

## **Cultural Activities Committee:**

Notes from meeting: Zach Fitchner, Dr. Underdue Murph, Mr. Oden, and Mrs. Sweeney

Spent time outlining how the Cultural Activities committee works, its mission, and its place as a Faculty Senate Standing Committee.

1. The committee puts out calls for proposals for events.
2. In collaboration with Dr. Wolfe, the committee decides which events will get funding based on student interest and budget.

Concerns raised by Student Affairs and Student Life and Engagement:

1. The committee makes decisions, not recommendations.
2. Appropriateness of committee making decisions on funding by student fees.
3. How "cultural" and "educational" are defined. And the types of events that flow from that definition.
4. Not every event needs to be cultural or educational.
5. If the committee should be dissolved. \*\*

\*\* Faculty Senate Standing Committees can only be dissolved by the Faculty Senate. Constitution of the West Virginia State University Faculty – Article II, subsection B  
"Committees: The faculty shall establish such operational committees as are needed to carry out the function and responsibilities of the faculty. All actions of faculty committees shall be subject to review by the Senate."

It was the understanding of the Cultural Activities Committee that they would work in collaboration with the administration of student affairs and services.

The Cultural Activities Committee met and elected Zach Fitchner as the chair of the committee. They also put forward two motions that were passed unanimously:

1. That the events planned for this year be honored.
2. Faculty continue in their current role to bring cultural events to campus as is outlined in the Constitution, until such time as the Constitution is amended.

Constitution: Article 5, subsection A. 1. I: "Cultural Activities and Educational Assemblies Committee: It shall be the function of this committee to plan, organize, and develop programs for the university educational assemblies and to be responsible for the presentation each year of the Artist Series programs, and other programs for the University.