

Emergency Meeting 7/9/20

Roll Call

- 16 present
 - Quorum met

Overview:

- The University has a lot of COVID-19 initiatives planned
 - Portion of funds are unable to be covered -- asking for USG's help
- Bonnie:
 - Intent to provide all students with mask + gator + info card + hand sanitizer in a gift box, for all students
 - Additional gift box for students isolating: stronger hand sanitizer that can also be used on surfaces too & thermometer
 - Possible grant coming in to cover some of the remaining cost
 - Additional piece to send home to students that'll answer FAQ's about going back to school
 - Giveaway items for encouragement
 - Costs:
 - \$21,566 without grant, \$11,566 with grant
 - Remainder would be refunded if grant received
 - Reserve Fund:
 - Current balance = \$187,439.59
 - \$175,873.59 or \$165,873.59 if covering
 - Separate from USG allocations
 - USG Budget:
 - Current (before SAF): \$2,690.42
 - Estimated 20/21 budget (with SAF): \$12,690.42
 - Potential marketing tools' cost: about \$6,300
 - Stickers \$345
 - Sticky notes \$1,500
 - Pencils \$1,449
- Zach:
 - Comfortable funding full amount
- Joe:
 - How would items be distributed to students?
 - Bonnie:
 - Students living on-campus: boxes will be in rooms prior to arrival
 - Off-campus: Tuesday before classes begin, various stations and times
- Bonnie:
 - Print pieces would acknowledge USG for contributions
- Ziggy:

- Two separate motions -- pull from reserve fund for costs & other from our own budget for marketing tools?
 - Larkin: Priority is first, second is optional but would be good for marketing
- Jordan:
 - Money from our budget -- PR has \$350 for marketing, could potentially go towards covering some of marketing costs
 - Larkin: No specified area of our budget to pull money from but can be from PR for example if wanted
- Joe(?):
 - Kits for students that are sick -- distribution?
 - Bonnie:
 - On-campus: sick students will move to isolation, Administration would be aware of when and where they're going
 - Off-campus: ideally aware of where they'll be as well to help with distributions
- Bryce:
 - Motion to allocate \$21,566 maximum to cover costs for the COVID-19 Initiatives
 - 14 aye, 0 nay, 0 abstain
 - Motion passes
 - Bonnie: Really appreciate support to help efforts with COVID-19 planning!
 - Reminder about the town hall tomorrow at 3PM
- Zack:
 - Encourage us to take this opportunity to market -- stickers especially, maybe a little card with USG info
 - Jordan:
 - Would definitely like us to utilize this opportunity as well
 - Sydney:
 - Pamphlets would mention USG/SAF -- don't need to do something additional but it would need to be separate
 - Stefani:
 - Included options to help us gauge what we want to do -- cheapest options as examples
 - Don't have to utilize these options
 - Bonnie:
 - Don't know the size of the bags -- stickers would be the best option
 - Colin:
 - What happens if we go to online-only learning -- what'll happen to the gift boxes?
 - Bonnie: Hoping that we end up in-person at some point, masks were already ordered in June
 - Zofia:
 - Don't think this is the opportunity to pack the box full -- don't really need stickers, some aren't looking for clutter

- Zack:
 - People like stickers and it's not that expensive
 - Can come from general fund too
- Natalie:
 - All one fund -- can allocate money however we want -- PR could ask for more money if we agree to have the funds pulled from PR
 - We already ordered around 800 new stickers at the end of last semester intended for Orientation Week and K-Day
 - Stefani: Bulk discount for over 6000 stickers
- Joe:
 - How would it work to get our logo printed on the packet for recognition?
 - Bonnie: Would increase cost to have it printed on the bag
 - Larkin: USG would be recognized on the print piece that is in the care kit and the print piece being sent home
 - USG's logo printed there?
 - Bonnie: Thought meant on the bag -- on the card it wouldn't be a problem at all

Other Items:

- CARES Act
 - Most students received the \$350
 - The Husky Emergency Fund is also available
 - Application required -- intended for students struggling due to COVID-19
 - We made a large donation to the fund at the end of Spring semester
 - GSG President informed us that the money is mostly gone
 - Request to all students -- students not in dire need of the \$350, consider donating the amount to the fund?
 - GSG matching donated amount up to \$10,000
 - USG could follow suit?
 - Zofia
 - Love the idea, could definitely work, low risk and high reward for all
 - Larkin
 - GSG's President did the math -- Estimates that if 1% of students donated their \$350, that'd result in \$20,000 added to the fund which could help roughly 40 students
 - Zack
 - When we last donated it was a large portion of our budget that we had more than usual of due to COVID-19, how would this work to do this again from the Reserve Fund?
 - Jordan
 - We do have such a surplus (roughly x3 minimum)-- good idea to look into
 - Larkin:

- Clarification: amount doesn't have to be \$10,000, can be whatever the body sees fit
- Sydney
 - Due to the rules of emergency meeting we are unable to vote on this during this meeting
 - Beka: This is a conversation that won't go away anytime soon so it can be pushed closer to the start of classes

Adjournment

- Motion and second
 - 13 yay, 2 nay, 1 abstain
 - Motion passes
 - Meeting adjourned