**IPC Senate Meeting**

**Date:** February 22nd, 2015 at 5PM

**Location:** The Ohio Union

**President:** Tariq Azam

**Vice President:** Brian Myers

**Secretary:** Matt King

**Chief of Staff:** Laura Awadalla

**Absent:** David Gorenz, Anthony Besse, Brian Meyers, Sarah Adelman, Laura Hydeman, Keti Sulaj, T’Bony Jewell, Asim Hussain, Brittani Jones, Emily Chory

**Guest Speakers**

**Anatomy Memorial Service;**

A speaker from the Dental School came to ask IPC to help fund the Anatomy Memorial Service. This is a memorial service held for all those who have donated their bodies to OSU for research purposes. The families of the Donors are not able to hold any sort of personal memorial service before their family member’s remains are donated to the University, so this is the only opportunity to really provide a memorial for the donor and give the family an opportunity to celebrate their loved ones.

The budget is about 7-8K overall. Dental and Medical have to raise about 4K each in order to put it on. The Dental School representative is asking for $1,000 from IPC to help ease the burden on them for funding and help put on the respectful ceremony. They have done bar nights and other events to help fundraise in addition to reaching out to other possible sources of funding.

Question and answer asked how much we have historically funded this event. Tariq informed the Senate that ever since Tariq has been a member we typically fund this event for 1K every year.

**Fur Ball;**

A representative from the Vet school came to ask for funds to help Fur Ball. Fur Ball this year will help fund a charity that provides service dogs for men and women coming back from active duty.

It costs about $22,000 to train each dog. This year’s goal is to raise $7,000 to help a family procure a dog. This year they are asking IPC for $1,500 and the event is open to all community members. Tickets are $30 and all the proceeds will go to this charity.

In 2013, we gave them $1,000 to help with the overhead costs (which amount to about $9,000). Once the overhead costs are recouped, the remaining funds go directly to the selected charity.

Question and answer revealed that historically this event has made about $500 – $2,000 dollars. This year the venue cost and beverage costs are covered. They also have several faculty volunteers signed up to help.

The money requested from IPC will be going towards the overhead costs of the event.

A member of the senate raised concern regarding the expected attendance numbers. It was discussed that there are 162 students in each of the 4 classes at the Vet school and the expected attendance is 300.

If you’d like contact information or flyers, please contact them.

30$ includes all food, but alcoholic beverages will be paid out of pocket.

**President’s Update**

Dean Lonnie King from the Vet school will be the HPS keynote speaker. He’s an excellent resource and an advocate for professional students and he is retiring at the end of this year. This also helps us save on speaker costs.

The College of Public Health is also providing us with a bit more funding.

Space and catering is all set and the invitation will be coming out in the coming weeks. Keep an eye out for that.

The attendance cap for students will be set at 300. In order to ensure professional students are able to attend, we are not inviting undergrads and there will only be 2-3 nursing students in attendance (because they volunteered).

If you have any faculty who you think would be interested in a student-driven conference in Epidemiology and Disaster responses, please let Tariq know and they will probably get a direct invite.

IPC Nominations will be handled in New Business today by Tariq since Brian couldn’t be here.

Nominations will continue to be accepted up until election day.

**Vice President Update**

(Tariq giving this update since Brian could no be here.)

The budget left and amount allocated have not changed since last time, but there are a few things to note:

College of Vet Med and College of Med numbers have been added into the budget and Casino night is coming in about $350 under budget.

We will add in any resolutions we decide to fund today at the end.

We should have about $9,000 if we combine what’s in the coke fund and Student activity fund at the end of the year. That’s probably going to include the TShirt order at the end of the year which has been about $3,000 or something in past years.

Get your paired delegation outings done!

**Chief Justice Update**

PDF discussion for tonight: the PDF applications number jumped significantly between the weekend before the message was sent out about extending the deadline, and after.

There are 66 total apps now as opposed to 12 before.

The main issue now is that we wanted to extend it because we had a super low number of applications, but the current numbers are pretty consistent with past years.

When the app comes in we grade them and assign them tiers 1- 2- or 3. Depending on the tier they will get a percentage of their application. Might range from 70% of request, down to 20-30% or so.

On the one hand, the apps are in line with this year’s fall and last year’s spring. On the other hand, is that the number of apps has decreased dramatically over the past several years.

The question is: do we at this point open up application windows again.

We’ve received 23 from Med; 16 for Pharm; 15 or so from Vet; Law, Dent, and Opt are lower.

Dent this year didn’t go on the PODEMOS trip which contributed to the lack of applications. That event always accounts for quite a few applications.

Law actually has 6, which is a lot (last fall was 2) so our numbers are up.

