

ComCil Minutes
October 15, 2008

Members Present: Jonny No, Tim Noble, Dennie Eagleson, Nic Viox, Molly Thornton (Chair), Chelsea Martens (Co-CM), Corri Frohlich (Co-CM), Carole Braun, Lincoln Alpern, James Russell, Bob Devine

Guests Present: Ellen Borgerson, Susan Mayer (Alumna)

Approval of Minutes

Formal Action: ComCil moved to approve the minutes with the following grammatical change: "Tim said Nonstop has a litany of events going on and there is no Events Manager to run around with equipment. Tim said he has been taking on this duty and its not sustainable and needs to be addressed."

In favor: 7 / Opposed: 0 / Abstention: 3

CG Budget

Brief: Corri introduced the updated CG Budget to ComCil. Corri explained that Chris Hill had taken out several line items without consultation with the CG Budget Committee and the CMs. The Budget Committee, comprised of Carole Braun, Jeanne Kay and Corri Frohlich, met to rework the budget with these changes and reallocate money within the lines to reflect CG's greatest areas of need. The CG Budget Committee met with Chris briefly to talk about the changes and Chris apologized for not consulting the appropriate people to make changes to the CG Budget. The changes that were made without the consent of the CG Budget Committee included: decreasing the CG laptop budget from \$3000-\$4000 to \$2500, removing \$8500 for a community van, \$1500 for vehicle insurance and registration, \$1500 for vehicle operations and she moved \$400 for blackberries into the telecommunication's line. The CG Budget Committee made the following changes: \$200 for a laser printer was moved into the office supply line, \$1600 from the telecommunication line was moved into the Community Food line because the telecommunication line was originally intended for internet and phone charges but the general Nonstop budget covers those two items for CG and most of the money spent by CG so far has been used on Community Foods Costs. The CG Budget committee also moved \$325 from the postage line into the Community Food Line to help with the food costs. See attached budgets for more detail.

Dennie, Tim and Bob asked for the CG budget to show from where the revenue was coming, since we are charging \$300 this term for CG fees. Bob stated that the more Nonstop can show its capabilities to produce revenue and that it is self-generating, the more confidence alumni and other donors will have to contribute to CG and Nonstop. Ellen agreed that tracing the revenue to the budget is very important. Ellen said

that scholarships should be easy to trace, and that it would be good to show scholarship money lines being moved into operating lines.

Dennie said once ComCil clarifies the CG fees for faculty, staff and students it will also increase revenue.

Tim said to his knowledge the only way for alumni to directly donate to CG was before Homecoming 2.0 when he and Corri set up a special webpage and bank account for CG to fund CG events during Homecoming week and the AB meeting. Tim said CG and ComCil might want to look into an appeal for funding in a donative sense.

Ellen said if we start talking about funding specifically for CG, we would have to have the micro-fundraising conversation again. Ellen said that the Institutional Advancement Office always try to get donors to donate to areas of greatest need and that they always honor donor specifications. Ellen went on to say that a drive aimed at raising funds for CG might be very appealing to a certain group of alumni and the best way to do it is through one of the e-appeals. Dennie asked Chelsea and Corri, per ComCil's conversation last week if anything had been clarified about the 1 1/2 salaried positions for CG. Chelsea explained that when she and Corri met with the Executive Collective earlier in the week, they were asked to wait for two weeks until after the Alumni Board meeting, when hopefully Nonstop will have a better idea of how things will look next term and then be able to decide what is Nonstop's area of greatest need.

Corri mentioned that currently there is no database or electronic accounting system to show how much money has been used by CG, but that once that system has been set up she will report back to ComCil how much has been spent. Tim said the new account tracking system will be up and ready in a few days. Tim said the system is called Gnu Cash and he is working with Nancy and Antioch College's last CFO Barb Stewart.

Corri also mentioned that to her knowledge no money that was donated to CG through the Development/Institutional Advancement Office was ever shown on the monthly budget reports from the Budget Office. ComCil wanted the CG Budget Committee to report back to ComCil on how CG fees are dispersed in terms of the Nonstop budget and how the scholarship fees play into that. Tim volunteered to be a contact person to help with that. Carole said the CG Budget Committee could invite Chris and Nancy to a meeting to help track the money.

Tim said the budget is pretty clear right now but the tracking is a little less clear. Tim used the metaphor "we're building the car as we're driving it down the road," to articulate Nonstop's current situation.

Formal Action: ComCil moved to approve the CG budget as presented by the CG Budget Committee.

In favor:9 / Opposed: 0/ Abstention: 1

ComCil moved to have the CG Budget Committee endeavor to figure out CG fees and the scholarship portions and report back to ComCil.

In favor:9/ Opposed:0/ Abstention: 1

Campus North

Brief: Molly stated that it was brought to her attention by Jonny No that there is a shortage of volunteer labor at Campus North. Jonny No proposed canceling classes for 2 or 3 days to concentrate on construction at Campus North. Jonny said that once the space problem had been solved that the time problem would resolve itself. Molly asked if ComCil supported this idea. Dennie did not want to undermine the Festival Week's schedule but she suggested identifying pockets of time that are free and have someone there to coordinate a group project. Jonny No was worried that there is a significant risk if we wait a few weeks to focus on Campus North and that Nonstop may need to shift priorities. Ellen said that the stress problem is also a space problem and that ComCil seems like the right body to set priorities. Ellen also echoed Chelsea's earlier sentiments about Nonstop being a limitless enterprise but that we as a Community need to set reasonable limits on what we can do. Ellen also suggested urging people who are staying in town over break to work on this. Tim pushed for people to work on the weekends with him and said that the only community member who showed up so far has been C.T. Chen. Molly said our seat time has been determined so we can fit the seat time of an accredited institution, so canceling classes is unrealistic at this stage. Corri suggested that ComCil find a time during festival week for all of ComCil members to show up and work together to send a positive message to the rest of the community. Corri also said that like Antioch, it seems that there is still a small group of community members doing most of the work and asked ComCil members to reach out to their respective constituencies and ask for those who are not doing the lion's share of the work to pitch in more. Lincoln said technically students have weekends free but he spends most of his time catching up on his homework and currently his schedule is just maxed out. Chelsea said its not because people aren't working that they are not volunteering at Campus North but that it's because their time is maxed out. Chelsea said we have been expecting a lot from the full-time students and we need to be respectful of their workload. Chelsea added that anytime people can feel invested in a project their emotional and financial support grows. Tim clarified that he is volunteer labor and is spending all of his free time on this project. Jonny No said that providing transportation and food would increase participation. Many ComCil members reiterated the fact that everyone's time is maxed out this term and that we do not have the regular support infrastructure that we used to have. ComCil members also voiced support for the importance of working on Campus North.

Formal Action: ComCil moved to sponsor a ComCil work day this Sunday from 2:00pm-5:00pm where ComCil members work at Campus

North, encourage others community members to come, and encourage a friendly competition with ExCil members.
In Favor: 8/ Opposed: 0/ Abstaining: 2