

SMB Minutes

Meeting date Sept. 6, 2007, 3 p.m.

Ratcliffe 238

Minutes secretary: T. Lee

Present. Camobreco, Pritchett, Waldron, Laura Gee, Beth Beck, Kim Roeder, Nick Abbott, Kris Ostergard, Lee. (No quorum)

1. Justin will seek a student nominee to fill a board vacancy left by Adam Flowers' rotation off the board; Lee will check on securing a faculty nominee, to include Tom Berry, Ron von Berg, Patrick Walker.
2. Motion: Move to have chair make budget funds available to student media. Since there is no quorum, Pritchett will conduct a vote on line.
3. WCNU budget was discussed, including a request to recover \$900+ not spent last year. Ms. Roeder will see if the funds are in the SMB student life contingency fund and, if so, if they can be relocated. (Note: In an e-mail following the meeting on 9/6/07, Ms. Roeder wrote: "The money not spent by WCNU last year went into the contingency fund as I mentioned. All we need is authorization from the SMB to re-allocate those funds. An email or memo to Michelle Reed from the SMB will do.")
4. Roeder asked the board to develop in writing a policy statement suited to helping students understand SMB policies regarding student requests for funding, and so on. Should explain how stipends are funded, the process of establishing stipend positions and how students can take advantage student funds and student media. Discussion ensued about how SMB formulating such a policy guide could provide a direction for current student media organizations with and/or desiring stipend positions, as well as those who may propose a new student media organization.
5. Discussed developing stipends for WCNU.
6. Beck distributed a rough draft of a proposal for developing an ad sales-stipend structure to develop an ad sales team for the Captain's Log.
7. Lee distributed copies of the Earned Income Memo draft of 9/5/06.
8. Ostergard discussed hopes for WCNU to take advantage of a "window" in FCC policies for educational stations to apply for a permit to construct and operate a broadcast transmitter and to reserve a frequency—all at no cost or obligation. If WCNU were to obtain a reservation for a tower, it would approach NNPS and NN for permission to "get space" on their broadcast towers. Radio has worked with NN Channel 47 schools frequently already. Discussion focused on encouraging WCNU to go ahead with the no-fee reservation process, using the special FCC window of opportunity. •

