

Introduction of officers, Deans

Updates:

Vfund was increased to \$250 lifetime

Student activity increase to \$9.95

Positions to fill:

Treasurer: Olivier self-nominated and voted in unanimously

Social Sci Rep: Hillary was nominated and voted unanimously

At large: Jennifer Talley

Engineering: Kevin Speer

Katherine requests X Pepperoni for the next meeting, and I need to find Saad's favorite veggie.

Niel Ursic spoke about the smoking ban. The USG took a survey and found (by 20 votes in 1100), that the majority prefer a completely smoke free campus. This would mean no smoking inside 15 feet from the road. Enforcement is still at large, but would likely be Case PD. Cessation programs would become available.

Committee updates:

Activities: Social event for spring in planning.

PFF/PFP: Looking at two, maybe three events. Possibly with collaboration with NAGPS conference.

O&A: Two funding requests. Art History Student Association for upcoming event. Macro Student Association funding for seminars. Motion from committee to accept, was voted and approved.

Transportation committee: Survey online for data gathering

Faculty senate committee updates

Fellowship courses were tabled in December, and were passed in January (vote 16-8) by faculty senate. Launch will be fall of 2007. Are outside prog of study, cannot be used for an outside degree. Requires instructor and advisor approval, and SGS final approval. Courses will be for a grade, recorded on transcript, but will not factor in to overall GPA. The faculty response is unknown, and might be hostile. Some might be draining (like an art course). Theoretically, any course outside of professional schools is available. Up to eight courses in a career. If a course has too few paying students, it may be in danger of being canceled due to financial reasons. Information will be disseminated (by email) end of Semester.

Minority Affairs is proposing the creation of a University Ombudsperson, who would be a central person for questions and complaints, problems with Pis/teachers, etc. This is very new, so still in discussion.

Committee on research is looking at the definition of tenure, given the merger of the hospital systems. Also, they are looking to put together a group to help in grant writing. OSU has a research foundation of 100 employees to assist faculty in this regard.

Guest speaker Don Feke: (attach notes)

Large enrollment will lead to classroom shortages in popular teaching times.

One potential solution is to eliminate Provost's hour, which is met with some resistance.

Campus planning committee: soliciting ideas for new center. Suggestions/ideas can be pinned to the wall in Thwing Meeting Room B.

Diekhoff committee needs members. Cost center is Prof. Schools.

Chinese Student Scholars is having a Chinese new years party Feb 18 in Havorka Hall (by Millis/Clapp).

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