

SOGA 2014-2015 recap:

SOGA met on the following dates:

Meetings: 10/7/14, 11/4/14, 12/2/14, 2/19/15, late March- email meeting, 4/23/15, 4/30/15 (we attempted a meeting on 4/9/15 but couldn't make quorum)

Our primary charge is to look at the recognition of new student organizations here on campus. FY 14-15 we approved 51 new organizations and removed the status from 101. Recognition of new groups occurred at all above listed meetings. Removal of groups only occurred at the 4/30 meeting.

Our other area of business that we accomplished was to see the Missouri Students Association, Graduate and Professional Council, Organization Resource Group and Mizzou Club Sports Federation student activity fee budgets. These budgets were reviewed at the April meetings and a recommendation for approval was given to Vice Chancellor Scroggs.

The committee was chaired by Maureen Konkle as no student co-chair was appointed

In addition to our regular business of approving organizations, there are 2 things to note.

First, SOGA authorized the Organization Resource Group to conditionally approve prospective organizations should they meet the criteria for recognition, have no overlap with existing groups, not pose any risk management issues and be "blessed" by the Coordinator for Student Organizations. Once conditionally approved, groups are eligible for all rights and privileges with the exception of access to ORG funding requests. Conditional status is in effect until the next scheduled SOGA meeting.

Secondly, SOGA approved ORG implementing "activity reports" for current student organizations in an effort to weed out "resume groups" and other groups that are not very active. The principle behind the activity report is that each group will document a minimum amount of activity for the year in addition to answering some questions about their goals and what members gain from the group. Additionally, groups will need to provide a constitution every school year. There was talk of tying this activity report to funding- meaning each group that applies for funding would need to do this report. Due to some staffing issues in Student Life and ORG, this policy was not able to be implemented but I would encourage it to be brought back up for discussion FY 15/16 when the new Coordinator for Student Organizations takes over.

Respectfully,

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