

USGA Meeting Minutes November 14, 2005

Officer Roll Call

Five Minute Open Period

Guest Speaker – Mark Allan, General Manager for all Drexel bookstores, mra27@drexel.edu

- 3 main responsibilities
 - strategic planning
 - campus outreach
 - training and development
- No choice with high bookstore prices
 - Working to get faculty book requests earlier and earlier each term (fortune cookies)
 - Earlier buybacks → higher payouts
 - Bigger used book supply
 - Submission rate – 75% last minute submissions in the past, now it's down to 60%
 - Looking for more student involvement in communications with professors
 - Wants to use USGA to help get the word out, maybe using methods from other schools
 - Really looking to help students out
- Bookstore breaks even on textbooks – 75% of bookstore business
- Difficult for Mark to negotiate with textbook companies over bundles/study guides/ISBNs/etc because of business etiquette
 - Publishers have second highest gross margins – 58-60%
 - Drexel Bookstore Gross Margin – 30%
- Looking to sync online bookstore with Bannerweb to allow electronic book buying, textbook rentals
- Improvements
 - Secret shoppers for customer service
 - ISBNs given over the phone after the initial book rush is over
- Q & A/Comments
 - Chris – alignment of refund policy with Drexel's Week 2 Add/Drop policy; PRIG – offline discussion with SLA for faculty support, etc
 - Jeff – When should profs get orders in? Week 2, which would be easier with the initiate to make a course schedule 1 year in advance instead of term-by-term
 - Dan – Work with Provost
 - Profs can't get paid for classes taught until book requests are in

GOA

- Constitution – Ann Wilson had minor wording suggestions, need to set up online vote for approval of changes
- Goodwin Rep – No applications; new push with CoMAD rep. appointment
- Freshman15 on website by Friday

AAA

- +/- system – Faculty Senate going forward
 - Student Input

- Layout of 4 grading schemes, front page article in Triangle, online vote to gauge student opinion
- Commencement Speakers – Pull down menu on TheShift
- Meeting with Dr. Director – Wednesday @ 5 – Office of the Provost
- Fireside Chats in the works
 - Dan – Sign template
 - E-mail dates to Dan S. for inclusion in Drexel Daily Digest

SLA

- Evening with Taki
 - Stacey and Dillon – Cafeteria hours, plans, etc
 - Winter Term – Student Org Meeting with Taki
 - Spring Term – Campuswide Meeting
- Student Org Meeting – October 20 – New issues discovered and SLA is working on them
- Vincent – International students' term break fee requirements
- Dillon and Chris – OCA student org recognition project with Ann Wilson
- Setback with Student Setup Fees
 - Work with Rita to fix problems
 - 15% across the board → students now have to pay for Creese setup and breakdown with a 15% discount (used to be free)
- Seher – Commuter lounge improvements, games, etc
- Crosswalks – Triangle press, now in the hands of Public Safety/City Gov't
- Stacey - Focus group for university improvement survey – StudentsFirst Meeting - Wednesday @ 6 - Location TBA

Individual Reports

- Jeff – IST – Bowling with the Dean
- Ali – Nursing Conference, starting Student Nurses of Pennsylvania
- Stacey – New dorm for freshmen opening Winter term 2006-2007; RHA is sponsoring events with Apple and Napster
- Dan – USGA Polos for official events
- Rob – Public Safety updates?
 - Chris – Agreement with Public Safety about event reporting, e-mails to all students not just residents

President's Corner

- Meeting with IFC President Brian Keller
 - Tees-for-Threes – co-sponsor to up school spirit
 - Ask Dillon to head program
 - Work together to get students more involved on campus
 - IFC wants to make sure USGA keeps IFC interests in mind with policies, etc – work closely with Matt
- Center City Student Council Meeting – All Health Science Councils
 - Very different setup – council is gov't, SAFAC, and CAB
 - Opened our meetings to all councils
 - Continue efforts to keep lines of communication open
- SCDC Meeting with Peter Franks
 - Three committees for co-op improvement – students, faculty, employers
 - Improve communications between students and advisors
 - Website Overhaul
 - Wants a USGA rep – AAA – Jeff – Potential for officer next year

- Meeting with Taki – November 15
 - Discuss accomplishments, initiatives, feel him out, first one-on-one meeting

New Business

- SAFAC Meeting – November 15 @ 6:30 – Conference Room B
- Resignation of Peter Tullio – presented letter of resignation (on file)
 - Motion to accept – Chris Duffy; Second – Jeff Gardosh
 - Resignation SOP needed

Old Business

- CI² – Meeting with Jack Dundon, architect program
 - USGA cannot fund as much because of budget cuts
 - Wants project input and funding
 - Student design competition for projects
 - Benches in front of North Hall go against Master Plan
 - Funding options:
 - Give CI² budget to architect program
 - Give portion of budget to program; keep rest for other projects
 - Move to SLA for convenience

Advisor Comments

- Dean's Advisory Committee – Want average Drexel students (includes dinner) – Contact Dave Ruth – ruthda@drexel.edu

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