

UA Exec: Wednesday, February 18, 2009

Call to Order: 7:03 PM

Dining

- Noah: A big opportunity, let's make some good out of the chaos. Campaign for Students is a real forum for students on campus which is good.
- Noah: Either they will be happy to accommodate the students or they'll think students don't know what's good for them. Maybe they'll reevaluate this in a few years, too.
- Amanda: How will any solution please everyone? It seems like there's nothing a strong majority will agree with.
- Erin: We'd have to radically change dining to make it economical. At some point people have to try into dining, or it can't be economical and work.
- Maggie: We can neither do everyone or no one required to have dining effectively.
- Erin: We are looking at schools of similar sizes for a reason.
- Yi: I'm not going to walk 30 minutes to get dinner, for instance.
- Ostro: We need to have a big dining hall not just a bunch of small ones to make it economical.
- Erin: One of the recommendations was to phase out small dining halls and have a large one on the West Side. The fact BRDC didn't get to discuss the report before it got leaked to all of campus killed the leverage. "This is why we didn't tell you—look what happened." They have no reason to trust us with information.
- Yi: There are a lot of reasons to hold these committees to confidentiality. I don't know if we need to enforce that somehow.
- Erin: The report is clearly not up to standards. That could have been the administrations thing.
- Maggie: Admins got the report, and it could have been shady business. People are upset that we don't know what they did before it leaked, and that's what is really concerning. We never asked and didn't even let the student reps try to ask about what happened.
- Erin: We can't tell what the fallout will be until the meeting on Friday.
- Maggie: We should talk to Chancellor Clay about guidelines for Institute Committees.
- Paul: NomComm has been talking about this, too.
- Yi: What can we do to ease this situation? I'm not sure if the Senate Bill is a good thing.
- Erin: They might just disband the committee and not have students on the new committee.
- Maggie: We can handle what happens in BRDC on Friday and act on it at Senate.
- Keone: The UA and BRDC are in a tough position between the both highly-opinionated administrators and CFS. We need to maintain the UA's credibility and good public opinion.
- Maggie: For dining, everyone's immediate reaction is very selfish.

- Keone: Problem is the consulting company didn't do a good job with either the analysis or the presentation. When making an unpopular, but correct point, you can't have those issues. BRDC needs to stand up for themselves and explain what happened.
- David Templeton: Exec needs to do something politic; let Senate help with what students want.
- Paul: We need to emphasize that this is the consultant's report, not the BRDC's report. However, there is distrust towards the committee because so much has been hidden in the dark.
- Yi: It would be nice to have something like the former Institute Committee blogs.
- Ostro: Confidentiality was in place so what just happened wouldn't happen. Why shouldn't it just be totally open now?
- Liz: Radical ideas need to be thrown out in a safe environment and evaluated.
- Maggie: There used to be more radical ideas, but they were thrown out because students wouldn't like them.
- Amanda: The UA's opinion is up overall, but some people's impression of the UA has gone down because the UA is being too aggressive in reacting to this.
- Yi: As student leaders, we should mix our opinions and those we get from the rest of campus. We shouldn't be totally reactionary, but also reaching out to get more information.

Running Exec

- Noah: Last term we did some updates. Some liked it; some didn't. Let's talk about what's going on.
- Amanda: Can we email committee updates?
- Maggie: Don't want all updates, but we should talk about major updates.
- Liz: Email and say you'll talk about it at exec.
- Paul: It would be nice to talk about things not just in committees, but in exec as well before making huge decisions.
- Maggie: Be informative not boring at the meeting, boring in the email.

Noah: Trying to lay framework so that our momentum doesn't disappear over transition.

- We need to get the continuity in.
- Find what works and build that in. How do we build in what people do because of their own initiative to positions?
- How can we clarify the workflow pipeline?

Elections

- As Broder is the CIT, he's on Exec. We want as much impartiality as possible so he may not be able to build the server.
- We need the server done in 2 weeks.

Housing Strategy Group Meeting: 12-2 pm tomorrow if someone can go

Adjournment: 7:59 PM