Round Table - Greek Organizations
November 13th, 2014

Location: Wilson Ballroom
Time: 7:03pm

Attendance:
Kappa Sigma President
Phi Mu President
Phi Mu Vice President
Pi Kappa Alpha Vice President
IFC President
Panhellenic Representative
IFC Representative
NPHC Representative
Taylor Symons

Announcements:
President Greyson Whitaker

1. Description of how the roundtable works
2. Bill Submissions through umbrella organizations – current set up
   o Change: Having the representative from the umbrella organization still present the bill but have the option to present alongside with whomever is in charge of the fundraiser or event. This will allow them to answer any questions that the senate may have. In order to have this though, the umbrella organization must place within the bill submission system that there will be a second presenter with them.

3. Fundraising – How can we make it better?
   o Current setup: Any organizations that wants to fundraiser for themselves or for another
   o First Idea: Two-column system or one column system that will require the organization to return a portion of the funds if it is over a specific threshold – if they fundraiser is for a philanthropic event
   o Second Idea: If you are fundraising for your own organization: You have to return all of the funds received by SGA back.

Discussion:

Panhellenic Representative – Elyse Stoner
I like that idea because when I present a bill for a sorority I know nothing about, it is difficult to have to relay the questions to someone in the general public.

**President – Kappa Sigma**
It would probably make it look cleaner from your perspective. It would also give the umbrella organizations more confidence when presenting the bill.

**Vice President - Pi Kappa Alpha**
Do you think it would be possible to take that huge amount of money on a bill and just give the money to the philanthropy?

**President – Greyson Whitaker**
Do you mean if they are asking for a donation for a philanthropic organization or if they are asking for start up funds for a philanthropic event?

**Vice President - Pi Kappa Alpha**
Leftover money should go to the philanthropy if it is a philanthropic event, if it is not for a philanthropic event, the money should be given back.

**Academic Chair – Patti Suchan**
The idea is to teach you fundraising skills because once you leave here you are going to need to learn how to present yourself and pitch a fundraiser. We are always going to be here to help you after the fact but we want you to think about becoming better fundraisers.

**Vice President - Pi Kappa Alpha**
If the fundraiser breaks even, that’s the only time they will have the money. What happens if you do not break even?

**Academic Chair – Patti Suchan**
A threshold will give you wiggle room.

**Chief of Staff – Joshua Gilstrap**
I didn’t mean to imply that if you didn’t break even, we wouldn’t give you anything. If you break even based on a specific threshold, you would be asked to payback what you asked for above that. If you were unable to donate the amount because you didn’t break even, that’s fine.

**President – Kappa Sigma**
I don’t think its fair to apply fundraising and the real world. If someone is giving you money for a philanthropic event, they’re not going to ask for it back. I think the issue is when an organization
donates money from SGA, and takes credit for it. High Point University should get the credit for the donation.

**President - IFC**

Just for clarification, you are asking for money back but you are taking money back from the philanthropy, which is the idea in the first place. We are pitching to get funds for the philanthropy,

**President – Kappa Sigma**

I think start up funds is totally realistic to give back to SGA.

**Academic Chair – Patti Suchan**

As an EC, we are still in the development stages. We want your opinion and feedback on this.

**President - IFC**

What are you going to do with the money at the end of the year? Is that an issue that we are having, low funds at the end of the year?

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

We just want to teach our organizations to be fiscally responsible. Money does roll over each year but at the same time, whatever is left over has the possibility to be donated to a philanthropic event. For example, the senate will be voting on a donation to the angel tree organization next week.

**President – Phi Mu**

How many grants have you given this year and are there issues with the money being used how it’s presented?

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

Probably 30 or so. Not everyone asks for money through bills. We do not have a current policy where an organization returns money.

**President – Kappa Sigma**

Can you let us know the date of when you will present that officially?

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

Realistically, it will be December forth.

**President - IFC**

Maybe give 8 people who you think are affective fundraisers, and have them look over the bill that is being presented. Someone could oversee ten organizations, make the changes necessary, so come Thursday that process is already
I think that will be a more effective way to manage the money than to ask for it back at the end of the event. I think that will also help to plan better.

**Representative - IFC**

I think that will be very helpful so that the representative is not blind-sided when presenting.

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

I think that is beneficial because a senator knows all the policies. They have a manual and can help eliminate problems like that. With what Dalton stated, it is important that the details of the bill are correct. A part of that goes back to meeting with the organization that is presenting the bill. In addition to that, we want you guys to know that you should not submit a bill any sooner than two weeks before an event.

**Greek Village RD – Taylor Symons**

I have to wonder is SGA helping the organizations fundraise by giving money to them to set up the event or are you giving money for donations. I think SGA needs to be more clear with you are giving the money to hold the event or we are giving you money and you can do whatever you want with it – plan your event or donate it. I think it needs to be more structured with where the money is going specifically. That is just an observation with seeing how you guys operate.

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

The way we have it now is that whatever money has been approved for the bill, is to be used only for what is stated in the bill. In the past, there has not been any final connection with the treasure to see if they used all the money or not. They used to get to keep the additional funds. Now, our treasurer is meeting with the organization and if there are any leftover funds, it will be returned to SGA’s operational funds. Part of what we are doing is to funding the start up of the events but then the bill is amended during the senate in order to give a donation for those philanthropies. We suggest that you submit another bill if you’d like to give a donation as well. We rarely get bills like that, but I would love to see that happen. I think that would be a more of the end-of-the-year thing so our left over funds can be used for that.

**President – Kappa Sigma**

Do you have an invoice or some kind of paper trail? How do you know if we spent all the money or if we used a specific amount and donated the rest?

**President – Greyson Whitaker**

The treasure is meeting with the organization and asking that they bring invoices to prove that to SGA.

**Chief of Staff – Joshua Gilstrap**

One of the things we’d like to see is that after the event is put on, at the next meeting, give a standing report. The standing report just needs to say how many people came, what you accomplished, etc. That also looks really good on your organization because the senate will see that you are being successful in your events.
President – Greyson Whitaker

How did the bike tournament go?

Greek Village RD – Taylor Symons

They had full participation and raised an additional 1,600 or 1,700 dollars for Push America.

End of meeting announcements:

- Any further questions?

Adjourned: 7:43pm