CSL Meeting 2/6/15

Minutes

1. Members Attending:
   a. Members Present: Helen Marrow, Phil Starks, Jamie Kirsch, Anne Poncet,
      Andrew Ramsburg, Ben Fuligni, Irina Yakubovskaya, Mickey Toogood,
      Bruce Reitman
   b. Minutes Taker: Benjamin Fuligni

2. TCU Bylaws Changes:
   a. Becky Goldberg outlined proposed changes:
      i. Most of the changes written updates of existing policies
      ii. Recognized w/ Funding – demonstrated need for funding as decided by
          the J; Recognized w/out Funding – no demonstrated need for funding
          by the J, but can request supplemental funds up to $500 per year
          1. Senate is the body that allocates funding (Allocations Board
             specifically)
             a. Existing policy for new groups is $1000 cap
             b. Said ALBO could handle more requests, but not far
                much more, feels is at max capacity
          2. Any group not designated with funding may apply for
             designated funding to the J at any time in the future and be
             considered
      iii. Concerns from CSL over “two-tiered” system: Think that TCUJ should
           have domain over recognition with no funding considerations attached,
           and that the ALBO should make all decisions about funding thereafter.
           Think that the J being asked to further decide whether a group is
           deserving of designated funding or not is a practical matter only
           (helping out ALBO with its workload) which complicates the
           philosophy of recognition.
           1. Judiciary said that they did not receive any such feedback from
              student groups
              a. but CSL points out that a two-tiered system can be
                 unequal even if students don’t recognize it as such
           2. Concern over making everyone budgeted coming from greater
              workload
              a. CSL wants to know how much more work it would
                 entail for ALBO, and if ALBO could get more staff to
                 help out.
           3. Bruce pointed out the difference between university resources,
              which are held by the CSL (Tufts name, space allocation) and
              the student’s activities fund, which is held by the TCU
   b. Proposal of some continued discussion at next 2-26-2015 meeting, with
      potentially two different votes before the 2-28-2015 deadline: one vote for the
      with/without funding recognition, and one for the rest of the new bylaws
      i. If the two votes were split, J could move forward with recognitions for
         the next semester, but runs the risk of overtasking the treasury
ii. Wanting future meetings to discuss strike of the two-tier system with and within the Allocations board and the Judiciary

c. Other topics for TCUJ to consider
   i. CSL requests uniform requirements for number of proof of events for recognition and re-recognition (not 3 for new recognition and 2 for re-recognition, either just 2 or just 3)
   ii. CSL request specification of conditions for appeals as due to “lack of fair process”
   iii. CSL wonders how past questions about discretionary power are being handled: language of discretion has now been removed in the by-laws, but essentially the process and meaning are still the same

d. CSL notes that until the new 2014 by-laws are officially approved, TCUJ should be clear it is operating under the old 2012 bylaws

3. Discussion of Mary Pat and Mickey’s revisions on code of conduct will be postponed until next meeting

4. Wendell Phillips finalist voting has been completed

5. Need to elect a faculty co-chair in March 2015