

Town Hall General Meeting Agenda October 10, 2007

Nicole- add resolution to agenda

Any further amendments? Agenda accepted.

Adoption of past general meeting minutes- accepted

Welcome by President

Hillary: October 11th is one year anniversary of UPUA elections

Town Hall Open Forum

Gavin: in favor of constitution, in favor of referendum & asking Q's & getting answers

Report by President:

Hillary: Spent \$56 on food; Exec board of alumni council met last week- discussing a new 5 year strategic plan for alumni; Encourage to join blue & white society- helpful by accessing Nittany Lion recruiting website, very helpful for job recruitment; Expect email about committee

Association Staff Reports

Ashley Hill: BBQ coming up; Student leader forum Mon Oct 15th @ 5:30pm; Hayride planning-- date changed to Nov 7th leave right after General Assembly

Sean Flynn: student leader forum—67 people already signed up; Getting music for dinner & art from students; Business casual dress; Computers will be here in a few weeks, waiting for Dell to send

Treasurer's Report

Andrew Paladino: \$185 spent on pens; budget is \$30,573

Sean Meloy: Need people for I'm Pissed About This table; signups going around; hour of I'm pissed equals office hours

Katelyn Holmes: sub-committees doing great job-- Operations, Programming, Undergrad Education; Book swap; Next work session starts half an hour later so if on 2 committees you can go to both

Jay Chamberlin: committee meeting moved to Sunday, send availability to Jay

John Richter: I'm pissed forms about tuition & student tickets; in contact w/ athletics; contact w/ CCSG to talk about rally

Hillary Gupta: Hayride will be on Nov 7th email Hillary if coming; this Sunday BBQ @ Delta Sig email if coming; Homecoming on Friday—need people to walk w/ banner

Nicole Barrett: funding for NCOW resolution which is this week; working on filling other 2 subcommittees in next few weeks for women students & people of colors; meeting w/ Robeson Cultural center; developing programming w/ different residence hall associations to hear issues; sweatshop people talked w/ us yesterday, want to get involved w/ UPUA—look to local vendor to supply sweatshop free t-shirts to student groups

Barfoot: talking to RAs or students?

Nicole: RAs but can talk to students; rally is at tomorrow @ noon—student speakers, open mic outside old main

Crivello: glad to see extra seats coming out

Pat Gordon: facilities- meeting to talk about recycling, Penn State has high level of recycling for the number of people 4,500 bins on campus; this week is 10th year for readership program, \$80,000 goes to student scholarships from money in recycling newspapers; dumpsters shouldn't be emptied earlier than 7am; OPP trucks no longer parked in middle of sidewalks, going to be designated parking; future energy forum Oct 25th Sean Flynn going too; take charge meeting Oct 15/25th

Old Business: none

New Business

Resolution for Funding NCOW-

Barrett: NCOW happening for few years, very important week; rally held every year and is the most important part of the week; UPUA show support for LGBT; funding goes to t-shirts (UPUA already on t-shirt); request \$100

Holmes: are we allowed to give funds to another organization

Barrett: yes

Jay: move to accept it

All passed.

Resolution #2- Refutation of the Special Committee on Constitutional Review

Jay: modified version that came before assembly 2 weeks ago; adopted all recommendations that internal dev committee submitted; changed it so that it will say it was unconstitutional b/c procedure wasn't followed; able to consider the decision null & void and send back to a new committee to be reviewed again; b/c procedure wasn't followed, we should have it done fairly & openly; charges ID comm. to change const and gives ability to amend const if approved by special committee; should follow the procedures we have and

Mallory: if not passed, are we going back to old constitution?

Jay: the constitution will not be reviewed by that committee if it isn't passed; it is in a purgatory

Mallory: what will we be falling?

Jay: the current constitution; not using const until after elections in spring if it doesn't passed; brought to ID comm., if passed by $\frac{3}{4}$ by gen assembly, considered amendments to const

Ralph: same as original resolution in ID committee; When spec comm. passes const, instead of having an external committee it's a student run board of arbitration, have 20 days; any amendments passed in interim are automatically adopted

Richter: amendment that since it is sending the constitution back, we need $\frac{3}{4}$ majority of entire association to amend

Frank: you are looking to amend the voting rules of this to require $\frac{3}{4}$ ths

Crivello: point of order- that is a suspension of bylaws, our bylaws dictate that resolutions are by majority vote, unless it's a new amendment which its not

Jay: describe the process for suspending

Crivello: to suspend bylaws its $\frac{2}{3}$ rds vote & then have a majority vote

Move to previous (Jay) seconded (Hillary); end debate on resolution then to vote on resolution

Now move to vote on the Res #2

Hillary: move to appoint clarification; right now voting on res if it passes it goes to const review board from there any comments are made & then sent back to us; have to vote it up or down & send back to us; have to give us minutes; if it fails then we start special committee to draft a new constitution

Move to vote on Res #2

In favor: 13 Opposed: 5 Abstain: 4

Resolution #2 is passed.

Resolution #3

Jay: move to charge the president to write the letter that is described in res #2 by next exec board meeting; letter outlines changes to const, exec summary of what's going on w/ const, asking to have it done by next tues?

