BSD Dean's Council Feb Meeting: 2/11/2020, 12:30-1:30pm
Meeting minutes

Treasury & Budget updates (Alex Smith & Meytal Chernoff)

We have a website up and running:
https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/

--Please add all upcoming events to the calendar!!

Reminder - DC funding request form:
https://form.jotform.com/83316462756159

Website's Forms page includes the online version of the reimbursement form.
--REQUIRED PDF upload of receipts
--submitted form goes to Meytal and Alex
--anyone can submit this form for reimbursement (but name should match the name on the receipt)
--they will add a field for the email address of the Dean's Council member who signed off on the activity, in place of the signature on the original paper form.
--the paper form is still required for cash reimbursement!
--Request: could the person filling out the form get a confirmation copy of it sent to them afterwards? (treasurers think this will be possible)

Events page will have the upcoming events that got put on the calendar
--will add a page soon to use for selling event tickets online.
--ask Alex Smith to get you set up if you want to use PayPal for events.

** See Meytal & Alex's powerpoint update on the treasury! **
--includes estimates of previous years' spending, incl. big budget items
--estimates of what $$ remains for the programs if we vote for various allocations

Highlights of discussion:

We can't make the 80:20 (programs:general fund) split work with what we need to budget for whole year's events from the general fund. (70:30 also wouldn't work)

We used to need to support more expensive orientation events for the first-years, before MBL: big item was a fancy dinner at the Shedd.
--Vicky says MBL will keep going on for at least two years; no need to budget these back in

Haneul's estimated budget for cultural events, average cost if we run one per quarter (e.g., one ballet, one (non-Hamilton) musical, one other event): roughly $6000
Comments regarding spending money from General Fund vs. programs:
--programs can still come to request additional funding for events if they spend all their budget before end of the year
--some programs may have already spent all/most of their budget for the year based on what they assumed they would have (relative to last year)
--in the past, when we sold tickets to all BSD students, only subsidized tickets for current students - significant others could buy a ticket, but had to pay full price.

--Members present voted on 60:40 vs. 50:50 split
--Solid majority voted for 50:50 allocation between programs and general fund

Sports update (Alexis Thomas)
--The plan is to buy 60 bulls tickets at $36 a piece and sell them for $20. It’s a Friday game so the interest was pretty high 96 requested tickets.

Coffee Hour (Martin Sepulveda and Jennie Crosby)
--Jennie is graduating. New co-chair for this. Coffee Hour is doing well.

Cultural Chair update (Brittany Broder)
--Looking into: the Middle East Music Ensemble is having a show at the end of the month on campus; what do you think about organizing a dinner event to go after the show?
--Also, not sure if this falls under 'cultural events', but I had looked into volunteering at an animal shelter or soup kitchen.

Equipment Library (Grace Hansen)
--no one from equipment library was here. We assume the stuff is fine.

GRIT Update (Katie Aracena, Marie Greaney)
Past month's GRIT events:
--we had 65 people sign in for our most recent event, Sharing Diverse Perspectives - International student panel & dinner.
--we had >40 people for our Mental Health discussion & lunch, with breakout sessions spread across two rooms in BSLC (I haven't gotten the exact number from Grace Schulz yet)
--20 people for the Womxn's issues book club & lunch, which this month was a short story discussion

Upcoming GRIT events:
TOMORROW everyone is invited to a workshop facilitated by Grace Schulz (Disabilities team), called "Advocating from Positions of Power" - she sent an email to bsdgradstudents.
--Mental Health open house with donuts & coffee the morning of 2/19.
--Next Wolf's Den will be the evening of 3/5.
And the week of 2/24, we're putting on three events for Black History Month (to be
sponsored by BSD's Office of Diversity & Inclusion):
--screening of Paris is Burning, Monday 2/24 at 5:30pm, discussion led by Tobias Spears of the BSD Office of Diversity & Inclusion
--Black students' lunch, Weds 2/26
--Sharing Diverse Perspectives featuring perspectives of Black faculty, Fri 2/26 at 5:30pm

Update on GRIT funding so far:
--have spent & logged 2680 of DC funding
--800 from Grad Council so far this year
--$ from BSD Office of Diversity & Inclusion to fund the Black History Month celebration events
--2500 from PSD Social Committee for any events with 'strong social component'

Ski trip (Victoria Okuneye)
--we all voted to table for the future. Not clear if there is enough interest given the cost.