

General Body Meeting Notes for 2/25/08

- I. Welcome
- II. Attendance (everyone was here)
- III. Group Reports

Yana: JBaGeL Jacob Staub this past Friday, and haman taschen party on the 21st.

Francesca: QCF Dinner next Tuesday

Anna: QSA advocacy meeting tonight. Venue is secured for QBall during QPenn. Going to be at XO lounge. Meeting for social committee at Wednesday at 9 PM. Working on to boost attendance for social events. Going to Spring Awakening this Thursday at 8 in place of General Body Info.

Baylee: Having coffee/lunch series with new members/potential new members. Going pretty well. Next Tuesday we're having General Body Meeting. Moving elections up for exec board to before spring break because Victor and Baylee will be leaving to learn more about it. Official switchover in May.

Keandra: Helping out with Pride Games PATH.

Clarence: QPOC is having a movie screening tomorrow evening, chutney popcorn. Serving popcorn.

Michael: Allies stopped having meetings last year and we need more people to show up. Meeting next week.

- IV. Exec Reports

Matt: Website update, Newsletter update, and NEC Interview went well

Dennie: Alec met with IFC council head and meeting with Pan-Hell head to talk about diversity in the greek system.

Yana: What will that be like?

Enmanuel/Matt: This will be initial discussion and we will bring it up at the next general body meeting and vote on it.

Dennie: There is a 5B meeting tomorrow night. Meeting next week with President Guttman and Provost Daniels. Tackling Campus Climate and the 3A's. Anything else?

Keandra: The whole diversity training and the state that it's in, we have a lack of communication of us and them. Athletic department and other administration and us [PATH]. I know Cynthia got some updates. Amy was pro it before.

Dennie: They did get the training but we don't know if they've implemented it yet. But I'll be sure to bring it up.

Anna: Will you guys be bringing up gender neutral bathrooms.

Dennie: Any new building will have gender neutral bathrooms. But some college houses don't have them. Is that something you think we should push?

Keandra: I think part of the problem they came into are either historic or space issues.

Dennie: University Council Meeting Wed at 4 PM in Bodek Lounge. This falls under the Academics of the 3 A's (diversity recruitment of faculty). If there's anything you want me to bring up because I hold a seat, feel free to email me. And if any of you have any ideas for finance and development chair to complete our board please send me an email.

- V. Old Business
 - a. QPenn

Keandra: QPenn is a google calendar.

Enmanuel: Can you send matt the link/info.

Keandra: Speaker will be on Wed instead of Tuesday in Huntsman G6. Drag Show will be on Tuesday. I'm assuming you have some knowledge. Another change we're discussing is the lunch series. However, one of our talks the bisexuality talks, the professor can't do it. There's a guy in the law school who's the LGBT advisor for barak obama, and it'd be cool to get him. That's an idea to put in the talk on Friday, or have someone else come for that talk. Another big change is we've moved the ssupplement release to Monday but keeping the rally the week before on Thursday. Allies is not going to have a Coffeehouse but they will have a battle of comedians. Bloomers vs. Mask Wig.

Michael: They haven't gotten back to us but we will have some kind of battle thing.

Enmanuel: When is the final meeting to discuss it? Next general body meeting is next Tuesday at 6 at the center.

Matt: Is there a Trans Event?

Keandra: Friday's lunch series there will be a workshop for Trans Allies. It'll be led by Keandra and someone else for Trans Allies instead of a Trans 101. We're planning on doing Trans 201 in April, just one session. Hopefully that will continue into the Fall.

Yana: What time is the Keynote on Wednesday.

Keandra: Hopefully be about 7 PM.

Yana: What about the Drag show?

Keandra: 7 PM Tuesday.

Enmanuel: How's the drag show going?

Keandra: Dana Luther and Elization are coleading the Drag Show board. It'll be tough but it's going well so far. If you have any more questions ask them. Some events are led by the groups so I don't have as much knowledge for them.

b. Blood Proposal

Dennie: Thank you for all of you that came to support us. It really made a difference. For those who are unaware we submit a proposal for the university to make a statement regarding its non-discrimination policy and the ruling regarding MSM. This is a huge lambda victory for us. Our student government really represents us. Discrimination against the LGBT community isn't going to be tolerated. There were some very vocal UA members against this amendment. Lambda will not be endorsing certain members. Not sure what we're going to be doing as the next step. We did take this to the UC before, and the administration just shrugged it off and just forgot about it.

Keandra: What were some of the reasons they were against it?

Dennie: One of the arguments was that if it made the blood supply safer from disease it's ok for Gay Men not to give blood. One person had outdated statistics. Another person said some comments that it wasn't nondiscriminatory.

Yana: Proposal wasn't about science, it was about discrimination.

Dennie: On that note, Jody Pollack is currently writing an article about this. I told her I'd give the names of the people who attended the meeting in support. Is it ok for me to give her the contact information? (yes, yes, yes)

c. Ivy Council

Dennie: Not going to happen. Ivy Council is moving away from the student government here representing. On top of that they weren't crazy of Alec's proposal. They wanted to keep it strictly to UA members. Alec is going to start contacting Tito and other people in the fall. If you have any comments email Alec.

VI. New Business

a. Mental Health Camp

Dennie: Being held tomorrow night in Ben Franklin Room at 7 PM. Provides students with basic techniques and strategies to help your friends with mental health issues. They're of great

importance for LGBT Youth. Just wanted to mention that if any of you have free time, it'll be a great event. If you have any questions email me. There will be more details in the Newsletter.

b. Policy Forum

Baylee: We decided against people coming out on the common app. What's a better idea is post-admissions and post-acceptance that we could send out an online type survey it would ask the question but also join together with lots of other groups on campus. It'd be a very general survey. Democrat, republican, sports to play, and sexual orientation questions.

George: Maybe someone should get on the facebook group for class 2012.

Dennie: We will change our times for the policy forum.

VII. Open Forum

Matt: What if Allies just did events and not meetings?

Michael: I'll bring it up at the next meeting.

Alex: We are SAC recognized!