

JONES STUDENT ASSOCIATION

Action Item Report

ACTION ITEM TITLE: Procedures for electing the president of the entrepreneurship club and the validity/existence of a charter.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: There was confusion about the process of electing the president for 2004/5. When inquiries were made to verify the correct procedure in the club's charter, the GSA reported that the club is not an officially registered entity.

DATE REPORTED: April 28, 2004

JSA REPRESENTATIVE ASSIGNED: Gerhard Golden

RESOLUTION STEPS: The JSA emailed the parties involved to have a meeting to resolve the matter on May 3rd. After various e-mails without meeting face to face, the matter was referred to Holly Williams, Assistant Director of Student Activities at the GSA. At this point Holly indicated that the club was not registered at all and therefore questioning the election process is a moot point as they will have to re-register with a formal charter in the fall before they can do anything else.

ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION: See the response from Holly Williams below:

To everyone who has been involved in this long series of e-mails:

My name is Holly Williams, and I am the Assistant Director of Student Activities. The simple truth to this "situation" is that everything that has taken place this year in regard to the Entrepreneurs Club is null and void. The Entrepreneurs Club is NOT a registered organization at Rice and is therefore unable to operate as one. Kristin Kott's questions regarding election procedures cannot be addressed because there is technically no Constitution in place to direct how election procedures should occur.

So, what should happen now? Well, when everyone returns to campus in the fall, individuals interested in reinstating the Entrepreneurs Club need to turn in the appropriate paperwork to the Clubs Office, which will be forwarded to the GSA. At that time, the GSA will decide whether or not to reinstate the club. The Constitution for the club will be created/updated from the original by those individuals interested in reinstating the club. So, those of you who fall into that category would, in my opinion, need to figure out how to work together first.

I hope this e-mail addresses most of your concerns. If you have any further questions, please direct them to me.

-Holly :)

CASE CLOSED: May 14, 2004