Hillary: I will write it & have it done by Tuesday

Res #3 Referendum

Jay: point of Res #3 is to ask for referendum q's to be done before finals in Dec; to poll student body to see what their opinion is in questions for point of action; by having q's asked we can find out if students are for or against and advocate

Mallory: how are Q's distributed?

Jay: posted online at elections.psu.edu

Russ: after all of its done what is next step?

Jay: if all things came back as yes that students approve then we go to VP of Student Affairs and say this is what student body believes in and we think you should move in this direction

Holmes: people came to vote & it was successful; if we plan ahead we will get a large student body turnout

Crivello: motivation behind resolution- clear division in UPUA given the const and we need to get to fundamentals & talk to students; concepts are outlined in doc, but they aren't restricted; no biases, just simple questions to ask students so we can present to administration

Jay: in advertisement of these questions there can be no biases, just want people to be aware and we encourage them to vote

Richter: referendum would be during December? How are we going to get people to vote on Q's when we can't get them to vote on representatives?

Jay: go to organizational meetings, send emails, meet in HUB, etc

Hillary: I would go out there, even if a small minority want it accomplished then we should do it

Mallory: are q's going to come before board?

Jay: plan, budget, actual q's will all come before us to be passed

Russ: have you considered forcing people to log on like when logging on to Elion?

Jay: more difficult than doing free website but we can look @ it

Barrett: what does the budget for this look like?

Jay: around the same budget the elections commission had around \$2,000

Frank: this could be an entire week right?

Jay: we could have it up for a week yes to get as many people to participate

Richter: can't get our own members to join committees, how are we going to mandate people to do this?

Jay: encourage them & advertise them; have to put faith in organization & these people

Vickrey: John I think that this is more of a feedback & that this is a good action that needs to be done

Move to debate (Hillary) seconded (Vickrey)

Move to previous (Richter) seconded (Vickrey)

All those in favor of closing debate? Fails.

Crivello: before moving to previous have to have debate; have amendment to this- add a section in plan of action under part 2 that says website shall support written section to submit concerns in conjunction w/ I'm pissed campaign we have writing sections on voting website;

All in favor.

Frank: Any further amendments?

Barrett: add a further q; given that our const has been up for debate a lot, I had questions about new constitution's getting rid of sub-committee chairs, new const has those people directly reporting to pres & exec and removes their vote from gen assembly; how do students feel about having selected groups on gen assembly?

Crivello: minority groups should have a departmental position or a seat on gen assembly?

Hillary: this isn't every question, just general concepts

Yes.

Isn't it unfair? Why can't all committees have q's that are relevant to their goals on the referendum?

Crivello: put a cap on q's but yes have q's from every group

Jay: Res is to add a point under item 4 that would should the protected classes be represented in assembly as voting members or advisors to exec board

Frank: all in favor, one opposed; amendment will stand

Any further amendments? None.

Crivello: would like Hill to comment on manpower, wise to find director to coordinate this b/c chiefs of staff are overwhelmed, entry level position

Hillary: yes; marketing director has great ideas for this task

Crivello: empower president to appoint director to have someone take control specifically for referendum

All in favor. None opposed

Chris: motion to make an amendment to res saying that all committees have the option to submit 2 q's to director

Crivello seconded

All in favor. None opposed.

Any further amendments?

Mallory: move to previous

Hillary: seconded

All those in favor of voting on Res #3 if you wish to accept

Favor: 20 Opposed: 0 Abstain: 1

Resolution #4

Hillary Gupta: for student leader forum next Monday, asking for \$725 from UPUA for everyone to attend; \$17.50 per person (30 people)

Shermansky: what is this for?

Hillary Gupta: student leader forum

Liu: Who is paying for other student groups?

Hillary: show our support as a whole assembly so we thought great if our assembly went; center for student engagement is paying for all others but we agreed to pay for our own people

Strauss: 67 is that who's signed up? Very impressive

Hillary: have to talk and see how we can collaborate w/ all organizations

Jay: open to debate; really great opportunity to network

Vickrey: of the \$17.50 is that for 30 people?

Gupta: yes

Vickrey: can I make an amendment that any money not used still gets donated to function?

Hillary: money doesn't go anywhere the center for student engagement pays for everyone else

Strauss: a lot of people complain that UPUA should be a gathering of students who care about penn state and this is the 1st initiative and the fact that over 60 organizations are involved but maybe we can use money to make a take home/favor

Move to previous (Gold) all in favor. None opposed.

All in favor of passing res #4 all in favor, none opposed.

Announcements

Jay: this sat @ 7pm is Penn State glee club @ Schwabb auditorium

Shermansky: college democrats/republican debate tomorrow @ 8pm

Strauss: homecoming week guard the lion shrine; last guard standing competition

Russ: next Wednesday speaker from book about holocaust

Hillary: CCSG said that someone in meeting w/ academic affairs and the person was negative about collaborating with them, we always want to work with them

Gordon: can download news in briefs

Holmes: academic affairs stay after meeting

Strauss: off campus student union is holding forum on Nov 7th @ 7:30 heritage hall; on campus to talk to students

Barrett: NCOW rally tomorrow @ noon

Move to adjourn: Hillary; all in favor none opposed