**The Economics Council of Majors Meeting 4/6/11**

*The meeting was called to order by Ryan Wentworth, President, on Wednesday March 16, 2011 at 12:08pm.*

**Topics**

1. **Introduction of one new member**, Talel, Financial Econ Major
2. **Feedback on Alumni Networking Dinner** – The Alumni Networking Dinner was on Tuesday, April 5th, 2011 from 6:30-10:00pm. It featured close to a 1:1 Student to Alumni ratio and led to great personal conversations and networking with the alumni. It was incredibly useful hearing their insight and tips as we prepare to graduate.
3. **Elections!!!! –** Next meeting, April 20th, we will be having elections for officers for next year. All positions are open for election and anyone can run for any position. Being the officer of a student organization would look great on a resume and would be a good talking point in interviews so I encourage you to run if you are considering it. I would also like to encourage our underclassmen members to run for a position as well so that we do not graduate all 4 of our positions at the end of next year.
4. **Upcoming Events & Fundraisers**
   1. ***Personal Finance Seminar*** – This event will be held on **Monday, April 25th** **during free hour**. The event will be about financial literacy, how to save on your budget, credit reports and scores and spending habits, and should be very helpful to all students, so invite your friends as well. The location is TBD.
   2. ***Financial Planning Career Seminar*** – This event will be held on **Wednesday, May 4th, during free hour**. The event will be put on by a Financial Planner discussing what he does for a living and how his field of work is evolving in today’s market. If you are interested or considering Financial Planning as a career choice then it would be a great idea to get information on what your job as a Financial Planner would actually entail and where it is going in the future. The location is TBD.
   3. ***Rita’s Fundraiser*** – On **April 26th** (tentatively) between the hours of **5-8pm** we will be partnering with the **Rita’s in Halethorpe** (5403 East Drive, Halethorpe, MD 21227-2605) as a fundraiser event. During the hours of 5-8pm the owner will donate 20% of all sales to our organization so bring everyone out to Rita’s during this time because the more people there, the more money we make!
   4. ***Annual Economics Awards Banquet*** *–* On **Saturday, May 7th** is the annual Economics Awards Banquet, time and placed TBD. ODE members will be inducted, student and teacher awards will be handed out, and it is encouraged that all students attend the banquet. More information will be provided as we move closer.
5. **Stuff we need** –
   1. ***Logo* –** I think it would be a great idea for our organization to get a logo, something small and simple, but still something. It can be designed or found, doesn’t matter, if you are interested in helping find/make one or have an artistic friend that would be interested in it, please submit any designs by our meeting on April 20th.
   2. ***Banner*** – Once we have determined a logo we are also going to be making a ECOM banner through CommonVision so that we may put it on display at our events, to be ready asap, but definitely by next semester
   3. ***Pens & Notebooks/Pads*** – We are going to also get ECOM pens and potentially a pad/notebook for next semester as well
   4. ***T***-***Shirt/Hoodie*** – Addiontionally, we will be looking into getting either T-Shirts or Hoodies or both for ECOM also for next semester as well.
6. **Next Semester Events & Meetings** – Next semester in either the second or third meeting we will be having an **Interviewing Skills Workshop** that will be put on by the Shriver Center. This will be of great use for students and should be very effective. Additionally, next semester we will be considering moving to weekly meetings.
7. **Portfolio Management Team update** – The stock market game that the team developed through MarketWatch has been a great success and next semester we will be raising the stakes a bit more and make the game last through the duration of the semester.
8. **Next Meetings** – The last COM meeting, during which elections will be held, will be on **Wednesday, April 20th from 12-12:50 in PUP 204**. The next portfolio management team meeting is on **Monday, April 18th in PUP 367 from 12-12:50.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 12:40pm.*