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Advisory Board Minutes

Date

Roark 207b

Call to Order – 9:11 am

Roll Call- Absent: Melinda Murphy, Ethan Whitt, Madison Lipscomb

Approval of Minutes- None to approve

Advisor Reports

A. Senate Advisor-

- a. Senate is off to a great start. The new meeting location in Whitlock is superior to using the room in memorial. It has already improved the moral of the senate body. The Exec retreat went well. And I am glad to hear the amnesty policy has taken off, we have talked about it numerous times.

B. SAC Advisor-

- a. We have been trying to work with Justina to get make sure things were handled. The first event and the movie night had a good turnout. We keep SAC event calendars open to access so others don't overlap dates. The next event is another movie night, and then the next big event is the Colonel Corn Roast. SAC has been doing great, they have been fun to work with, they have been on top of planning, budget, and everything else. Becca has been attending exec meetings. We have been working to get Student Life, SAC, and a few others to do a pride week the week of national coming out day. SAC has booked a speaker for that week and we are in contact with Berea College to come down for some events.

C. Court Advisor-

- a. Absent

D. Executive/financial Advisor-

- a. Commend everyone on the great start to the year. Positive energy is awesome. I attended some of the exec retreat, it sounds like you all have already hit some of your goals. The Google Drive has made a huge improvement. You all are off to a great start, and really benefiting the students around you.
- b. RSO funding questions- partnership with Student Life

E. Dean of Students-

- a. Homecoming parade is on Friday night this year. There will be a warehouse across from MCHS for those who need somewhere to build their floats. King and Queen info went live on Monday, so please pass that to other organizations. Because of fall break everything get pushed back a little bit. We will be voting the week before fall break to prevent fewer glitches when voting. We are in the midst of suicide prevention period. You have probably seen outside the bookstore and case. Has SGA had QPR training? President Wiggins: Our director of diversity has and we spoke during retreat about the rest of us getting the training as well. He is in the process of talking to the counseling center and partnering with them regarding this issue.
- b. SayIt: it is a group that provide support for suicide, drugs, alcohol, sadness, etc. Our group has seen an increase in reporting recently. We don't believe it is because the world is worse, but rather we have created a culture of reporting. And I think it would be very good for you all to become more involved because you are not only leaders in SGA, but also a number of organizations.
- c. Comp care is typically not available for the forensic evaluations that we need. We do follow up after they are taken to Eastern State

Executive Reports

- A. Executive Vice President-
 - a. Absent
- B. SAC Vice President-
 - a. Jesse will bring in chars for the Incredibles movie night, we expect a lot of the community to come out to that. Next week our EC is meeting earlier to being working on colonel corn roast. We have about 38 people in the branch now, but 6 have not showed up or contacted me. I think schedules are getting better now that we have out meeting time changed.
- C. Student Body President-
 - a. Since Madison isn't here, I feel like I should tell you all that senate is full! We have room for 2 more appointments. A lot of freshman so we have new faces. Madison has created a deputy chair spot so that newer members can learn from the older ones. Brianna, Kaisee, and myself have been cleaning the larger office and have made great strides. We have been through a lot of things, but there is a lot of change happening and better organization. SGA is having their first joint branch meeting this month on September 18th in Combs Grise. We will have two, the second will be November 15th. SGA orientation will be September 30th it will be in King Johnson. We will show them what SGA all about and allow them to meet other people from other branches. Our SGA retreat was very productive. I caught 3 fish and Sammi caught a frog. We got a lot of planning done, we revisited what we learned at KLA, and what goals we had completed. We started our Colonel Pride Program this year, we have 15 events set up. We are very excited because it's going so well. We also have an application created for others to ask Colonel Pride to be at their events. We recently approved our Colonel Pride Director last week. Christian Roberts, a former senator. All of our directors have been approved and they have been doing great work and are very dedicated. I feel that this cabinet has been the best we have seen, we have been able to work together and get things accomplished. It is a very driven group. I have already started a Chief Justice search committee. Our Inspector General is heading this initiative up. We have members from each branch on this committee. If we do not have a recommendation by the end of the month, I will probably go ahead and appoint someone I feel will work hard. The google drive has been set up, we have all of our information on there. It is great because we are paperless. Our confidential documents are on our N drive so they are limited in who can access them. It is far more efficient. I ordered a ton of polos with summer, so if anyone would like a polo I have one to give you after this meeting is done.
 - b. Dr. Marion- the website probably needs updated. If we don't have access, we should find a way to get the access to that.
 - i. President Wiggins- currently they are in the process of switching over programmers.

Old Business

New Business

Announcements

Open Discussion-

Dean of Students- I'm curious as to how the internal dynamics as the year ended that we talked about possibly being an issue. The 5 dysfunctions of team reading- it is very interesting and looks at 5 different things to build trust among team members. One of the things it acknowledges is that it is not a quick fix. But gives you the ideas to spring board off of.

President Wiggins- it is better. But there are still issues. I would like to hold meetings with some people to remind them that we are here to help the students more than anything.

Dr. Marion- he has been very strategic in selecting people who have a large work ethic and are willing to put what work needs to be done. Within the Senate, with having Madison as the VP. I think the two of them have really pulled together. I think this exec board have been doing the best to make amends. I think the environment that Ethan identified, that this is a very important program to the university, has changed the way members of the senate look at things.

President Wiggins: we have a by-law and constitution revision committee together. It has both old and new senators on it. We have also had a lot of help we didn't have in the past recently.

Chief of Staff- motion to close, seconded, passed

Call for Adjournment- 10am

Chief of Staff- motion to adjourn- seconded- passed