



## MINUTES

### THE THIRTEENTH DUKE STUDENT GOVERNMENT SENATE

November 1, 2006

8:00 PM

Schiciano Auditorium B, CIEMAS

#### I. CALL TO ORDER – 8:03PM

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Basketball game tomorrow night 7pm
- Vote on Tuesday!

#### IV. PUBLIC FORUM

#### V. CONSENT AGENDA & BUDGETARY STATUTES

##### a. New Group Requests, **Alex Crable**, SOFC Chair

##### i. Cuban Student Association (SOFC Recommendation: *Recognition*)

- recommended by unanimous consent; focused on Cuban life and culture, an issue raised was the relationship with SOCA and Mi Gente, group is working with Mi Gente; 15 active members of freshmen and sophomores.

##### Questions:

-There is a precedent for allowing individual country groups; does this put a pressure on OSAC resources?

There is a strain on resources, not financially, but in the future we might have a problem with room reservation spaces, limited number of students and faculty advisor to join groups.

Example you might be pulling students from Mi Gente for this organizations.

-How many groups are country specific?

At least 20.

-What political action does this group plan to be taking?

We won't be politically affiliated, but it will be a discussion topic not a stance.

-Is there something about stereotypes that you want to break free from?

There are cultural stereotypes, want to discuss the Cuban identity in different regions of the country.

**Final Decision: Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Approved.**

##### ii. Haitian Student Association (SOFC Recommendation: *Recognition*)

- recommended by unanimous consent; trying to bring awareness, culture, and history to campus; question raised about relationship with SOCA; group feels that discussions on Haiti would be beneficial; in order to

benefit from conferences the group would need to be recognized on campus.

Questions:

How many Haitians students are there on campus and will you be reaching out to other students?

About 45 students and do plan to reach out to other people as well.

-Does the group plan to do anything with the French language?

We plan to have French foods at the International Food festival and some of the members speak the language at meetings.

***Final Decision: Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Approved.***

iii. Know Your Status (SOFC Recommendation: *Recognition*)

-has been operating on campus since Sept. 23, 2005 working with student health; focus on HIV testing, prevention, and awareness; free student testing for HIV; the group has gone through different requirements and conditions to do this by the state and Duke to do testing; question between what is the difference between Generation HIV-main difference is that Generation has a global focus whereas this group does testing and focuses on Duke and Durham; asked about confidentiality and only have one student running the testing and she is fully certified and the other members do not have access to records.

Questions:

-Why was one vote cast against the organization?

One out of the twelve wanted to give charter status.

-Why would they be given charter vs. recognition?

The group would have annual expenses; the t-shirts and test kits which are \$12.50 are our only costs. The other annual costs are the condoms, refreshments, and printing. The tests are currently free from the state.

-Main difference with the student health center testing.

We do the rapid testing whereas the student health center conducts another type of status.

-Do you guys only do HIV testing?

Yes.

-What is the process like to be a tester?

NC does not actually have a certification program. You go through a 3 day program and then receive completion. We trained 21 people to do the testing this fall. Hoping in the future to use the nursing school students or identify one student to volunteer 6 hours a week and possibly become a work study student.

***Final Decision: Approved by unanimous voice vote.***

iv. Alpha Kappa Psi (SOFC Recommendation: *Recognition*)

- the purpose of the group is to provide events and networking to students.

Questions:

-Are you going to be living together?

No.

-What kind of activities are you going to be doing?

We are going to have business speakers come in as well as offer excel workshops.

-Are you working with Fuqua?

We are trying to reach alums in Fuqua.

-How many students do you have and anticipate?

We have 52 students, next semester we will be rushing and there will be a very selective process.

-Are you going to try to affiliate with IFC?

We can't join IFC because then some of our members could not participate.

-Do you plan to provide information or plan events around careers other than consulting?

We are business fraternity and our events will tend to revolve this.

-How many other business organizations are there on campus?

There are a couple of groups but they are not similar.

-What is your group's position on hazing?

We condemn it.

**Final Decision: Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Approved.**

v. Society for Hispanic Professional Engineers (SOFC Recommendation: *Recognition*)

-plan to work with students in schools to encourage interest in engineering at an early age; motion to approve by unanimous consent; due to the number of Hispanic students in engineering the group has a large interest; also affiliated with a national organization that has national and regional conferences.

*Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Objection.*

Questions:

-Since you have already attended a conference, do you need a formal organization?

I talked with the national organization and made a commitment to start an organization here.

-Is there a more general society for all professional engineers?

We don't discriminate, it's actually in our bylaws so anyone can join.

-Is there a demonstrated need to join this organization?

This is a great way for people to network and meet with recruiters and they don't discriminate whether you are Hispanic.

-Will your group be offering pro bono non-licensed work to Hispanics?

In engineering it is not that easy to develop a project for a specific student, these types of projects are linked to the society.

-Has there been any collaboration between Mi Gente and the ESG?

We will in the future.

-Do we have a black engineering club?

Yes and we have one for women as well.

*Objection, move into debate.*

-There needs to be a future debate on how these country-oriented groups fit.

