Welcome from Ashley

- Story about Ashley’s reason for involvement
- Challenges associated w/ “joining” a group here
- “yes and” thinking for this session

History of SG’s

- Student engagements a part of networking here in grad school
- We’re different, we think, than other schools
- Model has been consistent for 13 years
- All treated equal; creates challenges
  - Same expectations
  - Events, $, board memberships
  - Participation
- Call for volunteers last year to fix this
- 4 pillars
  - Building community, Professional development, Feedback, Communication & Visibility
- Open, transparent, consensus building way
- Thank you for stepping up and taking time to inform the discussion

Common themes (Cate)

- Silos; do we find the intersections?
- Space
- Membership
- Money
- Where to spend my time; too many interests & too many competing events

(Exercise ---- I.D. issues in groups)

- Julia (SCJR)
  - Event collaboration
  - Low attendance/competition
- Jinny (BRIDGE)
  - Defining mission of student groups
    - A) education on topic / region
    - B) affinity who aligns w/ group or identity
- Adam (SPA)
  - Transition
    - Lack of formal system
    - Budgets
• Continuity of culture/built in flexibility

• Hal (WCG)
  o Integration
    ▪ Board transitions
    ▪ Shared ideas document
    ▪ Outside retreat/leaders? Not WLA

• Meghan (1st year)
  ▪ Specificity
    • Dig deeper into events/topic areas more than just scratching the surface

*Keep these ideas in mind through the day

Tahira – Planning /Model – Gretchen

• Personal challenges of being on the board
• Represent that identity based group & wanted to be sure their mission/purpose wasn’t lost in this new process
• Framework and questions
  o Are gaps and spaces
  o Want feedback
  o How to connect?
  o Op challenges
  o Resolve ?s

(Hand out model)

• Explanation of model – building coalitions
• Q2: how might this structure connect w/ your mission and purpose at Wagner?
  o Clarification on coalitions structures asked

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• Forces people from different groups to work together
• Engaging a broader base (aka not all board members)
• Appreciate menu of stuff as a new student (loss of acronyms is less confusing)
• Better operations
• Expansion of advisors for groups beyond faculty
• Flexibility built in for change in cultures and interests – options!
• Streamlines communications; transfer year to year; less people
• Accessibility to PT students

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• Workload for treasurers in coalition
• Interest vs career base?
  o How different?
  o Can work together?
• 3 or 4 groups
• Diversity – identity group
• Building in comms across coalitions
  o How does that look?
  o Can all 3 execs meet?

Challenges (Cate) ?s

• What makes a committee – 3 ppl?
• How do we assure board appointments?
• Role budgets play? – allocation
  o Better align collaboration
• How to define membership?
  o Worry about engagement/ownership
• Forces people to decide interests early on & budget allocation
• Clarity for new students & unclarity w/ overabundance of options
• How does exec board look?
• Continuity of organizations
  o Online
  o w/ alumni
  o listservs
  o mechanisms to stay/get info

Input

• More than 1 fac/staff adv for coalitions
• Elect from all delegations
• How to logistically run elections?
• Committee information, will they have knowledge base
• External relationships w/ partner schools (in NYU and non)

Next steps

• Quick pulse
• Take notes and make sense & can we ans?
• Nov. 11th (18h) – revised model
• Talk to your boards
• Next WLA date – Nov 24th?