RSO Interview Student (Thursday, January 17th, 5:50PM)

1. How did you decide to start an RSO, and who was involved in that decision?
   a. What motivated you?
      i. The RSO came from herself and she came from an English major and she always wanted to run a publication and had an interest in science and technology and design and noticed that there wasn’t anything like it at UW. Daydreaming in class and came up with it! Saw English advisor after that, and she gave advice on what obstacles to upset. It’s scary, what if no one will read or reply or write for me? There is no money pressure, but definitely time pressure.

2. What kinds of information do you need to start an RSO?
   a. Reached out to RSO advisor (emailed randomly) and had a meeting. Have to go to a meeting (info session) in order to qualify to be an RSO and then create an account. Gave info on how to seek funding, rules of RSO (can’t use to promote), purely UW. Create an RSO email (which was a PAIN!!!!!), free printing resources, stickers, how to find rooms for meetings, how to print banners, and benefits of being an RSO. Could have a table during Dawg Daze and orientation.

3. How long did creating a new RSO take, and was that about the amount of time you expected?
   a. Wait for a certain time for the meeting, but sometimes it collides with class. Wen tot the very last meeting in October 31st ish. So if you have any idea in December or something, you have to wait the entire year. Every year you have to attend that meeting in order to keep your RSO active (only happens in fall). More difficult than I thought it would be, because it was more serious than I expected. I thought it was fun, get people to join, but it’s so serious. You have to have people sign a constitution and it gets complicated. I get it with national programs, but even small ones have to go through that complexity.

4. What made the process of creating an RSO difficult?
   a. Confirm RSO after meeting. Once you get confirmation you can update your email. Why is myRSO’s separate from my Account?? Unclear on how to create an email. Have to go to UW account, go to GSuite and then it’s a whole process. I had to Google it, how to create an RSO email, and that wasn’t intuitive either. Had to familiarize myself with Cloud Services, like what??
   b. I haven’t tried obtaining a budget, but idk how to do that. Would I just email someone about that? It doesn’t seem that complicated, just a very long step by step thing based on the instructions. It may take up to 10 business days, so I guess its kinda discouraging and you’d have to plan stuff months ahead. Most of our funding would come from printing, and I wouldn’t know how much to print ahead of time, like how much I’d need. I guess I just need to be more responsible lol

5. What made the process of creating an RSO easy?
   a. The sign in part was easy, because it uses the UW net ID. When I graduate it I have to update it with another person’s obviously.
   b. The side bar (points to yellow bar on side) was easy.

6. If you had to do it again, what would you change about the process?
   a. The design doesn’t look modern or anything like that. I guess I’m just a little bit confused because my account is my personal account and not my RSO. You go to RSO
and can search for any RSO but you have to go to your one to access yours. Why isn’t there a button to access my RSO?

b. Forum is useless. What even is this?

7. As an RSO, do you have lots of information on this website?
   a. Wellllll, I don’t use it. The last time I used it was when I created an account. I don’t feel the need to go in there at all. And we get emails on new events and stuff, so I’d prefer checking my emails anyways. If I have info on printing and copying, I would google it first instead of signing into the website. WiUX for example, is more popular on facebook, and I knew all those events through facebook. Because this is promoting your RSO event to other RSO students, not to everyone. And that’s not helpful (referring to events tab on website).

8. Do you have any thoughts about the current website as is based on your experience creating an RSO?
   a. See if my RSO is active is the first thing I wanna see. Because you have to reactive it every single year, because I forget.
   b. Quick buttons to your constitution, to budget, to yeah. And update members as well, because people graduate or transfer.
   c. Quick info about RSO resources, because you would need these resources. Quick button on where to find printing and copying instead of going to a different page. See its on a UW website instead of this one, and it’s annoying.
   d. There’s a lot of RSO’s, so maybe quick links to their facebook or to their website, because I wanna reach out to them, but I wanna see about those RSO’s. Instead of organize by alphabetical, I wanna search by criteria (history, academic, science). So search by category.

9. What about the process gave you the impression that it was serious?
   a. The process was long and you actually had to meet in person, and there’s a constitution. The name and kinda the inside content because some organization is affiliated with being a nonprofit, and I don’t know how much I need to write. Because I saw some with paragraphs after paragraphs, and then I just wrote 1 line, but I got accepted anyways. Then you have to sign it. It’s good that it’s serious, because I feel that my RSO is legit and that’s its serious. But it can look discouraging to new freshman that just moved to UW, but if they can get over that than its good. If it’s easier to understand, ya know the way they do Turbo Tax? It’s like taxes, where it’s scary and you hate it, but you just keep on pressing buttons and you just wanna keep going. You wanna create an impression of seriousness, hold up, but I wanna be a part of this. Not seriousness, hold up, I wanna back out. You want to encourage people to make an RSO.

10. Is there anything else you wanted to tell me?
    a. I think I told you everything.... When I created the constitution and the admin stuff I just wanted to get it over with as soon as possible. What is the quickest way to get out of here? I just wanna be registered and get on with my work.