UA Cabinet + Operations Meeting Minutes - Thursday, November 16, 2017

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5:35pm Officer Updates
January 3rd start, met with NAB (neighborhood association of back bay and boston)
Meal donation starting december 4th, marketing campaign starting soon
First Year Experience: presented at the faculty meeting yesterday
Sarah and Alexa met with the Undergraduate Officers this morning, will encourage them to meet with people. UO part of faculty governance system, in charge of undergraduate program to incorporate advisor matching and more training.
Latinx: program like ebony affair but for latinx students, goal for this spring. Already in admission’s budgets for spring of 2019 but want it this spring. First meeting this Saturday 6pm in the LCC.

5:40pm Committee Updates
Wellcomm: mural finalized end of this month, met with people in Mental Health and Counselling
SAC: working on SAC report, will be finished by early December
Public Affairs: elections were two weeks ago, helping with Vote2017, meeting next week to write a report about what we learned, rules for how to go forward, defining roles for both groups, coordinating council with PKG to get people involved with public affairs to work with each other. Launched Terrabyte on Facebook. Like the page!
Diversity: monthly culturally-themed study breaks leading up to OneWorld, meeting with JJ Jackson to work on freshmen diversity modules, mixer with Student Support Services
Events: Tech Twinkles celebration December 6th, more lights than last year, day of event focus on wellness, ask for S^3 deans or puppy labs
Marketing: freshmen on our committee want more projects! Fill out the form for marketing related needs! Campaign for travel grants
Campus Planning: Guidelines research for what administrators think when they think about student spaces, working with Gus Burkett for short term student center improvements

Community Service: LSC event, Beasts of the Southern Wild with donation boxes for hurricane of your choice, had lobby 10 event writing cards for veterans, working on having committee trained.

Alumni Affairs: speaker series with MIT office over the Better World campaign, starting dinner with alums event, also thinking about mentorship program.

Innovation: hosted speaker event, working on survey for student life hackathon, project ideas

For RFPs, please put the line item from your budget on your receipt.

6:00pm Travel Grants
Something the GSC does is help fund students who are travelling to conferences to present research. Handout going around with guidelines and sample application form. Trying to use Finboard infrastructure to evaluate these claims. Spoke with Colin Codner, we can’t use Concur, but there is a similar system so that students don’t have to front money. From feedback from Council, reaching out to departments for list of common conferences will ask for professors to validate it if it is a niche conference. Capping at $1,000/year so enough students can go. Trying to get decisions out in 2 weeks, deadlines are in the middle of the funding cycle to help Finboard.

6:10pm Confidentiality Policy
There are institute committees that deal with a lot of different issues, they usually operate under the assumption that everything is confidential. We’re trying to have a clear way for students on the committee to be able to share relevant information and loosen those restrictions. Three levels:
   1. Can be shared with anyone
   2. Only shared with relevant parties
   3. Never shared with any undergrads, usually to protect student information

6:30pm SAC report on Senior House
Goal to create student driven driving principles that will go to CJAC and then direct someone to make a policy hopefully based on these points. Whole idea is that Senior House will not happen again. First section is prevention oriented and second part is what an actual process should be.