



CIRCA E-Board Meeting Minutes

Date: July 20th, 2020

Time: 8-9:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom

1. Budget Talks Round 2
 - a. Each branch submitted a line by line like last time
2. Q&A/Open Discussion
 - a. CMUNNY speakers
 - i. Additional clarification on what the speaker series will look like? This will be a partnership with CAFA. However, this would be for all college students & would-be delegates for our conferences rather than just Columbia/CIRCA students → This can help keep CMUNNY's connections engaged virtually & hopefully grow interest in the conference. A potential format may be a weekend with a major speaker and then smaller breakout sessions with Columbia professors for more one on one discussion
 - ii. Is the circuit actually interesting in this? → this will be one of CIRCA's main engagements for the fall semester just within the Columbia community, other schools are more of a plus. This is a way to keep the CIRCA/CMUNNY name out there and positively reinforcing what we stand for
 - iii. Look for opportunities to put money towards good causes → recommendation of the Solar Suitcase project
 - b. Marketing → in-person events for Freshman? → Will watch the health guidelines but the focus will still be on virtual events because not ever first year will be on campus and we want to have an inclusive community (plus neither S or M leaders will be on campus in the fall) → However depending on the governor's guidelines, if we have an opportunity to have online activities then we will try to accomplish this
 - c. Philanthropy budget → money set aside for CIRCA to support any organizations, matching funds, or causes throughout the year that are important to our mission
 - d. Our extra budget money → important to factor in how the current times are affecting our own members and the possibility of creating mutual aid funds for CIRCA members & how we can look to involve our budgets in our anti-racist actions
 - e. How does this affect next year's budgets? This budget is set up to predict no revenue this year so that we have enough money to support us until CMUNCE 2022. Conferences should be able to run as normal the next year.
3. Motion to enter voting - 5 in favor, 1 abstention
4. Motion to approve the budget - 7 in favor → **THE BUDGET PASSED WOOHOO GO TEAM**
5. What to do with the extra? Perhaps put in the philanthropy fund or keep it as an emergency fund?
 - a. Recommendations to give it to CESIMS → They have a tough budget and are some of the most important work that we do
 - b. Recommendation to keep it as an extra amount in case a branch needs to apply for extra funding halfway through the year and then if it is left over at the end can go to philanthropy



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- c. Recommendation to use for mutual aid → This can be used to help our members now and people are definitely struggling with food insecurity
 - i. Put half to mutual aid now and put the other half for emergencies
- d. Motions for how to structure the extra (to be voted on next meeting)
 - i. All all in a mutual aid fund
 - ii. All all into a rainy day fund & if its still there at the end of the year give to CESIMS
 - iii. Split half each for mutual aid & rainy day
6. **REMEMBER TO BE WORKING ON YOUR ANTI-RACIST COMMITTEES AND RESPONDING TO THOSE GROUP CHATS** → The work of these subcommittees will be presented 2 meetings from now
7. Constitutional amendment being drafted for re-affirming our commitment to support victims of sexual violence → Silas & Anna met with Simone, but we are very limited in regards to what we can do as an organization because of the way that CIRCA admin organizes things
 - a. Next board meeting we can have a discussion of our broader culture in CIRCA
 - b. CMUNNY & TT have been discussing how to bring up the issue of sexual misconduct on the circuit and how to improve the culture of college MUN → If anyone would like to help with this, reach out to Rose!
 - i. Rose is working on an email to send to other clubs regarding the issue, but there is a possibility of working with administrators to talk to other club admins
 - c. Ability for us to create another subcommittee dedicated to this issue after our next meeting regarding anti-racism actions
 - d. Despite institutional limitations, something we can and should do is create updates for our members to let them know that we are thinking about these things and are working on them
 - e. Talk about this at future meetings as well so that it isn't an afterthought
8. If you spend money using the card → **MAKE SURE YOU TELL ANNA SO WE CAN KEEP TRACK OF IT!!**