - Food from Jewel of India and Orient Express – but open to all
     - All funding from GSC
     - International students assigned mentors – open to everyone, well-attended
     - Chance of finding funding from organizations?
     - Part of new round of funding (FY19-20)
     - Surplus from last year rolls over to this year
     - *Vote: Approve $1,000 but note that we may not provide similar money in the future*

2. New Organization Presentation

3. Budget – Review & Vote
   - “Everyone got a haircut”
   - Newer clubs weren’t given as much as consistent clubs
   - Most clubs don’t spend allotted budget
   - Formals don’t cost as much as allotted, so will budget less
   - Wanted to make sure we have a cushion
   - Can bump Activities fund up to 10K
   - Pizza at meetings – should we cut it?
     - Could possibly cut budget in half?
     - More conservative about ordering
   - Ivy+ Summit is gathering of Graduate Student Councils of Ivys
     - President, Vice President, Two Exec Board Members
• Housing Activities Coordinator
  o North Park event, but open to anyone (wine and cheese, apple picking)
    ▪ Similar to GSAC budget
    • Social chair connected into Graduate Student Office
    • Pumpkin carving, scarf-making, succulent planting, valentines, etc.
    • Tend to be co-hosted with other graduate student organizations
• Budget is from student fees and rollovers
  o No money from any of the graduate schools
• Dartmouth is unique in that we get 100% of activities fees
• Vote: Motion to bring $1000 of pizza budget into the standard funding
• Moving $2000 into standard activities fund

4. Updated Organization Recognition – Review & Vote
  • Going back to conversations with comptroller – concerned about organization recognition, how we can derecognize, particular language lingo, etc.
  • Goal: Be compliant with Dartmouth legal
    o Much of it are things we’ve done.
    o In-line with undergraduate student council
    o Need an advisor
    o Need to communicate with GSC (so we know you are an organization)
    o School approves things sponsored with non-Dartmouth groups
    o No hazing
    o Don’t overspend, and do not move money to external accounts due to reimbursement model
    o Can’t make agreements on behalf of school
    o No political campaign donations
    o Can’t be a proxy of a foreign government or private organization (legalese in document)
    o Can’t keep the money
    o Must get approval to partner with external organization
    o Want to protect students
• Withdrawal of recognition:
  o Notify organization why removal is occurring
  o Organizations can come before GSC
  o GSC pass majority vote to remove
  o Organization can reapply in six months
  o Add to website a form for individuals to submit
• Note: No longer a requirement to have certain departments, because we ensure academically-focused groups are successful
• Motion to approve recognition packet passes

5. Potential Bylaws Discussion
  • Funding the purchase of liquor
    • Need to comply with “vague” Dartmouth rules – cannot reimburse the purchase of liquor
      o Does not allow hard liquor on campus
      o Do not allow funding of alcohol for undergraduate organizations, and graduate organizations are an exception
    • Cannot put alcohol on credit card
    • Can’t have “hard alcohol” (30 proof) most places on campus
    • Motion to Table until reimbursement policies can be figured out
• Student Travel Grant – Blinding and/or Bylaw
  • President, Vice President, Finance Chair applying for travel grants
  • What if we blinded application reviews?
    o Good idea, want raters to not evaluate if you recognize
    o Not in bylaws, but currently understood that if you know the individual you are assessing and you don’t feel that you can be objective, you do not vote
      ▪ What degree of “knowing” a person constitutes bias?
      ▪ Don’t be biased, if you feel you are don’t rate them
    o May work better, because people on GSC still grad students that volunteer, so may be unfair to exclude
      ▪ Would just be President, Vice President, Finance Chair, and Academic Chair, because they have potential conflict-of-interest
        • Influence formation and function of committees and funds
    o What if we give another check of the whole council instead of just the Academic committee
  • Would also apply to professional funds
  • Solution 2: Blocks certain individuals on GSC from applying
  • Not bylaw, so just change the written procedure
• What about bylaw: The Student Travel Grant and Student Professional Development Fund will be blinded.
  o Sentence will be added to the bylaw

Old Business Updates:
  1. Approve old minutes
    • Motion approved

Note: College cannot pay international students separately
Orietnation will be previewing new logo with giveaways (BBQ next Thursday)

Announcements:

  1. Student Activities Fair: September 13th 2:30 - 4 pm
  2. Welcome Mixer: September 13th 4:30 pm – Everyone is welcome!!
  3. Mid-Autumn Festival: September 13th 6:30 pm
  4. IGMP Welcome Social: September 19th 5:30 pm