Student Government Meeting
Monday, March 3rd, 2014
5:30pm-7:00pm

1. Welcome / General announcements

2. Semi-formal follow-up (20 min)
   - Issues with clean up, interactions with staff/security, appropriate level of alcohol service?
   - Update from Dr Davis

Complaints from safety and security, and between students, some issues arose. Wenlu and Karl met with people at Collis to debrief. Fair amount of spillage that was not consistent with the Collis format. Maybe moving forward we should explore some other places on campus for events depending on the type of event - dancing on stage is an issue with spilling on AV cables and etc. Didn’t have bartenders at the formal, no written rule but verbal communication that in the future if using Collis we’d have to have someone serving and monitoring the alcohol. We want to be known as professional people, and there were some behaviors that crossed the line. Role of Sober Monitors has traditionally been really light. Ideally SM’s would identify students who might be agitated or going overboard and trying to intervene before things spiral downhill. Should we work to expand the SM role? But it is hard to get people to to commit anyway. Maybe have less alcohol or more difficult to access? Dartmouth College is hypervigilant about this kind of thing, so we have to maintain professionalism if we want to continue to serve alcohol at events. Possibly the issue is that certain people arrive inebriated. Discussion about how to best address this going forward. Also hard to control people coming in and out - some issues with undergrads trying to get in. SNAP might try to work on this. Could also refer students to BASICS program (something that the College does with undergrads).

If something had happened, the repercussions would’ve fallen on Wenlu because her name was on all the documents. This liability situation would be potentially a big issue. Dr Davis never received notification of any changes, we should always double-check who signed at Safety & Security and what kinds of forms need to be signed or displayed. Dr Davis said we’re under campus-wide policies and procedures so an individual is responsible but not liable.

Other ideas: penalty box, door check, identifying issues before people are yelling/screaming, having bartenders, send emails as class reps in response to the formal. Maybe positive ways to check in with people. Raising awareness is a good first step. Email other ideas to Karl.

3. Match Day Funding (10 min) - Menaka, Whitney, Julia
   - Historically budgeted $1000, but deferred to discretionary this year to allow for funding other opportunities earlier in the year
   - Would like to request an extra $1000 - expect to spend almost $2000 on the event bc hiring a DJ, alcohol, some food as well - more like dinner than snacks. Event will be 5pm-midnight. Open to all four classes. Will be at DOC House on 3/21 beginning ~5-6pm with family-oriented food/BBQ/bonfire, kids and spouses will be there. 8-midnight more like dancing with DJ and etc.
Maybe also doing favors for the 4th years. SG traditionally allocates an extra $1000. Current discretionary budget is ~$5400. Unanimous vote of approval for extra $1000.

4. Mac AV adaptors for lounge (10 min) - $150 - Below from Chris Maue
   Problem: The AV adaptors from the 3rd floor Remsen conference rooms are being removed from the conference rooms and used to connect laptops or iPads to the TV in the student lounge. The result is that students & instructors do not always have an adaptor available in the conference rooms when they need one.

   Potential Solutions:
   1. Wire the adaptor block to the wall in each conference room so they cannot be removed. (Not highly desirable as it adds to the “cable clutter” in the rooms.)
   2. Ask the Student Government to purchase a set of adaptors for use in the student lounge so there is no need to borrow one from the conference rooms.

   If the student government is willing to provide the funding, the Classroom Support Services will order the 3 Mac adaptors, have them glued together into an "adaptor block", and wire it to the shelf (if the student government decides it should be fixed to the room furniture).

   The cost of all 3 adaptors (minidisplay/HDMI, 30pin iPad/HDMI, lightening iPad/HDMI) is $102, and cost of materials and labor to form the adaptor block is < $48.

   Issues with having adaptors in the conference rooms. Is this something that would be an asset to the student lounge? Would be cheaper to get apple tv than to buy an adaptor? One of first or second years should go talk to Pete Fletcher about this. Kris will do this, and we should keep Chris Maute in the loop. Maybe should work with grad student council to also get one in the “grad student lounge” so that both rooms are equipped.

   Tabled until next meeting. Keep GSC in the loop about splitting the cost.

5. Chalk Talks Interest Group (5 min) - Ana Maria

   Ideally a community effort, open access to anyone who is interested. In the past, has been targeted to Science Scholars rather than open to everyone. Next one is Tuesday 3/11 at 7pm. Last one was attended by Dean Souba.

   Approved by unanimous vote

6. Visiting Student Day (5 min)
   Open House Friday, 5/3 3-5pm @ DHMC
   Student Perspectives Panel Saturday, 5/4

7. Website update (20 min) - Kris
   Budget on website
   What level of protection? Limited access or all students?
Outline of SG protocol
How can we do a better job of increasing transparency with SG? One of the big discussions was about the budget - would help Khushboo with the constant influx of emails. Can we have a login and a view-only version of the budget on the website? Kris met with web designer on Friday, explored options. He is receptive to doing what we want. It’s not a time issue to do, it’s just a time issue to get in their queue. 3 major options: 1. NetID secured area for a particular set of students (ie SG, interest group leaders, or entire student body) - static document that we send quarterly updates to? 2. Live spreadsheet - sharepoint. Separate website for it, link out to it. Would live in the Cloud. 3. Google doc. Concern is security, could we create a clean, low-risk budget, something that wouldn’t be leaked out or anything.

Khushboo gets emails daily about receipts, would still be an issue. Preferable to have a live option. Sharepoint is a Microsoft product, Dartmouth has multiple licenses. Would we need a new license for that or could we piggyback on an existing one? Site would be secured by NetID, then get into a live area where can share notes/minutes. Live document also, people could see it in real time. Can give special access to certain people and a view-only for everyone else. Also an issue of tracking receipts in the turnaround of reimbursements. College has a black box sort of thing. Dino can cover loans if the turnaround is too long.

Putting together some documents about how SG runs, pictures of current students, class activities, etc. Working on making everything more transparent in general. Getting accurate lists is important. Would help Student Affairs too by linking to Connect&Thrive and that would help everyone stay on top of things.

Kris will meet with them again and get an update for the next meeting.

8. Election Timetable (5 min)

beginning of May 2014 - General Election

end of May 2014 - Exec board elections

June 2014 - 2014-2015 Budget Approval

Right now executive board is elected only within Student Government. Should we open this up to student body as a whole? Could require former experience. Would help with ownership of SG. For some positions it helps to have experience with SG. Also with Social Chair issue for next year. Executive Board not often contested. Could turn into a “popularity contest” - current method was more based on merit of SG activity. Another concern with opening it up is that rising 4th years and 1st years often don’t know each other. Maybe could vote for the people you know instead of for all positions? Asha will put together a brief proposal for the next meeting, outline some details and more of a concrete plan. Could also ask all the student body. Information is being relayed but sometimes there’s a disconnect. Any additional thoughts should be sent to Karl
or Asha.

9) GSC Update
   Spencer: Pretty successful graduate intramural basketball team. Thinking of doing softball in the spring - are other folks interested in planning the league or helping to run it? Right now it's just Spencer and one other person running it. Could we relay this information to others. Meeting 3/10 7pm. TDI might also be interested in that. (Relatively flexible spring load).

10) New GreenPrint Station
    Khushboo: students would like to request a printer for the student lounge. GreenPrint. Talk to Dr. Davis about this. SG will cover toner, paper costs? Maybe GreenPrint is different?

May meeting will probably be moved from 5/5 to 5/12.

Meeting adjourned.