

Student Activities Committee

September 30, 2016, 10:00 am – 11:00 am

Pine Room, Student Center

Members present: Kelly Cross (Student Involvement Coordinator), Ameet Doshi (Faculty), Brian Doyle (GR), Michael Evans (Faculty, Secretary), Eric Feron (Faculty Executive Board Liaison), Leanne Francis (UGR), Christophe Ippolito (Faculty, Chair), Decker Onken (UGR), Jody Thompson (Faculty)

Members absent:

Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions of attending members
2. Construction Engineering Association
 - a. Purpose
 - i. Introduce interested students to the construction engineering industry.
 - b. Constitution review
 - i. Section 5.5: what comes out of the interview process? How is it presented to the rest of the organization? Recommended to strike from the constitution.
 - ii. Concern about the President having the final say on financial matters. Generally best to leave the wording this way and develop an SOP or customary process involving the Treasurer.
 - iii. Two section 7.5's; re-number.
 - iv. Section 9.2: add "whichever is later."
 - v. Constitution approved pending changes
3. TEDxGeorgia Tech
 - a. Purpose
 - i. Promote new ideas through a TEDx event on Georgia Tech's campus.
 - b. Constitution review
 - i. Remove "at Georgia Tech" from name.
 - ii. Section III.C restricts the size of the organization. Recommendation to replace with "no maximum number of members."
 - iii. Recommend having a person dedicated to event management.
 - iv. Avoid use of "etc." in describing events.
 - v. Section V.2.B.c: clarify *outgoing* chair will make the final decision.
 - vi. Section VII.B/D: raise the maximum size for ad hoc committees to a larger number, to permit scaling.

- vii. Replace “unanimous” votes of the Executive Board with “majority” votes.
- viii. Section IX: add “whichever is later.”
- ix. Section XI.C: quorum issues. “Two-thirds of present members *with quorum present*” is recommended. Define quorum for the organization.
- x. Constitution approved pending changes

4. Constitutions from Kelly Cross

- a. Veggie Jackets
 - i. Group for vegetarians, vegans, and omnivores
 - ii. Constitution review
 - 1. Approved
- b. Blacks in Business
 - i. Promoting black success in business
 - ii. Constitution review
 - 1. Desire to limit membership to graduate students. Could set a problematic precedent
 - 2. Need to clarify the importance of this requirement and explore the possibility of changing the name of the organization
- c. BME Robotics
 - i. Bring together people interested in robotics, especially health- and medicine-related robotics
 - ii. Approved
- d. Piano Forte
 - i. Bringing together students interested in learning or playing piano
 - ii. Approved
- e. ECE Ambassadors
 - i. Desire for Executive Board to elect a President, who then selects Executive Board members alone. Concern because of the possibility of a takeover or long-term control of the organization by a few people.
- f. Chartering Overview
 - i. Currently 38 groups in the chartering process; 3 groups approved today
 - ii. In the process of scheduling 10 constitution reviews

5. Planning for next meeting

- a. October 14, 10:00 – 11:00 am