Economics Club Meeting Minutes

2 September 2009

Members in attendance: Megan Cornell, Flavia Dantas, Felipe Rezende, Ryan Dodd, Rich Wagner, Xuan Pham, Stephanie Sheldon, Erik Dean, Heather Starzynski, Karol Gil Vasquez, Lief Erickson, Devin Rafferty, Brian Werner, Trung Vu (14 people + a few people who did not sign in :D)

1. Called to order by Ryan/Megan 1:05 pm

2. Money allocated
   a. Arts and Sciences $1,000
   b. Student Government Association (SGA) ~$6,334
   c. Possible to ask A & S later in the year for more events
   d. Possible to get money for a speaker from the Bernardin Haskell fund through the department, probably up to $1,500. Events need to be of general interest and free and open to the public.
   e. Neither A&S nor SGA are very willing to give much money for travel this year.
   f. A&S is willing to co-sponsor a big general interest speaker.

3. Speakers
   a. Process: Ryan sent out an initial call for nominations and then he sent out the names of all who were nominated for a vote. People could respond with 3 ranked choices, each choice was given a point value 1st-3 point, 2nd-2 points, 3rd-1 point these were added all together and ranked overall.
   b. We would like to have 3 speakers this year with a hope to cap expenses (Hotel, Airfare, meals) for each person at $1,000. We hope to only pay minimum to none honorarium for most speakers.
   c. Who we decided to ask first:
      i. We decided to not ask people from outside of North America to speak due, so we could maximize our funds. This took out Riccardo Bellofiore, Ha-Joon Chang and Ben Fine.
      ii. We decided to separate out Naomi Klein and ask her separately because she is such a big name, if she is able to come we will be able to get many co-sponsors within the University
      iii. We decided to form 3 slots for speakers, 2 based on the rank and 1 discretionary to provide more diversity in subjects and presenters.
         1. To fill the first 2 slots we will ask the people ranked 1st (John Bellamy Foster) and 2nd (Neil Fligstein) first, then move on down the list skipping 3rd (Naomi Klein) because she is a separate
category and 8th (Mary C. King) 9th (Ilene Grabel) because they do feminist economics and will be asked first to fill the Econ Club discretionary speaker slot.

iv. Ryan will send out requests to for the ranked speakers. Heather will send out a request for Naomi Klein, checking with a few places in town, such as Rainy Day Books, to make sure they are not already bringing her in.

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<th>Name</th>
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<td>1 John Bellamy Foster</td>
<td>26</td>
<td>In Oregon, really busy, ecological and finance stuff, has enough to talk about to do a 1-unit class.</td>
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<td>2 Neil Fligstein</td>
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<td>In CA</td>
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<td>3 Naomi Klein</td>
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<td>Hard to get, expensive, Dr. Kelton would like to have her come, likely able to co-sponsor</td>
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<td>4 Marc Lavoie</td>
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<td>In Canada</td>
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<td>5 Michael J. Radzicki</td>
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<td>Easy to get</td>
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<td>6 Riccardo Bellofiore</td>
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<td>In Italy</td>
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<td>6 Ha-Joon Chang</td>
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<td>6 Ben Fine</td>
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<td>7 David Ruccio</td>
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<td>In Indiana</td>
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<td>8 Mary C. King</td>
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<td>At Portland State, Feminism/ Development</td>
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<td>9 Ilene Grabel</td>
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<td>In Denver, immigration, PK money stuff, etc.</td>
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<td>10 Bill Dugger</td>
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<td>In Tulsa</td>
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<td>10 Nassim Nicholas Taleb</td>
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<td>Impossible to get</td>
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d. We want to also include community activist speakers, helping out financially in a small way, e.g. $100, but mostly to advertise and encourage attendance.

i. Upcoming event: “Healthcare/Warfare” Sunday Oct 18th 3-5pm Community Christian Church. Featuring really good speakers on the subject with a panel discussion to follow (Judy Ancel will be on the panel)

ii. More information to follow on other events.

e. Ask people from UMKC in other departments to speak, either for an evening event or during the seminars

i. Possible speakers/ Departments:

1. Max Skidmore- Political Science
2. Geosciences- Environmental science
3. Sociology

4. Tentative criteria for conference attendance
   a. Try to get more money by requesting an Annual Budget for ODE
   b. It was discussed if we are even allowed to make criteria decisions and we came to the conclusion we should to make the selection process better once we have a list of people who are interested.
   c. The first come first serve method was brought up but dismissed because it creates conflicts when people do not know about it or find out too late.
   d. Splitting the money allocated for a conference evenly among students was brought up but also dismissed because it creates unfair advantages based on who has access to outside funding etc. Most people will not be helped if they only get $50 for a conference.
   e. It was also suggested that for presenters and job seeker we automatically give them $100 to help them get matching funds and if enough money isn’t received from outside sources more money may be allocated to them. Also it would be nice to provide one night of lodging minimum but this may or not be feasible.
   f. The tentative criteria as of now is:
      i. Econ Club will pay for people to attend at most one conference a year either ASSA or AFIT.
      ii. Econ Club will pay for these items in the following rank:
          1. Travel Cost (airfare)
          2. Hotel
          3. Registration
          4. Food (probably not food at all)
      iii. Priority Rank
          1. Presenters or Job Seekers [require that they ask for outside funding]
          2. 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} year students
          3. 3\textsuperscript{rd} year and above students
          4. Undergrads of Jr. or Sr. Rank
      iv. People are encouraged to stay with graduate students in the area to keep costs down.
Stephanie will send out an e-mail to see in general who is interested in attending which conference this year, as we econ club will only sponsor one.

i. ASSA: Sunday Jan 3rd to Tuesday Jan 5th, 2010- Atlanta, GA [leave on the 2nd because events start early Sunday morning]

ii. AFIT: Wednesday April 14th to Saturday April 17th Reno, NV [Leave on the 14th as events start wed night]

5. Events

a. Xuan told us about the possibility of having a conference on development both local and international. One of the items to be emphasized is the green impact zone in the KC urban core. Funding for the event would come from the chancellor. Dr. Tauheed will report on more information for the conference at the next meeting.

b. Joint student conference between UMKC, Utah, and Colorado State. A conference for students and by students. The conference will occur in the spring, the location will vary from year to year beginning with Colorado. Ryan and Devin will help on the UMKC end with coordinating this event.

c. Spring Picnic. We definitely want to do and can put this on for around $300.

d. Fall Picnic/Gathering- End of October –Rich Wagner and Brian Werner will work out specifics of the event (location?, day or night?, potluck?, etc.)

e. Movie Series, weekly, documentaries etc. Karol will determine days and times.

f. Tours: Emphasis on speaking to a person that can talk to us about what goes on at each place, not just a PR person. Lunch after an event will be out of our own pocket, if we decide to do so.

i. Factory: Stephanie will work on organizing a tour to one of these places
   1. Steel
   2. GM Plant

ii. “Fun”: Xuan will work on organizing a tour to one of these places
   1. Federal Reserve
   2. Harley Davidson
   3. Boulevard Brewery

6. Other

a. We want to work on increasing Undergraduate attendance

i. Members have been going around to classrooms and handing out flyers to add the names to the list-serve Yeva has requested

b. Xuan will make the budget available to people through our website.

7. Meeting Adjourned around 2:30pm