

Council of Organizations Minutes

Date: April 6, 2017

Location: Milan and Travis

Meeting was called to order at 2:06 pm by Irene Nuñez, Chair of Council of Organizations.

- I. Irene Nuñez asked for roll call to be taken.
- II. Roll call was completed.
- III. Associate Chair, McDonald Nwosu began the meeting by presenting Von Powell from the Etoile Academy Charter School. Powell talked about a new charter school that will be offering paid internships focused on writing, they are good for people who love working with children and need community engagement work. The charter provides support for reading and writing. If any information is needed please email or call.
 - a. A member asked if they would offer speech and debate.
 - i. He will consider looking at programs. Member said he would be willing to help establish program.
 - b. Member asked if clubs were offered.
 - i. Powell informed that they are just starting, and working on solidifying relationships, but they are open to that.
 - c. Member asked if international Students can apply.
 - i. Yes, in order to work full time they need US Citizenship but for internship they could probably participate.
- IV. One Main Event Committee Meeting – No updates
- V. Graduating Seniors- Irene asked for videos or pictures, she is making a video of them. Email at nunezi3@gator.uhd.edu with subject OME Grad Seniors.
 - a. Is it only for Spring graduating seniors?
 - i. No, also for Summer.
 - b. What is the deadline?
 - i. Irene will send the deadline email to remind people for photos and list of graduates.
- VI. Irene moderated a debate on assisted suicide followed by questions from the members. Percy and Ramiro Ojeda presented information about clinical services on campus, encouraging students to help themselves and others.
- VII. Percy Jackson presented information about One Main Event. He has been meeting with committee. They will have a comedian host. They will have happy hour reception, with hors d'ouvres starting at 6:00 pm. He expects most people to arrive at 6:30 pm. They will immediately start dinner at 7:00 pm. They will have the garage open after five.
 - a. McDonald noted that Monday through Friday students can park through Faculty entrance, not Visitor, after five for free.
 - b. Member asked if they had decided on theme?

- i. Blue Diamonds will be theme.
- c. Member asked why Blue Diamonds?
 - i. Percy explained it would explain with the branding of the school because blue is a school color.

There will be a photo booth as well as a full time photographer and videographer.

- d. Member asked when student orgs will receive the links for members to get tickets.
 - i. If emails were sent to Irene and McDonald, they should have lists. If they do not have them, organizations should send them again. There are 256 total seats for entire room, and they will be given on a first come first serve basis. Percy will allow for overflow ticket sales to cover for people who do not show up. Ticket includes entire experience; meal costs 25 dollars, tickets for guests will be to cover dinner.
- e. Is there a limit of invitations for organizations?
 - i. No, no limit, tickets will be given out first come first serve.
- f. Do advisors get in free, and do they have to pay for guests?
 - i. No, advisors can just sign up by sending an email. Guests who are not UHD staff will have to pay \$25 fee.

- g. Awards
 - i. Student Lead highest
 - ii. Organization of the Year
 - iii. Advisor of the Year
 - iv. Student Org of the year
 - v. Greek woman of the year
 - vi. Student leader with highest GPA
 - vii. Best visual design for flyer
 - viii. Best T-Shirt
 - ix. And others...

Will also be giving out awards for point system. McDonald has been keeping track of points. Other awards will be voted on by a committee made up of faculty and staff that are not advisors.

- h. If available, Percy asked for photos for any activities. If there are any pictures from service during Hurricane Harvey, he would like to make special tribute.
- i. Member asked what the criteria were for the Blue Diamond Award?
 - i. Organization with the highest points will be awarded this. Volunteer events received points; there were other activities as well where participation earned points. Most points will be given based on activity on GatorSync.

Percy noted they will have vegan options, vegetarian options and meat options. If anyone is allergic to nuts, they should make sure to make a note on the sign up.

- j. Will there be a dress code that is enforced?

- i. Percy does not like to enforce dress codes, does not want to force students to buy something formal. They can dress formally, but it can be casual, it does not have to be fully formal.
- VIII. Percy found a sign to remind people to reflect on their time in Student Organizations. He would like members to come sign the framed sign at his office in. There will be a celebration for seniors at the last meeting.
- IX. Irene will be taking nominations for COO positions: Chair, Associate Chair, Historian and Secretary. Nominations must be in by May 3rd at 5:00 pm in order to be included. Historian is a “file cabinet” for all organizations.
 - a. Will information be on Gatorsync?
 - i. No need for more information, just send the name of who you are nominating. It should preferably be someone who can participate all year starting in June. They must have commitment to be there all year.
 - b. Is it possible for graduate students to run for positions?
 - i. Yes, as long as they are here for the year.
- X. Council of Finance needs members; it was a good year with smooth transitions.
 - a. Estefania is extending application to join for next year until the 16th of April, next Monday. Two members are graduating, some other members will not be available, she is encouraging others to join by filling out the application. Please do as soon as possible if you wish to apply. She wants members to be able to attend a shadowing session of COF. Any questions can be sent to uhdcounciloffinance@gmail.com.
 - i. Application on Orgsync will have info on requirements for each position.
 - b. Irene reminded members that there is a required number of members for COF, and encouraged members to apply so organizations can receive funding.
- XI. Percy reminded the members to do elections for new officers soon so they would have representatives for the training in Fall.
- XII. McDonald talked about an opportunity with Rice University; he would like members to share ideas on any of the topics to present to meeting. If anyone is free next Thursday, they can email COO to receive details to attend meeting.
 - a. Members discussed some of the topics and why they were important.
- XIII. Last meeting will be May 4th.
- XIV. Meeting was adjourned by McDonald at 3:16 pm.

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