

OUTDOOR ODYSSEY REPORT

Organization: Outdoor Odyssey Date: November 17th, 2014

The Appropriations Committee appreciated the immense amount of work done by the Outdoor Odyssey Executive Board, especially the student coordinators, to put on successful pre-orientation trips for hundreds of students every year. Additionally, the Committee thought the work to increase financial affordability for these trips is crucial, and that adjustments to the reimbursement method and application process should be changed to ensure even more equal access. The Committee also felt a thorough investigation of the necessity of all guide development exercises should be done to ensure that all spending directly relates to trip safety or functionality. Also, Outdoor Odyssey should do more to determine the appropriate price for trips as the Committee felt that prices could be raised on trips without adversely affecting the current demographics of attendees. However, all price increases should be met with increased financial assistance to those unable to pay the higher trip rate. Finally, the Appropriations Committee believes the summer stipend should remain at its current level given the unpaid nature of many other byline funded leadership positions which, also, require significant amounts of work throughout the summer.

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