Student Senate Meeting Minutes

9.5.2017, 7:00 pm

Attendees: Abby King, Jace Longenecker, Elijah Lora, Corie Steinke (advisor)

Open Issues:

1. Increasing Visibility
   1. Implementation of Town Halls
      1. Specifically for BSU, LSU, ISC, Commuters, Advocates, GSWA, FCA, possibly Prism, sports teams
         1. Elijah contacts Skip, Rocio, Corie, DaVonne, Riley Mills about reaching out to clubs for forums
         2. Corie contacts Regina about potentially including Prism
      2. Each cabinet member (and eventually at-large members) attending specific clubs
         1. Putting resources in the Commuter lounge because of the small (but hopefully growing) club
2. The Representation Issue in Senate
   1. Acknowledgement that Senate isn’t incredibly diverse, however it is full of students who are passionate about turning Goshen College into an inclusive space for everyone
   2. Labeled this year a “rebuilding year”
      1. Senate will try and become a club that makes a difference and therefore draws others to apply in the years coming
3. Club Day
   1. Corie will create a facebook event, posters and a communicator announcement for the event
      1. Elijah, Jace and Abby will hang them up
   2. Corie will email existing clubs about the event

New Issues

1. Service Groups Sent to Houston over Fall Break
   1. Jace will get in touch with Mennonite Disaster Service for logistics and supply Senate with a budget at the next meeting
   2. Can we use Goshen College transportation? Would we need to rent?
      1. Jace will Jane Taylor about van certification
2. Cabinet Applications
   1. Elijah nominates Kethayun Metha, Jace seconds
   2. Elijah nominates Nat Dick, Jace seconds
      1. Abby reaches out to Ketha and Nat with info
3. SRT Representatives
   1. Senate affirms Nimoy Vaidya, Mary O’Connell and Taylor Zehr as representatives
4. Senate’s Goal of repairing gap between students and administration
   1. Senate’s job is to create a space where students can voice concerns
   2. Acknowledgement of past history, however, agreeing to create a clean slate
      1. New administration, new student senate
      2. Establish clear paths of communication and healthy relationships between students and administration
5. Meals with Becky
   1. Look for 36-ish students from different backgrounds, groups, clubs for intimate dinners
      1. Jace, Abby and Elijah will come to the next meeting with a list of suggestions
6. Funding Forms for Organizations
   1. Corie will send out emails to existing clubs about funding forms
   2. Deadline: September 18

Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30 pm