

## Dean's Council Agenda (October 8, 2020)

**4:30 pm CST**

Outdoor events with <10 people, picnic with individually packaged food, eaten socially-distanced : as long as it fits with city ordinances, it should be fine.

Distanced events with small numbers of people also should be fine. (e.g., tickets to Zoo Lights for a group of <10... BUT the rules are constantly changing!! So watch out for that.)

Any events with alcohol on campus still need to go through the usual approval via Student Life.

- Diane Hall (Student Life Fee Presentation)

Pooled as a revenue source for campus's student life offices (CSL), which then allocate to student groups. Incl Grad Council, offices such as Dean of Students & Bursar's office; part of what is left over goes to student activities.

For the past couple of years, it's been a lump sum allocation rather than per-student  
This year is 7700 a quarter - roughly 50% of previous years.

-- Takeaway for us: It's not actually a direct relationship between student life fee and student group funding.... The student life offices have other sources of revenue and have other expenditures/places to send money to than just student groups.

-- Diane will look into an infographic from CSL to help explain where student life fees go (in total) & where Dean's Council gets its money.
- Introductions: name, year, department, board position (if applicable) - Anyone not on the listserv?
- Welcome new members!
  - Co-Treasurer: Rosy Liao
  - Cultural Co-Chair: Sarah Paracha
  - Website Manager: Astra Hwang
  - Newsletter Manager: Sandra McClure
  - GC Rep: Sophia Horigan
  - New members: Eric Rouviere, Hannah Farrell, Sarah Paracha, Josephine Tang, Mira Liu, Olivia Lutz, Jelena Scepanovic, Stella Hartmann, Emily Higgs, Augusta Broughton, Ross Rad
- Updated 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
  - We would like to move everything to this folder:  
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12r9A6xO1Iia1oMeEOZ74OkQnqQhzWluX>

- Bylaw Amendments Vote

The changes are in red here:

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/11\\_Dn8BRR58QewHQtLP5jPz7OILJAIMi-gnLg9\\_13RF8/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/11_Dn8BRR58QewHQtLP5jPz7OILJAIMi-gnLg9_13RF8/edit)

All of the changes are things that we've already done -- e.g., non-Dean's Council members holding event chair positions, amending the funding guidelines in extreme case (COVID19) (Or else are changes to grammar--not marked in red)

Bylaw amendments passes by a majority of members present.

- GRIT funding request vote?

Grit requested budget passes.

Amount will be set aside for the year with no quarterly restrictions on when to spend it

- Volunteering at the Chicago Food Depository for Autumn Quarter

Will be starting up again - there are some left-over supplies from earlier in the year when it first ran

- BSD Orientation Game Night Debrief - how did it go?

Seemed to be successful - switched from running pictionary over zoom to using skribbl.io website while chatting over zoom.

Not many people in casual chat room, but it was a good discussion anyway

- Meytal & Rosy - Treasury Update

There's a link to the current budget doc here:

<https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/current-budgets/>

Will update it towards the beginning of every month with the previous month's spending.

- Jimmy - GRIT representative

Two upcoming events: Trivia Night for the Culture (Oct 15) & National Coming Out Day Seminar (Oct 16; Dr. Lauren Esposito, 500 queer scientists founder)

- Jin and Martin - Coffee hour (virtual)

25 vouchers from Starbucks for first coffee hour -- distributed all of them over an hour on Monday. A few people wanted some but got there late. 28 or 30 vouchers for next time?

-- might be kind of unwieldy to have a coordinated coffee hour over zoom - everyone would need to get their coffee at the same time.

- Brittany & Sarah - Cultural Co-Chairs

Couple of questions:

What is the budget & how many events are we planning for? (We usually decided this per event -- Cultural Chairs propose the events, cost per ticket, & we would vote on whether & how many tickets to buy, then how much to sell them for.)

Looking at events online (video events, live streams, etc.) - are outside events allowed?? (e.g. ice skating - an hour at Maggie Daley is \$40)

- Devin - Travel Fund  
Will be running applications this quarter. Application will go out in the next week - will cover registration fees for virtual conferences.
- Soo Ji - Equipment Library  
Open to start renting equipment again starting next week (Oct 12)! There's a link to the wordpress site on the BSD Dean's Council website.
- Sandra - Newsletter  
Plan is just to add everything into the email (including announcements, representative updates, meeting minutes, etc.) and send to all BSD students each month. To give a clearer picture to other students of what's going on with DC.
- Astra - Website (not present)  
<https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd>
- Alexis and Sophia - GC  
Grad Council travel fund will also open up again. Can be used for conferences, professional development -- still need to finalize the rules on it, but they'll send out some guidelines soon.  
They're currently soliciting representatives for various Grad Council committees. (See Alexis & Sophia's email -- more detailed description in the email about what each committee does.)
- Sports Chair: Open position available
- Community Service Chair: Open position available  
(NOTE: as of the updated bylaws vote, non-DC-members can serve as these events chairs!)
- Program representative updates (how is your program doing/any ideas for activities/anything that DC can help with?)  
Neuro programs: had a small socially-distanced picnic where some of the incoming first-years showed up; also held a panel with senior students to answer questions about stuff like doing rotations during COVID, classes, picking mentors, etc.  
Metabolism - had a breakfast over zoom with the incoming first years & give them some advice, talk about doing rotations  
CMB - upperclassmen have signed up to be paired mentors with the incoming first-years; they had a panel where the mentors and incoming students met.  
Vicky: at least 7 programs have peer mentoring programs this year!  
Might be good to continue even after COVID - would have been nice for others of us to get that intro as first years...  
ISTP & Med students are having a bonfire at the end of anatomy course for the first year med students  
MPhys and Human Genetics have students-only Slack channels that have been good for coordinating events & casual chats