11/04/14
Appropriations Committee Report

Meeting called to order by Chair Micah Lockhart at 6:06 PM

6:08- Minutes are approved.

6:10- Senator Lockhart announced that the presenter is not present and made it known that she will be late because of her Internship.

Senator Casale moves to suspend the rules to allow a wait for the presenter until 6:30pm

Senator Joseph seconds the motion

Unanimous Approval of the motion.

Senator Lockhart goes over the changes to be made in the Funding Guidelines

--30 cents per mile shall be funded or reimbursed
--No funding taxi and parking fees
--No funding per diem
--We need to approve anything with our logo that correctly represents SGA
--Registration fees may be reimbursed
--Flights do not have to originate from North Carolina

Influence comes in to present (President)

Requesting $2,000 to get bracelets and t-shirts to promote blood donations and its importance

Questions section is open

Questions section closes

Debate on the request starts

Senator Casale- “Beauty is Pain” might be confusing to interpret.

Treasurer- She wants people to interpret the quote on their own.

Ashley Dixon- It is easy for her to collaborate with the Red Cross for a blood drive.

Senator Tharrington- Do we need to have a contingency?

Ashley Dixon- The event should somehow be related to a blood drive.
Senator Lockhart- Should we ask them to have a sponsor.

Ashley Dixon- They can get one

Senator Tharrington- I do not want other groups to be offended by it (the quote “Beauty is Pain”)

Senator Casale- I would not feel like I would want to wear a shirt that is so vague.

Ashley Dixon- how about we denying this request and advise her to re-apply and we give her more suggestions.

Jessica King- I is there event and we cannot impose how we want to do things.

Senator Lockhart- We can explain to her the specific reasons we are denying and give detailed explanations.

Senator Tharrington moves to close the debate on the request.

Senator Jahn seconds the motion.

Senator Tharrington moves to deny funding to Influence.

Senator Jahn seconds.

Some of the suggestions made to Influence were

-No shirts just bracelets

-Add in something to tie in a blood drive

-Making plans to work with the Red Cross

-Add something to tell the story from which the event stems

-Have a blood drive

Some flaws that were found in the plan were

-Both amounts of the requested items (t-shirts and bracelets) were found to be too high

-Poor execution of the idea

Senator Tharrington moves to close the time for suggestions which was seconded by Senator Jahn.

Ashley Dixon reminds the committee that we do not fund food and to make sure that we as members were aware of those Guidelines because we had previously funded an entire event worth of food.

Senator Tharrington- Should we write a resolution to support the new guidelines and who would write a bill?

Senator Lockhart- I would write a bill and we would all sponsor it.

Senator Tharrington- Can we change the process and make the changes official by letting all of senate vote on them?
Senator Lockhart- Yes we can write legislation and strike what is already written. This is called a “Strike-Out”. We could also take the method of a resolution and approve it then write legislation for future years.

Treasurer- We should write a bill instead for it to stick.

Senator Tharrington moves to put in place a process to approve the Guidelines then write a bill to approve the ones presented.

Motion is seconded and put to a vote.

Unanimous Approval

Motion to adjourn by Senator Casale

Seconded by Senator Tharrington

Meeting Adjourned at 7:10pm