

Dean's Council Agenda (Thursday, July 8th, 2021)
4:30 pm CST

General Reminders:

- If you are spending DC money, you **must** complete the following form and submit ALL receipts in a timely manner: <https://voices.uchicago.edu/deanscouncilbsd/forms/>
- 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/12r9A6xO1Iia1oMeEOZ74OkOnqQhzWluX>
- Dean's Council Meetings: 2nd Thursday of every month at 4:30 pm CST
 - Upcoming meetings scheduled for August 12, September 9, October 14

Agenda

- Pan Asian Coalition - Funding Request Received

request for summer quarter socials/club expenses, including books for book club --

We still have the COVID era amendment in place allowing individual purchases of books; haven't voted to change it back, so this is a fundable request

Q on funding social events if they're restricted to membership of a group -- current rules are that the group membership has to be open to all BSD or the event as a whole has to be open to all BSD, advertised widely.

Voted conditionally to approve funding requested, so long as events are open to BSD members & advertised.

- Summer Softball Team - Funding Request Received

Requesting equipment (gloves, bats, etc.), & registration fee

Application seems to be for a departmental team. Rules would prohibit spending general fund money on equipment for just one group. Equipment would need to be in a common pool.

Seems that the original intention might have been to apply for BSD-wide equipment, which would be fundable.

Can also pay registration fees to use park space. (have precedent for paying teams' fees)

Precedent for each department using its own program funds to pay for their equipment.

-- we need to clarify whether it's department-specific, or intended for BSD-wide stuff.

-- also how the equipment will be stored so it's available for any BSD team.

-- the events are open to all BSD, but team equipment isn't the same as event supplies??

-- we will get answers to the questions & send a poll out to DC members before next month's meeting.

- Vote on Meytal becoming the next Co-Chair (replacing Nikita)
confirmed by vote of members present

- Vote on Taylor becoming the next Co-Treasurer (replacing Meytal)
confirmed by vote of members present

- Call for new Dean's Council Chair

- Sarita will be stepping down, so please let us know if you would like to be a chair, and send a blast to your programs!

- Mira - Community Service Update

emailed update: will send up a BSD-wide survey for sign-ups to go to Greater Chicago food depository -- in next few days

-- student-faculty joint volunteering event set up by medical physics! Could be cool to do in other programs as well

- Brittany & Sarah - Cultural Co-Chairs

No cultural chair updates atm -- were going to look into the updated guidelines on food tours, etc.

-- Vicky will have a meeting tomorrow where it may be possible to ask about in-person activities. (Interested primarily in indoors in-person events, like seminars)

-- does it count as a university-sanctioned event if funded by DC? (University provides transport, then yes. So if we fund people getting to the event OR an event that involves transportation, it might be 'University-sanctioned')

-- could start by asking Michele Rasmussen. Will send her a quick description of the event types we want to know about.

-- MSTP was able to organize an architectural boat tour and transportation to (an outdoor?) event. Had to fill out paperwork to get the okay on those activities. Vicky will ask another faculty member to share the paperwork required.

- Amruta, Kiseok, and Yichen - Travel Fund

- Renaming to Conference Support Fund or Conference Presentation Fund
- Frequency of Calling for Submissions

Update: ongoing discussion about making travel fund more applicable during pandemic & after. Ryan Crisp met w Diane Hall as facilitator

-- renaming to be one of the above options? (Travel Fund is a vague, possibly misleading name. The money could be used for other parts of conferences.)

-- increasing frequency from 2x a year to beginning of each quarter; prioritize those submitting for first time rather than those who have already been funded.

-- suggested to come up with these changes as amendments to the bylaws, submit to a vote -- ideally next meeting

- Equipment Library: Megan Kennedy

Introducing new people who are taking over the equipment library: Megan, Amruta, Elaine, Sierra

-- Qs: how much money is in the equipment library fund?

-- replacing missing/broken items, or adding new ones -- does that have to go through a vote?

there is no dedicated fund for equipment library at present (such as GRIT's)

in the past, have submitted a proposed budget & we voted to approve.

for replacing small things like parts, it just went through approval without a vote -- ask

Melissa Lindberg about this...

Because we don't have GEMS card access atm, probably makes most sense to present the purchases to Melissa and ask her to approve/buy the items on the list using the GEMS card.

otherwise, submit funding requests through the general fund like other groups.

- Sandra - Newsletter Update

- Meytal & Rosy - Treasury Update

Don't have the current ledgers yet, but will update budgets for the month (through June) once they get those.

-- all the backlog from last month tracking down charges is sorted out, now only one month behind

- Jimmy and Ross - GRIT representatives

New leadership recently elected: Sarah Paracha, Margo MacDonald, Kate Berger

-- email Sarita with names & emails to add to the listserv

Would also very much like to know whether in-person events can resume...

- Martin & Hannah - Coffee hour (virtual)

Iced coffee vouchers are popular!

Can't get next round of vouchers until Melissa returns from vacation, can use GEMS card again in August.

- Astra - Website

New leadership positions (Meytal & Taylor) -- email Astra with photo to add to website

- Alexis and Sophia - Grad Council

- Sports Chair: Open position available

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