

Queer Commission
02/05/09

Meeting starts = 6:34 pm

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Attendance

Stephanie
Moonie
Edgar
Brian
Gloria
Doug
Sevasti
Shayna
Edward
Urvi
Hazel

New Members

Joel
Foogal
Travis
David
Hailey
John Karlo
Harold
Sonia
Isabel
Doraly
Brian (SGA)
Janelle
Christina

- I. Stephanie brought us articles from the Dailey Nexus about our delegation going to Creating Change.
 - a. Thank you.
- II. Western Regional spending
 - a. Last week, we approved revenues, speakers, and performances that need amendments.
 - i. The funding for CSO was \$800, but the new price is \$2000. Harold makes a motion to grant \$1200. more dollars for CSO services Doug seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
 - ii. \$450 for Corwin decoration.; it increased by \$350. to make a total of \$750. Sevasti makes a motion to grant \$350. more dollars for Corwin decorations. Harold seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
 - iii. \$2500 for UCEN fees. Edward makes a motion to grant \$1200. Harold seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
 - b. Funkanometry \$2000. Brian makes a motion to grant \$2000. Sevasti seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
 - c. DJ performing at the Hub after Medusa's performances. Cost: \$400. Harold makes a motion to grant \$1200. Doug seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
 - d. Saturday spending
 - i. Breakfast \$578.20
 1. Includes vegan food

- ii. Valentine Dinner \$7767.33
- iii. Utensils for the International Food Fair \$ 650
- iv. Tote bags \$2129.58
 - 1. Quantity: 650
- v. Name tags \$110.76
- vi. Aluminum bottles \$3010.68
 - 1. Quantity: 650
- vii. Program booklet \$978.37
- viii. T-Shirts \$4956.50
 - 1. Staff shirts
 - 2. Volunteer shirts
 - 3. Queer Bomb shirts
- ix. Mega phones \$112.82
 - 1. Quantity: 2
 - 2. Suggestion: Maybe student organizations can rent the mega phones out.
- x. ASL \$450
- xi. Edward makes a motion to grant all the following funds. Brian seconds. Consent. The motion passes.
- e. Funding for our two previous co-Chairs of QCOMM
 - i. Gloria
 - 1. Couldn't find anything in the legal codes
 - ii. Harold
 - 1. Although it was discussed, not everyone in QCOMM was not aware of the situation
 - 2. There was no written document about
 - 3. Funding \$500 for two individuals to come to the workshop for presenting workshops seems a bit shady
 - 4. We don't really have the money. We are over-budget by about \$600 already
 - 5. Finance Board does not agree with this expense
 - iii. Stephanie
 - 1. It was a given that they were coming but this expense just justify they presence at Western Regional
 - 2. Hassan Naveed, a Finance Board representative, will speak on the
 - 3. No other workshop presenters are getting funded
 - iv. Questions:
 - a. Foogal: Was this option available to all the workshop presenters?
 - b. Gloria: It was stated on application. It wasn't written openly said but finances could have been arranged.
 - c. Greg Cendana, USSA Vice President, has been funded entirely by the EVPSA Office to speak at Western Regional.
 - d. Student Lobby can be another source of funding

- e. I'm a Finance Board member and I was not outreached to.

This is not about personal relationships but a contribution to the conference

v. David

- 1. I learn a lot from alumni. At the end of the day, they have such skills to contribute
- 2. As an under-represented student, I wonder about what happens afterwards. You need those alumni contacts to work on non-profit organizing and continue this work on this issue.

vi. Brian

- 1. They are very experienced. They have so much knowledge to get help with queer issues, queer funding.
- 2. It could have been handled a little better.

vii. Stephanie

- 1. It was about the principle and not handled correctly
- 2. Not all alumni's were outreached to; there should have been an application process.
 - a. Stephanie: "We are going to bring J M. Even though we are not suppose to."
 - b. David: It seems like an attack.
 - c. Gloria: I can answer it. It is personal because Jennie is an ex girlfriend and Martin is my best friend. There are inflations to the cost/budget. Because we need that money to fund out events. Even though we are suppose to: it means that we are secretly doing something wrong, but...
 - d. Stephanie: It is not a personal issue, but it is the principle to fund alumni.
 - e. Gloria: We are over budget for Western Regional. This funding will be coming from Queer Commission. I did do outreach to other alumni's and other faculty to other schools.

viii. Harold

- 1. I have been working on this conference from the very beginning.
 - a. Jennie and Martin did not register to do the workshop until they 1 hour after I talked to Gloria
 - i. Martin filled out this application in the beginning of the application process
 - b. Former Finance Board member; spend student fees responsibly
 - c. Did other individuals asked for funding? Greg did. He is getting funded through the EVPSA Office

- d. We (Samuel and I) have asked other organizations for \$70,000. With registration, we have received \$40,000.
- e. It was poorly handled. They were promised the money before allocated.
- f. Secret funding: It was not brought up at last weeks meeting when Gloria was not there. It was said we did not speak about their funding because the Nexus was there.

ix. Travis

- 1. How much involved did Jennie and Martin have in the conference?
 - a. Gloria: they did not have any direct work on proposal, but they did have influence over me for the bid for Western Regional. They prepared the budget for this years QCOMM budget.
- 2. I am on the decoration meeting. We have \$200 more for decoration. We are getting ridiculous with money spending.

x. Foogal

- 1. We are using student fees for alumni's when there was not an application process. Jennie and Martin were student and paid student fees in the past.
- 2. Transparent meeting. People are coming in and out. Open meeting.
 - a. Question: Sevasti: Where are they and what are they doing? Jennie and Martin are in DC. They're working in their perspective Queer organizations
- 3. Because we got funding from other organization, we can just say those associations funded it.

xi. Edward

- 1. Open application? We funded inauguration, which was not an open application process.
- 2. We have funded other events that bring student understanding and we can benefit from alumni.

xii. Brian

- 1. Lets see how it is now and forget the past: we can benefit from this experience. We can't find two better people to talk about student activism pertaining to the queer issues

xiii. David

- 1. Finance board was not all consulted. Don't speak for me.
- 2. I'm not thinking about Jennie and Martin, but learning from them. They raised our budget by \$27,000. We should be respecting that instead of attacking it.
- 3. The budget was \$1200.

xiv. Stephanie

- 1. How was this approached? Jennie booked their tickets. Martin has more professional than Jennie.

2. A lot of conversation from the students about the fact that it was not brought up until now.
3. It was abuse of power.
- xv. Janelle
 1. They are not alumni but speaks who works on queer issues on the national level
- xvi. Brian
 1. We are using student money to benefit students. It doesn't matter when Jennie filled out her application. She will still be doing the work, regardless.
- xvii. Edward
 1. I would like to move to vote. Second by David.
- f. Discussion
 - i. Doug
 1. Personally, I think the benefit will be there given the history with Associated Student. I would caution the image it might present for QCOMM.
 - ii. Urvi
 1. We will deny ourselves to talk to a nationwide queer organizer. Fail to meet our mission.
 - iii. Moonie
 1. I yield.
 - iv. Stephanie
 1. I have been an queer organizer since I was 15 years old. QCOMM is non-profit to some extend. Process error is still a process error.
 - v. Yield completely to Janelle. Janelle: reserve my right. Call to question.
 1. Consent: David
 2. Objection: Harold
 - a. YES: 16
 - b. NO: 4
- III. LobbyCon and LegCon
 - a. Higher education, budget cuts
- IV. Farmer's market donate for Western Regional
- V. Student Lobby Marriage Lobby Day
 - a. Interested? Sign up?

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.