

2.1.07 Minutes

Round table discussion:

Comparative Religion Club/Students For Freethought:

Possible discussion topic: self-fulfilling prophecies and their consequences on the entirety of the world.

We can also brainstorm via e-mail.

Workshop:

We must talk with Professor Warren to determine whether or not it's still a possibility.

Board of Regents:

Recently instated policy:

The new legislation allows student organizations to discriminate in regards to religion; however, each organization must rewrite their constitution to clarify their religious preferences/limitations.

Establishing resistance:

We must first establish contact with the Board of Regents, perhaps via a letter, and inquire about the reasoning for the legislation.

Our grievance: the organizations are publicly funded.

Other possible modes of action:

- Create a Facebook group.
- Formulate a coalition of individuals and student organizations on our campus.
- Contact Freethought organizations on other campuses.
- Collaborate with SGA to draft a piece of legislation; however, this may take approximately two weeks or more.

Funding:

We aim to obtain an annual budget and our ideal would be five hundred dollars or more; however, the paper work must be completed with haste, for it is due by February 2nd. We must itemize the amount we are looking for, i.e. allot a specific amount for speakers, traveling accommodations, hotel costs, and etcetera. The most effective method is to ask for a high amount and bargain from that initial point. The process is simple: complete the required paper work and obtain three signatures. We must, however, raise six percent of what is allotted to our organization, which must be done by the next fiscal year.

Speakers:

Possible choices:

1. Michael Shermer of Skeptic magazine and emergency funds may be utilized to make this visit a possibility. The request can be made at [this](#) website. His biography is available [here](#).
2. Dan Barker
3. Amy Goodman of Democracy Now; her biography is available at [this](#) website.

We may seek assistance from the Center of Inquiry to facilitate the process. However, any members with additional ideas should send an e-mail to Matt.

Darwin Day (Monday, February 12th)

Ideas:

1. A special meeting including selective readings of the Origin of Species.
2. An educational meeting, providing food to draw in visitors. We would advertise via booths and plugs from Biology professors.

The Secular Student Alliance, sent an e-mail about suggestions, which could be utilized to smooth the planning for the event; however, any members with additional ideas should send an e-mail to Patrick.

Elections:

New executive positions available (both co-presidents):

If you are interested, send an e-mail to sff@uwsp.edu including a short paragraph describing your qualifications, which shall eventually be sent to the entire group.

We must elect new presidents before the end of the semester; however, the earlier the better, for then the individuals can be properly trained. A handbook for the Center For Inquiry could also be of use to adequately prepare the new executive members.

Future idea:

Explain Atheism/Agnosticism, which is to be discussed at a later meeting.