

## Student Leadership Committee Minutes Spring 2016

8:30 pm meeting started

- “Yellow Flashing Light” written by Tim
- Addressed changes and issues in the past year (SA dismissal) and the absence of SA vote tomorrow in the board meeting; Shelly will fill in for this week until more permanent solution cuz Shelly was already interviewed last year and is ahead of the rest of us. Executive Committee will most likely give us the vote.
- No motions came from student leadership and Tim asks what suggestions we have for student leadership. Opens the floor for discussion:
  - Shelly has heard complaints about the convention website not being user friendly and that the office is aware of it; Elfi and Josh working on a solution
  - Amber asks about English Matters
  - Summer states that an alumni wanted to work on journal with eastern region but the member had not paid their dues. Tim announces that alumni is losing funding which is why they are fundraising with scarves so Tim suggests we help them on the regional level so they can keep funding their scholarships by giving regents \$1000 a year to give to alumni in their regions. Tim’s idea is that chapters encourage chapters to include alumni in their events
  - Amber brings up arguments from fall board meeting about the alumni, (what is “lifetime membership?”) Tim explains the difference between alumni and alumni epsilon. Tim announces possible online alumni chapter in the future once funding is figured out. The motion must be written up since SRs will not be in the board meeting. Shelley gives an example of how the region funds can be used for alumni.
    - Motion: The Student Leadership Committee moves to create alumni assistance on the regional level by allowing additional funds up to \$1000 to for regents to use to grant chapters as well as regional conferences to host or encourage alumni activity. This includes but is not limited to travel reimbursement, chapter reimbursement, event costs, possibly registration, meal provision/stipend, and any other assistance needed to allow alumni involvement.  
All in favor, no opposed
- Tim suggests a second motion to create aid to help chapters affected by natural disasters (flood, tornados, etc) or man-made disasters (riots, shootings, deaths, etc). Tim opens the floor for discussion. The aid would be an application process like the grants. Three members (an SA, a regional regent, and a non-committee) would judge the applications. This would not be a huge aid amount but a couple hundreds. By clause that the regent’s school could not be judged by the regent and another regent would step in to judge the application. These funds would come out of separate account, not the regent/region account.
  - Taran agrees this is a good idea cuz this shows that the society shows compassion of human beings and creates a community. \$10,000 a year, cuz incidents would get like \$100-200. Recent Example: Heston College. This aid is not to cover the costs but to say we are aware of what’s happening and we support you.

- Danielle asks how application is formatted. Money goes to the chapter, not the individual.
- Meghan asks how much board will approve. Tim thinks the board will cut the amount in half.
- Amber suggests kissing up to board members before the motion
  - Second Motion: The Student Leadership Committee moves to aide chapters that experience a tragic event, including but not limited to an act of violence, a physically debilitating event, or a natural disaster. The purpose for the aide is to extend support to chapters in their time of need, all while exemplifying the society's overall mission. We propose an additional \$10,000 be distributed as deemed needed by a committee composed of the regent advisor of the afflicted chapter, one current student advisor, and one current executive committee member.
  - All in favor, no opposed
- Programs passed out and focus on schedule at a glance (pg 2). All SRs and ASRs report to registration at 2 pm for a run through and we will work 2-8 pm, except those working ABC Mtg or introducing the poets. Take photos when you can of events and large crowds. Not everyone will be sitting at the table but we want two people in front of table to welcome and introduce people.
- Reminder that Wednesday morning are committee meetings and we will be there for the first part of the board mtg to give our SR reports. Danielle asks that ASRs introducing poets Wednesday night be excused rest of night. Yes. Posters to be completed by 2 pm and will be on display until Saturday night at the gala.
- Thursday: Reminder of student workshops and presentation of student leadership award. Regional Networking that evening so students can meet their regents and SR and ASR and find out about events in their region and encourage students to run for SR and ASR. Dry Tishirt and Bad Poetry that night. Prize this year for first place in bad poetry. Tim needs four volunteers along with himself to judge. Addition to bad poetry is an alumni who will keep a record of the poets so he can turn the event into a blog. Danielle questions if all ASRs arrive at registration at 6:30 am. Yes. Reception for Mr. Baxter that night in president's suite that SRs should attend.
  - Charles Baxter keynote speaker Thursday night. Summer, Mercedes, and Shelly introduce him. Its up to the author whether they will take a photo or not, or how many books they will sign. Keep track of time!!
- Friday: Business and Caucus Mtg. SRs must be there!! SRs will have the blue travel reimbursement form. Blue papers turn in to Miss Karen at registration table. When caucus is over, whoever is voted in SR or ASR, need to be escorted quickly to the President's Suite on the 24<sup>th</sup> floor with the former SRs and ASRs. Pool Party Friday night.
- Saturday: All SLs get recognized at the gala with a plaque. Bill Johnson will announce Tim and the international project. Donation box will be at registration desk for the project during the week.
  - Kao Kalia Yang keynote speaker. Arianna, Meghan, and Amber. Yang will need a 15 min break between speaking and book signing.
- Humans of Sigma Tau Delta—Summer, Meghan, Taran, and Emily.

- Tim proposes another motion cuz the constitution by laws do not require the SL committee to do a philanthropy project and each year the SL committee should do it to lead by example. Danielle proposes that ASRs lead the philanthropy project, but Tim points out it is a project for both SR and ASR.
  - Motion: The Student Leadership Committee moves to require future student leadership committees to uphold the society’s mission of fostering literacy with an annual philanthropy project. The philanthropy project must benefit a non-profit organization that “promote[s] [ . . . ] interest in literature in the English language and the surrounding community.”
    - All in favor, no oppose
- International Project: Taran explains the bracelets they sold (perfect example of aide) for fundraising for their advisor/ cancer society. Danielle has nothing to report. She has sponsors that do not cooperate. Shelly (Stephens College-Alpha Epsilon Eta chapter) raised \$150 by selling shirts. Jonathon (Oklahoma Christian University—Rho Mu) raised \$130. By asking donations and a bake sale. Amber (Louisiana Tech University—Rho Gamma) raised \$150 by doing a faculty poetry reading night. Arianna (Stephen F. Austin State University—Phi Iota) donated \$17. Meghan (University of Northern Colorado—Zeta Psi) raised \$100 by bake sale. Summer (College of New Jersey—Alpha Epsilon Alpha) raised \$53 by asking for donations. \$600 total.
- Conference bracelets—the idea with these is that everyone gets their region color and the unity bracelet
- Regional boards: must be up by 2 pm tomorrow. There is a prize. Two boards to a table.
- Tim’s bottom line on his report
- Motion to move our project from committee to all chapters. All in favor, none opposed.

Committee meeting ends 11:30 pm