A.S. Office of the President Retreat 1/14/12

Agenda:

1. Roses and Thorns/ Lunch -10 min.
2. Establish agreements –today and this quarter -20 min.
3. Revisit/ augment our shared vision -20 min.
   - Building
   - Tabling
   - Office hours
   - Anything else?
5. Establish meeting time -10 min.
6. Fellowship discussion (Sarah) -10 min.
7. Workshop Series (Sarah) -10 min.
8. Photo Shoot
9. NATI Times

Expectations/Agreements:

Today:
- Move up, move back. Be respectful of each other’s time and say what you feel is important.
- Don’t piggy back.
- Q.T.I.P.
- Be present
- Be engaged
- No cell phones
- Be honest!
- For every problem you point out, offer a solution.

Quarter
- Own up to your weaknesses.
- Be accountable
- Check A.S. email at least weekly (Be responsive)
- 2 Minute Rule, 12 Minute Rule
- Continue to nurture and challenge your fellows
- Continue to text reminders.
- Be active in office hours!
• Don’t be afraid to ask for help.

Elections (Spring):
• No election stuff should interfere with work.
• No T-shirts in the office.
• The same rules apply for RHA elections.
• No drama!!
• Stay involved if running (fellows as wells).
• Be mindful.
• Remember that no A.S. resources can be used for the elections.

Revisit/Augment Our Shared Vision:
• (Keep up the Vision we created last quarter)
• Outreach to transfer students/ international students
• Diversity dinners.
• Have “What Is A.S.?” presentations @ LPC, Chi-5, Santa Ynez (Jameson), Gio’s/ Embarcadero
  - Next Exec Meeting
  - Res Halls

A.S. Office Projects

Office Hours: Make sure you pick times you can go and make sure you go. Everyone will be writing reports every week.

Meeting time: Wednesday at 9 PM is the general consensus at this point.

Write Your Own Bill (WYOB):

- Make sure everyone in this office is well-versed in what A.S. does.
- Figure out what needs to be distributed.
- Depending what area a student has a problem (RHA, Leg Council, ASOP) we should navigate the issue to make sure that org can fix it.
- Make sure there are visual aids.
- Active Tabling – Make sure you’re engaging people, handing out flyers and T-shirts and pens, etc., Make sure there’s a mailing list; Engage the fellows in tabling. Have fellows bring people to the table. Have fellows do office hours and do the tabling. The fellows should sign up in pairs. [Have a little session on tabling] Give the fellows talking points. If we’re going to have deliberate hours then someone needs to go.
- Tabling will be for two weeks as a trial period. Tabling will start WEEK THREE.

Building: Harrison made an appointment with Campus Planning last quarter to have a building built on the side adjacent to Lot 22 for A.S. orgs that don’t have a space right now as well as the Student Veterans Resource Center and a former Foster Youth Resource Center. They’re voting on approving everything and Harrison will be going to a meeting to really push the idea. The funding issue comes down to a ballad initiative so that we can ask for as small a number as possible from students. It will probably be put on the Associated Students ballot. Thinking of getting signatures from students to see if that’s what they actually want. Our margin of passing the ballot will be about 50% if we can get signatures. The building is essentially an extension of the SRB but with more spaces. [End of January, all of February and into the first week of March for the project]

Fellowship Discussion:

- Focusing on being really intentional with your fellows; giving them more experience in A.S. and more tasks. Encouraging tighter bonds between you and your fellows!
- Helping make it a more enriched fellowship. In evaluations a lot of the fellows wanted more work to do and still don’t exactly know what A.S. is about.
- Making a group text for the fellows.
- Have a weekly report in which everyone keeps track of what their fellows are doing. (Include it in your weekly commissioner report)
- Building The Next Legacy (in Corwin Pavilion) [Primarily for First Years] – Harrison giving a speech about the importance of being involved, student apathy, having a brunch and then having workshops led by different BCCs and then at the end of the night have a faculty/admin dinner. Maybe have a keynote speaker; introducing first year students to what it means to be a student leader on campus. Also have prominent student leaders. [Aiming for Week 6]
- Get the fellows together more; Get to know other fellows who are not yours.

Workshop Discussion:

- Workshops will be a presentation that one commissioner (maybe two) will do each week. A twenty minute presentation with some questions; interactive. Everyone in the office does not have to go to every workshop. Just go if you’re presenting or if you want to go.
- Sunday evenings around 6 or 7pm.
- Attach your outline with your weekly report.