

## Dean's Council Agenda (July 30, 2020)

5 pm CST

- Vote on GSS Funding Request

Their whole budget is gift cards & prizes, but we are not allowed to fund gift cards or prizes. We will send them a reply - they can resubmit a proposal that includes items Dean's Council is allowed to fund - example of the Paint Night bags.

- Chicago Food Depository Volunteering Updates

Coordinating volunteer groups, on a rolling basis. First volunteer event is tomorrow. Volunteers get bags and share rides to the food bank location. Seems to be pretty popular - will ask tomorrow's group for feedback

Q: any update on whether we can put boxes in diff buildings?

A: they're pretty wary of people leaving stuff in buildings right now. They told us to hold off for a while because it's unclear how permissions would work.

- Alexis Monical and Nikita Mehta - Grad Council BSD Representatives
  - Vote GC Replacement for Nikita

Don't have a replacement yet - please let Sarita know if you're interested in this position.

- Introductions: name, year, department, board position (if applicable) Anyone not on the listserv?

Sophia Horigan replacing Caroline O-J as E&E rep

- WhenIsGood Survey to Schedule Monthly DC meetings

Plan is to schedule recurring meetings. Please fill out within the next week!

Hope to have meeting in the second week of every month, at the time we pick from the WhenIsGood

- Program representative updates (how is your program doing/any ideas for activities/anything that DC can help with?)

E&E planning kayaking event - only have \$90 balance, have 12 people who want to go. Asking for help covering the cost of tickets (\$65 each)

-- to use budgeting from the general fund, would have to be open to multiple programs.

Melissa: using money from general fund has to be advertised across all of BSD.

Note - Aug 31 is end of BSD fiscal year. Current rules are that no program money rolls over - it goes into the general fund.

Q: should we change the policy to have this year's program money roll over, since a lot of program events couldn't happen bc of COVID19?

-Alexis seconds

In-person stuff - Caroline had to meet with a risk management person for the paint night bag distribution (this might also apply to a kayaking trip)

Q: It's still unclear what the University-wide policies are on a lot of types of events, because of institution & city/state policies??

Melissa will check on this tomorrow, but for now would say... don't plan on anything involving dinner/shared food, etc. Not even sure about outdoor restaurants.

Because there will be restrictive policies for a while, it makes sense to keep money in the programs for an extended period??

Vicky - limited possibilities for spending money this year. Should be achieved with social distancing. No gatherings on campus, which rules out a lot of events

No travel for meetings right now

On outdoor events, seems like if it fits with city & state guidelines, it should be allowable. (eating outdoors, kayaking...)

-- get clearer Student Life directives from the university?

Of note, JB Pritzker has said we might be rolling back a phase soon... so maybe don't plan anything that wouldn't have been allowed in the previous phase

Dean's Council keeps its pot of money from the university each year.

DC Bylaws say that 8/31 ends the DC fiscal year; we return the program monies at that time. But we could either amend the bylaws or we could make an exception for this particular year.

We either vote to set a new deadline for rolling over funds (into general fund or back to the programs)

Or make an amendment for just the 2020-21 year transition.

Melissa: For the coming year - they'll be distributing the allotments quarter by quarter.

The activity fees might get reduced for each quarter, based on how in-person (or not) the university is...

This means we won't have as much money next year, and we won't get it all at once.

But also, we won't be running Taste of Chicago (orientation event), and there won't be many ticketed events for a while! So it might all balance out.

We could allocate money for clustered ticket purchases, so rather than sending 100 people to a museum on the same day, we could spend the same amount of money on 10x trips with 10 people. Etc.

Let's come up with more events that we can do next year, to help the incoming cohort -- focus of next month's meeting?

Vicky: was just at a professional event for zebrafish development people - about 80 people got put into breakout groups of 6 for 15 minutes, and it was actually pretty good

Could do a virtual mixer for incoming students

(Orientation = 21-25 Sept?)

All the incoming students will have some in-person programming (like All-Stars, etc.); so they're all expected to be in Chicago by then. (and we hope to have rotations going)

- Paint Night Updates (Caroline)

Two sessions, very good attendance. Made bags for 100 people, sold all of them. Pickups of bags went well, straightforward. Looked at everyone's paintings at the end of the sessions, which was fun

Caroline stepping down - has been in charge of arts & crafts stuff, so let her know if you'd like to take over these events. She can pass off the contact info for the arts

- Treasury Update (Meytal Chernoff and Alex Smith)

No other updates, people aren't spending a ton of money right now.

- Katie and Marie - GRIT representatives

Jimmy will be a GRIT rep next year, retention co-director. Jessy Morgan is the other retention director who might be joining us

- Jin and Martin - Coffee hour (virtual?)

- Brittany and Sam - Cultural Co-Chairs

No update this month

- Alexis Thomas - Sports

Alexis is stepping down, someone else should take on Sports Chair

Sports are picking back up, but unclear how we would do events... virtual watch parties?? No in-person tix atm.

Vicky - doesn't think it'll be allowed to have a watch party on the projectors in big sem rooms.  
They're trying to minimize # of people in the buildings generally.

(Outdoors on a projector?? Might be more feasible)

Animal Crossing conferences over Twitch?? Could set one up to meet the new students too.

Sundays at 7pm in August - fireworks events?

- Devin Harrison - Travel Fund
- Charlie Lang - Equipment Library