



ATC allocates money for one-time expenditures

Charter for new literary magazine also approved

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The agenda of last Thursday night's SGA meeting consisted mainly of Activities Tax Council (ATC) allocations and the Woodrow publication charter.

The ATC reviewed the 2004 fall equipment allocations.

The ATC is the subcommittee of the SGA responsible for allocating the student activities tax among student organizations on campus.

The tax is one percent of student tuition. This fall, the Pre-Vet Society, Bioethics Society, Davidson Outdoors, Club Roller Hockey, the Davidson Ultimate Frisbee Folk (DUFF), Men's Club Lacrosse, the Asian Culture and Awareness Association (ACAA), the Honor Council, and The Davidsonian all received money from the ATC.

The money given to these groups is for specific uses designated by each club.

Conflicts over the allocation of funds were minimal because the beginning budget for this fall was approximately double the usual amount.

The remaining balance is \$49,741.70 and this is after giving away most of the money that the organizations requested.

The ATC currently has no plans for the remaining money.

"We currently have a request from the Crew team and are always taking funding requests from new organizations like Woodrow that was chartered on Thursday night as well," said ATC chair Adam Gerstenmeir '05.

Gerstenmeir said that the funds that are not allocated "will be rolled over into spring allocations that take place in April. That is where we allocate annual budgets for every single student organization."

A new Davidson publication called Woodrow also received its charter.

Woodrow will contain mostly nonfiction work concerning the Davidson community and at least one work of fiction, poems, and/or possibly sketches.

Ward Long '06 and David Saint '05 presented the concept behind "Woodrow," named after Davidson's most famous dropout, Woodrow Wilson.

"Woodrow will bring an entirely different approach to idea creation and writing," said Saint. "It will encourage anyone on Davidson's campus to bring their ideas and not to fear that embarrassing feeling when an idea isn't so good. We think you need that kind of environment to take risks and create."

"Woodrow will serve in that capacity through the medium of well-written works, both non-fiction and literary, and will enrich our experiences here. Plus, it'll be so much fun," he continued.

President of SGA Katherine Hubbard agreed with the decision to grant the charter.

"I think the Woodrow publication is a great idea. I am always in favor of creating new outlets for Davidson ideas and voices to be heard," she said. "I like the all-encompassing ideals that Woodrow seeks to fulfill in which fiction and non-fiction can be submitted and students and faculty are encouraged to write pieces."

Other topics of discourse included details of last weekend's SGA retreat and the trustees that are arriving this coming week.

The trustees will be coming this next Friday for a luncheon and a meeting, and members of SGA will be serving as a welcoming committee.

The SGA's spirit committee also brought up the idea of changing the graphic of the Davidson Wildcat logo.

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pus," but unfortunately never really functioned. Last year, Tiffany Hollis '04 served as the chair of COMA as well as the head of a corresponding SGA committee.

Under Hollis, the club focused primarily on its status as a diversity organization as opposed to a part of SGA.

SGA President Katharine Hubbard '05 said, "Tiffany did a great job getting COMA's name out there and hosting events," but also acknowledged that the organization was in a sense separated from SGA.

The new DCC constitution states that the group has a three-fold mission: to "offer assistance, provide a forum, and promote alliance" among the clubs that represent minority students and support diversity on campus.

Presently, Davidson's minority clubs encompass race, religion, gender, and physical disability.

The DCC's network will include all pre-existing organizations that are presently approved by the Activities Tax Council (ATC).

"We focus so much on what we lack that we don't realize what we have on campus. DCC is not trying to do additional things, we are just trying to supplement what we already have by filling in the gaps," said Kawabata.

"We are not telling groups what they should be doing, we are just facilitating communication," said executive board member and DCC secretary Sian Jones '05.

In addition to the executive board, which will oversee operations, the DCC will also include a non-voting advisory board consisting of 10 students who will serve to add insightful input during committee meetings.

The remainder of the organization will consist of a body of representatives from each club under the DCC.

"Clubs can come to meetings and share their concerns and experiences with a larger group of sympathetic people. It helps to inform people about what you have to say," said Jones.

President of the Chronically Ill and Disabled Student Association (CDSA) Lauren Stutts '05 recognized these advantages, even though her organization is not currently receiving funds from the ATC.

"By serving as a representative on the DCC Advisory Board, I can make my organization aware about the activities and issues of other minority organizations as well as share any ideas that my organization has with the other groups," Stutts said.

In addition to promoting contact among clubs, the DCC will serve as a communication hub for all members of the Davidson community including the Admissions Office, the administration, and those students who are not associated with a minority or diversity club on campus.

Having already conducted interviews with individual students on campus, the executive board emphasizes the importance of one-on-one conversation when necessary.

Kawabata invited students to correspond with the DCC directly.

A number of students expressed the need for communication that the DCC hopes to encourage.

Carrie Levy '05, a member of both the Jewish Student Union (JSU) and the CDSA, has experienced a lack of contact between minority groups on campus.

Levy noted a distinction between clubs that address race, religion, gender, and physical disability.

"No one is even sure who is classified as a minority. We don't know who's under each heading," she said.

Susan Bean '06, who was involved in COMA, insists that a well-coordinated organization with a mission like that of DCC will benefit the entire community.

"It's easy to just assume that we all face stress here and assume that those stresses are equal for everyone. However, I have become slowly more aware that it honestly is much harder to be a minority student here," she said. "I've never ever been in that position and I bet a number of students here would say the same thing. I wish we could all make time to listen to the students who do face that struggle talk about it."

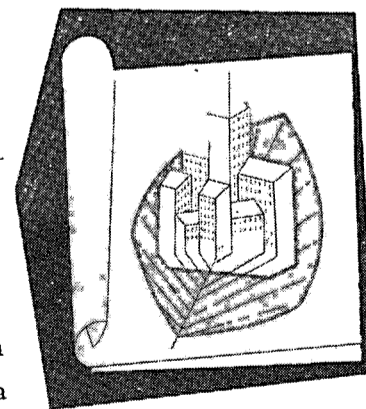
Other members of the executive board of DCC include Vice-Chair Erin Stephens '05 and Public Relations officer Faris Al Mazrui '07.

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