University of Chicago Student Government

**Graduate Council**

April 7, 2014

Booth C07

6:00-7:00 PM

**Bold=In attendance**

**Law School:**

**Gillian Seaman**
**Hunter Vance**

**Booth:**

**Kristen Uyemura**

**Zeynep Gunay**

 Eric Adler

 **Jason Forte**

Humanities:

Ahona Panda

Daniel Morgan

Social Sciences

Ella Butler

**Harris:**

Andrés Pérez
Emilio Franco

**SSA:**

**Julia Tier**
Aaron Mallory

**SSD:**

**Tom Worth**
Misha Teplitskiy

**BSD:**

**Erin McAuley**
Jeffrey Steimle

**PSD:**

**Anthony Martinez**
Noumaan Shamsi

**Div:**

Ted Good

**Pritzker:**

Hannah Roth
**Dominic Catalano**

**Anthony Martinez (Vice Chair)**

**Jimmy Brown (ORCSA)**

6:06 pm **Meeting called to order**

**General announcements**

* Gargoyle Gala went really well
	+ Lower attendance than expected; 400 expected, 200 attended
	+ Breakdown of attendees was identical to the Pub socials
	+ Much higher attendance from Booth & the Physical Sciences division, probably because Josh and Anthony do that outreach
	+ If you receive emails about social events
* **Party in the Sky** is coming up; **April 25th from 6:30-10:30 pm**
	+ Currently don’t have a way to sell tickets, should be fixed in the next 24-48 hours
	+ Plan is to sell physical tickets in person for $20/person; sell online next week for $25/person
	+ Attendance is capped at 220 – space limitation
	+ 2 tickets per UCID
	+ We’ll track ticket sales in a google doc that Julia will share with everyone – each ticket will have a unique number that will help us track who has purchased tickets
* Anthony will create a Grad Council email that all the reps can send emails from, so that the sender appears as “Graduate Council”

**Funding Request from Student Parent Writing Group**

* Requesting $450 for their Student Parent Writing Group events
	+ Events have been very successful this year
	+ Similar to Dissertation write-ins
	+ Provide childcare for 3 hour sessions
	+ GSA offered funding last quarter, but they backed out
* GSA recently launched a childcare stipend program, but the stipend amount only covers ¼ to 1/7 of the cost of childcare
* These events are an opportunity for student parents to socialize and build community
* Deliberation
	+ We haven’t funded events like this in the past; this is an opportunity for us to reach a new constituency of grad students
	+ Motion to fund in full ($450) – **passed**
		- 9 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 0 abstentions

**Appeal from African Caribbean Student Association**

* Appealing for $3,100
	+ Originally planned to appeal for a lesser amount, but then the funding from the OMSA Allocation Board didn’t come through because they found out they weren’t eligible
* Expecting 400 attendees
* Deliberation
	+ SGFC funded $500 as a safety net because given their current account balance, it appeared that they could cover the total cost of the event
		- Since then, they earmarked an additional $500 for an event later this quarter – the Senior Farewell Study Break (in the original request, they had only earmarked $500 for the International Food Festival)
		- SGFC thought their 400 attendance estimate was unrealistic
	+ Motion to fund $1,000 – **passed**
		- 9 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 0 abstentions

**Appeal from Southside Solidarity Network**

* Appealing for $2540 (original request) to attend the National People’s Action (NPA) conference in Washington D.C.
* SSN connects students with community organizers across Chicagoland and, on special occasion, across the country – this conference is a rare opportunity for UChicago students/SSN members to connect with other NPA affiliate organizations from around the country and participate in direct actions, legislative meetings, etc. around NPA’s national campaigns
* SSN has a new fundraising plan
	+ Tamale sales in the past have raised approximately $400-500; plan to hold one over the course of a week this quarter and put raised funds toward the conference
	+ Also plan to individually fundraise food costs for the conference
* A “Community Organizing 101” event is in the works for next quarter; a date has been set, and SSN is hoping to collaborate with OBS
	+ Will bring experiences from weeklong training and the NPA conference to the campus community through this event
* Deliberation
	+ SGFC’s main concerns were plans for fundraising, how this event is different from previous trainings (i.e., IIRON Weeklong Leadership Training), and how SSN plans to bring this experience back to campus
		- They addressed these concerns, and SGFC has enough money to cover the request
	+ Travel fund request, so if we funded in full, we would fund $1270
	+ Motion to fund in full ($1270) – **passed**
		- 9 in favor
		- 0 opposed
		- 0 abstentions

**More announcements:**

* Spring Pub Social is tomorrow, Tuesday, April 8th, from 4-6 pm
* Break out into committees for the rest of the meeting

7 pm, Meeting adjourned

These minutes were recorded by Grace Pai. If you have any questions, please contact her at gracepai@uchicago.edu.