**Final Decision: Motion to call into question. Approved. Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Approved.**

vi. Hepatitis B

-have made changes to group; SOFC

*Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Objection.*

Questions:

-When do you see an umbrella medical group forming?

We are still in the process of discussing it with student health and the med center. It has been very difficult to set up meetings. Have been having meetings with student organizations.

**Final Decision: Motion to call to question. Move into vote. Approved by unanimous consent.**

b. Budgetary Statute: Duke Allies (SOFC Recommendation: \$ 1,512)

-request for Ally Day; passed by unanimous consent; this has been run in past years, it has been a collaboration of people coming together; recommending money for food and bringing a band, SOFC will not be paying for shirts; SOFC was not the group's first fundraising source.

*Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Objection.*

Questions:

-What is Ally Day?

Going to have two different bands and good food. Changed name to Allies on the Plaza.

-What does your organization do?

We promote acceptance and tolerance on campus.

-Did you receive money from other organizations?

Have made rounds and received funding.

**Final Decision: Motion to approve by unanimous consent. Approved.**

## VI. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

a. **Shiela Curran**, Executive Director, Duke Career Development Center

-have a bold goal of being the best career center in the United States.

i. Last year:

-have been trying to provide services that students want, look at counseling programs, how well we are doing in terms of getting recruiters

-appointments went up by 51%; had a 29% increase in the number of employers we have relationships with; had 1300 volunteer hours from CATs; 93% say that they would recommend a friend.

ii. Currently:

-tomorrow an internship database will premiere so students can search for employers in different cities and also give information whether the student recommends the internship.

-there has been no new progress on the new building since last year; new building will be on Central Campus; if you want to provide input e-mail:

[dukecareercenterthoughts@gmail.com](mailto:dukecareercenterthoughts@gmail.com)

-rarely do you have the opportunity to design a new space; what we really want to know is what kind of things need to be in place for students who want to come in.

-currently, we have lousy space and have a counter barrier that is not really conducive

-downstairs there is a problem with the way the space functions

-have great student involvement and diversity career liaisons; all types of students are coming into the career center

-want to have more counselors so that students can have an average of 3 hours counseling services, currently only 1 hour during their time at Duke

-want to have a robust career community

-want an attractive and convenient location

- want a building collaborative to bring groups on campus
- working with the Center for Documentary studies to create 'A Day in the Life of an Alum'

c. What you can do

- want students who sign up to come to events
- if you feel like there is a need for a good career center let us know
- our mission is to help you figure out what you want to do and facilitate the opportunities that are available
- new motto - 'challenge us'

Questions:

- What do you mean by an underrepresented student?

All students of color, these students typically do not come into our office. We are trying harder to target these students who will benefit from the career center.

- Do you have any idea about the proportion of Caucasian students vs. underrepresented students?

51% white

- What means need to be undertaken to expand?

Putting together a plan with what we expect to accomplish and how we can shift resources. For the past 4 years we have been working with the same resources. Trying to raise money for career week and other initiatives. Trying to get in touch with people who are in touch with students early on. Looking at the idea of having alumni advisors for the career counselors. The alumni residence program has worked very well.

- What initiatives are in place for students who seek international careers?

We hired a counselor to specifically work on international careers and services. This is an area that Duke will be putting a lot more emphasis on. We will have two people dedicated specifically to alumni who are looking for careers.

b. **Vijay Brihmadhesam**, DSG Director of Student Services

- program began in the Fall of 2004 with DSG funding of \$2440
- in 2005 DSG decided not to fund and RLHS decided to fund, and the spring funded by the libraries.

-Findings

- circulation exceeded 2000 DVDs
- need for movies on West - librarians have had many students ask about program on west.
- currently Duke lacks any mechanism to allow students to view current movies.
- program objectives - increase capacity, selection
- proposal - to increase the number of movies in Lily by 150%; duplicate in Perkins, 3 day rentals must be returned to library they are checked out from; movies stay on shelf for 10 weeks and then sold for money to be put back
- funding: DSG contribution 0 \$3360 out of surplus; LB still giving \$1500; Campus Council \$1860 = total \$3360

Questions:

- Why are movies being sold?

Multiple copies being bought and keeping only one.

- What about investigating an online movie website?

A lot of them have been evaluated, but none seem to be good.

- Why do we have to make movies available to grads if funded by undergrads?

GPSC doesn't have the money and the library can't really regulate checkout.

-Is the \$7020 a yearly cost?

Yes.

-Where would you be purchasing these DVDs?

Lily library handles the purchasing and coding.

-Which market are you trying to resell DVDs to?

There is a student on campus trying to start an eBay type program and he could try to sell them and give the cost back.

-Is there any way we can keep a copy on West and East?

That has to do with the library system functions. Question of where to keep it on West.

-So are we purchasing 4 of the same movie as opposed to 2?

A lot of people want to see a movie when it comes out and then demand dwindles down.

-What is with the Ford library and movies on reserve?

They have their own policies.

## VII. RULES

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

## IX. OLD BUSINESS

## X. REPORTS

## XI. ADJOURN - 9:38PM