

Dean's Council Agenda (Thursday, January 14th, 2020)

4:30 pm CST

- Welcome new members! Anyone not on the listserv?
- Updating 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
<https://drive.google.com/drive/u/0/folders/12r9A6xO1Iia1oMeEOZ74OkQnqQhzWluX>

- Mira - Community Service Update
 - Volunteering at the Chicago Food Depository for Winter Quarter

-- haven't sent the email yet for this quarter -- COVID situation & getting transportation to the location are still dicey. Hope to start working with more local and/or remote organizations. (Looking into other food pantry organizations atm)

- Dean's Council Storage Locker
- Brittany & Sarah - Cultural Co-Chairs
 - Money from second city tickets
 - Ice skating event?

-- still need to touch base about what will be happening this quarter. Discussing skating either on the Midway or downtown (maybe Midway bc less crowded?)

-- another round of Second City happy hour?

-- ice skating would be better Jan/Feb, Second City maybe later in the quarter

-- first round of Second City: sold all the tickets, had a lot more interest than they were able to give out tix

- Sandra - Newsletter Update
- Meytal & Rosy - Treasury Update

-- no major updates this month

-- reminder: any outstanding charges, including purchased with the GEMS card, please submit the reimbursement form so they can get cleared with Melissa

-- and a reminder that the treasury sheet is only updated periodically, so make sure to keep track of what you're spending for your program independently as well!

- Jimmy and Ross - GRIT representatives
- teams recently met to go over first quarter, figure out budgets for next quarter
- it's hard atm to come up with events that use the budget allocation!
- Black History month events coming up - will host Derek Applewhite (w/ LGBTQ team)
- Black students lunch
- bake & craft night coming up with Women's team
- Disabilities team will host an alumni panel for mental health awareness
- w/ UIC, a panel of scientists talking about experiences with disabilities in STEM
- new book club starting with LGBTQ team

About rules for funding generally: co-chairs are looking into rules for how to use funds for food. E.g., be able to use GEMS card to put in orders for pick-up at Medici?

- Jin and Martin - Coffee hour (virtual)
 - Replacement for Jin?
- will start next week with coffee hours for the quarter. Vouchers distributed on Mondays, can use at other times during the week
- last quarter, Martin went with physical GEMS card each time to pay -- was wondering if he can order them multiple weeks at a time?
- Seems okay -- make sure to tell Melissa the charge is for multiple weeks

Same point -- could look into having the GEMS card on file with the Starbucks?
 -- the manager says there are issues with having the card registered.

- Devin - Travel Fund (Replacement for Devin?)
- Soo Ji - Equipment Library
- Astra - Website
- moved all the 2020 meeting minutes to a new tab
- new section for 2021's meeting minutes.
- wanted to create a volunteer opportunities tab for the website!

Could add the newsletter to the website as well? (PDF versions if possible)

- Alexis and Sophia - GC

-- GC hasn't had the first meeting yet for the year

-- lots of cool events in the works from the various committees - look for emails to come

- Sports Chair: Open position available

-- this person would be responsible for looking into sporting events to purchase & sell subsidized tickets for - roughly once/quarter, in previous years? (Previous sports chair: Alexis Thomas)

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

-- ISTP: a remote version of the winter party -- possibly trivia or virtual escape room?

-- Neuro: also looking at virtual escape room; speed friending (modeled on a GRIT event)?

-- E&E: more trivia/art nights, looking into a remote yoga session?

From Melissa: there are still unreconciled GEMS card charges! Make sure to get her your receipts for these!!!

We can include any program updates that you would like to share in the newsletter that goes out -- let Sandra know what you'd like to send out!