

# RETREAT

## October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2010

### EXPECTATIONS

- Open communication, feedback
- Hold self and staff members accountable
- Be comfortable tapping into all resources
- Feedback session during staff meetings
  - Healthy constructive criticism
- Be mindful of differences
  - Go back to true colors exercise

### POSITIONS

- Stay grounded within student body to FIND issues to work on rather than start new projects
  - Base on most prevalent issues
  - Need good communication with student body

### INTERNS

- Create advertisement for office interns
  - Create application with interests (figure out specialty later)
- Tie interns to one position
- Wait until mid-quarter once office is more established
- Possibility of general intern, event coordinator or mixture of both
  - Specialized projects
  - Rotation/addition per quarter
- Bring them in for general overview at first, then learn and focus on specialty
- Need-based so they don't have to necessarily be evenly distributed among commissioners
- Recruit in Res Halls (Hall Council meetings Tuesday nights)
- Preference to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> years, but still open to upperclassmen
- Go live mid-quarter once we have a recruiting plan, application created
  - Establish office hour system

Week 4/5 = goal to begin recruitment

- Look into positions first
- Make applications
- Design flyers, write class raps
- Talk to hall council/groups/orgs

### PROJECTS

Student Food Collective

- Get better food options on campus
- Work with the IV Food Co-Op
  - Owned by students
  - Serve locally produced food

- Sandwiches, shakes, fruit
  - Assured it's from local farmers
  - Reasonable price
- Working with Co-Fed for resources
- To be on campus by Fall 2011

#### Readers Online

- Required that all courses put readers online (.pdf file)

#### Bloom Energy

- Be the 1<sup>st</sup> campus to run off Hydrogen fuel cells
- Audited UCen
  - \$26,000/month powering UCen and SRB
- \$500K investment, but would pay itself off
  - Grants will hopefully subsidize additional \$500K
- SRB hoping to switch to solar in the next 5 years
- Res Halls: solar panels, need more discussion
- Library Extension, general sustainability changes for current buildings

#### SOCC

- Collaborate with group
  - Publicity, funding, resources, volunteers

#### Hate Crime Campaign

- “Don’t Hate, Appreciate”

#### Diversity

- CARES
  - Push the holistic approach for admission
  - Who do we cut off?

#### SFAC

- Display Student Affairs budget on website
- Have other divisions mimic design
  - Make it more student friendly
- Work more closely with campus administration to be more transparent about student fees
  - Collaborative/IT Fee
  - Course material, Gauchospace
  - Have greater focus on positive by dispersing information instead of stigmatizing office

#### Student Services

- Publicity of services/opportunities
- Student-friendly directory/pamphlet
  - Simple, accessible

### Disabled Students

- Move office to first floor
- Person-first terminology
  - “Student with Disability” vs. “Disabled Students”
  - Services for temporarily disabled
    - Golf cart, vans, etc.
- Accessible spaces/facilities (CODE?)

### GROUP PROJECTS

- Food Bank
- Framework for AS Building
- Student-Initiated Course
  - Student-Initiated Democratic Education (SIDE)
  - Democratic Education And Learning (DEAL)
  - Need to work on rallying faculty!!

### APPAREL

Serious: subsidized/full pay, nametags

Funny: octopus...

- Website
- Seal
- Octopus!

### WEBSITE

- Calendar of upcoming events
- About us/Bios
- Responsibilities/Mission Statement
- Access to intern application
- Office Hours Schedule
- AS Budget Lite
  - Downloadable file (to be transparent)
- Blog
  - What are we working on?
  - Updates
  - Twitter, Formspring
  - Facebook
- Helpful Links
  - GOLD
  - Wellness
  - Other Miscellaneous Resources

- Web Manager/Tech interns