Opt is at 9 apps.

The basic idea is that the way the funds are distributed is that each college donates $5,000 to the fund. Usually we divide it up to $2,500 per semester. On top of that there is 15K from student activities board for distribution based on the total amount of money requested. If Med asked for $5,000 and vet asked for $2,500 then Med would get 100% of the outstanding cash.

The problem is that there is a finite limit to this.

Dent and law and opt were 100% in the fall

Vet med and pharm received 44, 42, and 51 percent of their requests.

Where we stand now is we can open it up to hopefully get more applications from Dent, Law and Opt. We can’t just selectively open it up to the lesser schools though. If we open it up again then the students who already applied are going to receive less than they would have if we were only to use the first round of applications.

There were 13 from med in the fall and they got 50% of them funded. With 23 now, that’s going to be like 20-30%.

Jeff can only think that the reason we have less and less numbers is because every year people only get a small percentage of what they ask for and then don’t apply the next year.

Tariq: looking at the numbers he was sent from the office, we went from 300 in 2010 to 190 down to 128 this year. Tariq’s rationale for extending it is that we are at the end of the 5-year contract period and next year we will be renegotiating the funding for PDF. The $5,000 we get from each of the schools will be under review and up for negotiation. If we say that every year the number of apps is going down then the deans may be less likely to renew our contract at $5,000.

Law, Dent, and Opt used 100 percent of their funds in the fall, but in the spring it wasn’t the full amount.

Another thing worth pointing out: the PDF was never intended to be a total funding mechanism. PDF funds were meant to be a supplement to help encourage students, not a full replacement to getting subsidies from your dept. etc.

Tariq said he didn’t push advertising as much as previous years and stuff so he thinks that was a part of it also. That one, he said, is on him.

Audry said that two first year students approached her about applying after the original deadline before she knew the extension was in question. The Law school put out additional information to their students saying that the deadline was [definitely] going to be extended before they were given information from IPC that we may not *actually* be extending the deadline. That was a mistake, but the law school delegates raised this as a concern regarding future applications.

There was discussion that people worked hard to get it in on time and this extension would be unfair to them . . .

[There was quite a bit of additional discussion on the topic and eventually it was voted that the deadline for PDF’s would NOT be extended.]

**Chief of Staff Update**

Please be going to your committee meetings, they’ve been sending emails to Laura saying that people haven’t been showing up.

She has a list of alternates that are available, but if you don’t let her know you can’t make it to your individual meeting, then she can’t help out by sending an alternate.

**Social Chair Update**

[In Boston]

Tariq got $600 in funding for prizes to be used on Casino Night. He said that last year he chose random stuff from Barnes and Noble like tumbler sets, jewelry, a snuggy, etc.

He will probably go to Barnes and Noble the week before and do the exact same thing. If anyone wants to get and help, please let him know.

IPad Minis will also be provided from the funds in our other account.

**Service Chair Update**

Been posting a lot on the FB page recently. 4/18 is the volleyball tournament at Woodlands. There is a minimum of 6 people per team, and we’re going to cap it at 10 people per team.

The organizers though we should switch up the charity recipient from Mid-Ohio food bank. She’s looking to go to a service dog charity also, but if we are going to fund Fur Ball then maybe we should do something different.

Tariq suggested that the YWCA in east Columbus would be a good cause to fund. It’s a shelter for families as well as women and children. They provide housing, meals, and schooling for kids in the area. Any suggestions on other recipients are welcome. No other suggestions were made.

We will be funding the YWCA then and will be sending out the invite with them on it.

There is going to be a pharmacy beer pong tournament and a portion of the funds are going to the Alzheimer’s association. That’s 2/28 (this coming Saturday.) 1pm at Lucky’s Stout House.

**Outreach Chair Update**

No updates right now aside from watch out for the casino night and outreach breakfast emails.

We’re going to do the “Trust Me, I’m a Professional” t-shirts again. We just need to confirm with Brian since he has the money.

**PR Chair Update**

Nothin this meeting.

**New Business**

Voting on the Anatomy Memorial Service. $1,000 to support their program honoring people who have given their bodies for science to be used at Ohio State. 31 yes 1 abstain. Vote to fund PASSES.

Next we have FurBall. Requesting $1,500 of discretionary funding for Paws for Ability. Vote to fun PASSES.

**Nominations:**

Matt King has been nominated for President.

Chelsea Devitt has been nominated for Vice President.

Michael Ringle has been nominated for Secretary.

Brian will be running the elections. Each person is given 5-10 minutes to speak and answer questions from the Senate. If you ask a question to one candidate, you have to ask the same to all the others.

After the results are given, the people who did not win are then given the option to drop down for the next lower position.