Dean’s Council Agenda (Thursday, June 10th, 2021)

4:30 pm CST

- Call for new Dean’s Council Chairs
  - Sarita and Nikita are stepping down (this will be our last meeting as chairs), so please let us know if you would like to be a chair, and send a blast to your programs!
    -- Meytal interested in transferring to the co-chair position,
    -- Taylor Hains (new CEB rep) interested in taking on Treasurer w/ Rosy Liao

- Summer Softball Team
  -- missing the form for funding request from DC.
  -- one person reported planning to submit a request for all the BSD teams
  -- Q about the Neuro softball team: part of the team is in a different division (SSD, Integrative Neuro program) ... how would that affect funding?
    Melissa doesn't see a problem with funding if part of the team is SSD
  -- we won't be able to vote on a budget item without a submitted budget.
  -- can vote for the July 8 meeting.
  -- Q: would it be possible to get snacks & drinks also?
    depends on COVID restrictions -- might need to be individually packaged
    the University hasn't changed the events restrictions yet, even though Chicago is moving to Phase 5 tomorrow. (Just got an email confirming this today)

Historically -- DC sometimes helped out with paying the fees associated with the softball league. (Was BSD vs. PSD -- park district fees, field rental fees, etc.)
The other funding (equipment, etc.) each program paid for by itself from program funds. This does not need an application for funding from General Fund.
  If we want to fund equipment that belongs to the BSD generally, across multiple programs, that could be a General Fund item. (Submit the budget application)

- If you are spending DC money, you must complete the following form and submit ALL receipts in a timely manner: https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/forms/
- Welcome new members! Anyone not on the listserv?
- Dean’s Council Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 4:30 pm CST
  - Upcoming meetings scheduled for July 8, August 12
- Updating the DC listserv
  - If you are interested in transitioning out of your role as a representative, please let us know so we can find a replacement
  - Member list is on website: https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/
- Dean’s Council Google Drive Folder
Mira - Community Service Update
-- Spring Q has been going well.
-- looking into new opportunities for Summer Q

Brittany & Sarah - Cultural Co-Chairs
-- no updates currently
-- Q: what about facilitating transport to stuff like downtown/neighborhood events? Street fairs, art events, etc.
-- the food tours event we discussed last time - would that be okay?
-- Vicky will ask the administration for clarification on the rules on gathering. We need more info on whether in-person meetings are okay if they're 100% outside.
-- MSTP just got the okay to do the Architecture Boat Tour (there was a restricted # of students who could get transportation from campus. Apparently there were lots of forms.)

Amruta, Kiseok, and Yichen - Travel Fund
-- discussing changing parts of the Travel Fund to offer more opportunities to apply throughout their time as students
-- Ryan is meeting with Diane, they'll discuss changes
-- chairs will come up with proposed amendments that we can vote on, hopefully at next meeting

Sandra - Newsletter Update
-- engagement on the newsletter has been pretty low. (Able to track how many people read it, and not many people do.)
-- discussing restarting it next year, to let people know when more events are happening
-- could only send it out every time there's a big update, like changes to the travel fund. (The chairs could also send this out themselves.)

Meytal & Rosy - Treasury Update
-- Lots of GEMS/reimbursement charges are mixed up right now. Treasurers & Melissa are working to sort out the charges
-- many of them seem to be GEMS card purchases that also got processed as individual reimbursements
-- Sheets won't be updated until the duplicate charges are resolved.

Jimmy and Ross - GRIT representatives

Martin & Hannah - Coffee hour (virtual)
-- gave out most of the vouchers from last week

Astra - Website
- Alexis and Sophia - GC
- Soo Ji - Equipment Library

-- Charlie sent out an email asking for replacement managers on Equipment Library. (Because it's a DC project, would be good to have at least one DC member as an Equipment Library chair.)

- Sports Chair: Open position available
- Program representative updates (how is your program doing/any ideas for activities/anything that DC can help with?)

-- Q: will we be in-person next year?? (Could Dean's Council be meeting in person?)
Vicky is planning to ask if we don't get additional guidance in the next couple of weeks...
Classes will be going all in-person in the Fall