

BSGSA Office Meeting 1/17/02

Members present:

Rich Sawin

Dave Rogowski

Jeremy Guinn

Jeffrey Bell

Agenda:

-To go over several budget and audit issues as presented by Jeremy

-To get us on track for the new semester and to begin to think about scheduling events for this semester

Meeting commenced at 1700 in the museum

-Jeremy presented information on the budget audit which needed to be turned in on the 17th of January, and expressed the fact that it has been difficult getting input from the auditing committee, and that they have been dragging their feet.

-Jeremy has signed us up for a budget hearing on the 10th of February at 11:45 and asked for our attendance, for this is the meeting where we can ask for funding for various items on the budget, including such things as field trips, or to cover the cost of the union event.

-Rich began laying out a schedule of events this semester that we should think of getting involved in. The first one on the list is the science Olympiad, which is on April 20th, and would serve as a good volunteer opportunity. The second thing Rich brought up in terms of scheduling is that we have been asked to help out with the Governor's school program again in June.

-Jeff filled the other member in on what had been done last year at the event, held on June 9th at Buffalo River state park, which was a big success and from which the Governor's school donate a substantial amount of money.

-Rich stressed the urgency to get rolling on the big fundraising event at the union, and Jeff said that he and the fundraising committee will begin working on it, and tentatively plan on having the event during mid to late February. Jeremy suggested other fundraising ideas for the big event, including getting local companies to donate items that could be auctioned off at the event. Jeff also mentioned the a good fundraising idea that Helene

had mentioned was to sell brats in front of Hornbacher's in the spring. Jeff is planning to meet with the fundraising committee sometime next week.

-The research grant the BSGSA is offering has only received on application to date, and the closing date is next week.

-Dave reported on the Ta stipend committee. Mike, Shannon, and himself are researching what other Ta's and Ra's make both in the local area, and throughout the country. Shannon is concentrating on other departments on campus, while Dave and Mike are looking at other schools, and Dave has been doing some research on the internet. He reported that for Ra fellowships the stipends range from 9000 to 18,000 and many include benefits.

-Rich brought up the possibility of doing another session at the Group Decision Center, all the members had some reluctance towards the idea, and it was decided to have the entire group vote on it.

-Rich expressed concern on enrollment and involvement of members, and Jeremy stated that enrollment is actually up from 17 last year to 20 this year, though we all included that with all the things we will be undertaking we need more involvement from our members.

-The members concluded that we really didn't have enough for a full meeting yet, and that after Jeff gathered some more information about the big fundraising event it would be good to have a group meeting to go over the tentative plans and ask people to help out with the event.

-Jeremy present the budget as it stands now to the group, and provided information on those things for which we are likely to receive funds for, since it seems that there is a history of funding certain things and not others, due to what has been funded in the past. Such things as field trips are general not funded, though we expressed a need to try to do something with the wildlife society/explorer's club, either has some type of field outing or as a presentation to the group. This could serve as a good way to get undergraduates involved in the group. Right now we have roughly \$900 in available funds with budgeted expenses for the year of around \$1300 dollars. Of these expenses we are budgeted to cover most of them through various fundraising events and donations, but will need to request around \$300.

-All the members agreed on trying to work on their separate areas before the next meeting, and Jeff planned on having information on the union event by late next week.

Meeting adjourned 1745