

Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, September 27, 2006

Campus Center Room 220

- I. Roll Call
Alyssa Miller and Phil Myers Tardie
Brian Biller Absent
- II. Approval of Minutes
Carol: I move to approve the minutes
KB: Second
Minutes Approved
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance- -\$4,000
 - b. Finance Committee Report - None
 - c. Budget Requests---none
- IV. Standing Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Elections Chair
Ben: I am speaking for Luke today: my committee and I are currently working to get absentee balloting going. Thank you for all of those who have signed up for tables! For those who haven't, please sign up we need more people. {Paper is sent around}
 - b. Publicity Chair –
KB: Anyone who doesn't like the name on their nametag and would like it changed, let me know. Other than Tido...seeing none
- There will be cows with air bubbles and the cow will say, "How do I get a hold of senate?" Beef@heidelberg.edu. Also, if you need publicity fill out one of these forms, I will get it to you.
 - c. Senate Events Chair –
Beth: We will be discussing more in new business.
 - d. Campus Concerns Chair –
Brett: I am still looking into the Library and computer lab being twenty four hours. I met with Karen and told her everything for food focus. Things I have received the last few days: All seafood in Hoernemen are made with milk products which is bad for those allergic, waffle mix hasn't been around this year, and raisin bran was replaced with cornflakes: who eats those?
 - i. Food Focus
KB: I have a poster where people can write down beef and someone asked, "Why doesn't Rock Creek Serve Alcohol?"
Brett: It used to.
 - ii. What's Your Beef?
- V. Special Committee Reports (Vice President Eric Hauff) –
Eric: Last week I commissioned everyone to meet. Has everyone meet? OK. We are going to have a brainstorming session about some ideas.
 - a. Task Forces -
 - i. *Academics*: Brett G., Mary Ann, Zia, Heather, Shannon-
Brett: What were some goals we talked about this week? Since we did meet, the two biggest changes we would like to make are: the advisors need to be more involved in doing their job, and the Professor evaluations need to be used more effectively. We kicked

around these ideas last year. Now, we are actually going to go for it this year.

Eric: Are there any other complaints?

Shannon: We also talked about making a program to make a four year plan, and our major issue was auditing at the end of each semester.

Not waiting until students' senior year.

KB: What about online registration?

That has already been turned over and is being worked on.

Whitney: No one helped me within my major to register and pick classes good for me, so maybe something to help with that

Ben: One small thing, maybe if there was some way to increase diversity of faculty on Heidelberg college...

Amy: There is a faculty diversity representative that is supposed to sit on the faculty committee. The diversity committee may want to work on that.

ii. *Technology*: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol –

Brett P: We are going to make up a list of all the major ideas we can try to tackle, and hopefully next meeting we can get to the top three, and then bring those to the one that can be accomplished this year. So far, wireless internet in dorms, a 24 hour computer lab, and programs such as Indefine graphic, Adobe, page maker, and more smart boards

iii. *Student Involvement*: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth –

Sara is chair: The main goal that we are going towards is trying to get students here more on the weekends. We plan to get a survey out to figure out how to do this. Other things: we are working with BEC to plan next semesters events more on weekends, working with IRHC and SAAC to talk to them about more things for residence on weekends, and finally working with publicity about getting more publicity of what is being held.

KB: I think something to look at is how to get more people to athletic events. I e-mailed them over to Ben apparently he didn't get them, I am also getting a list together of when all Student Organizations meet. There is a lot I want to be involved with I just don't know how yet.

Alyssa: I am letting you know that I am on IRHC.

Eric: any other ideas...because we need to know what you are thinking about these. Are these goals relevant to this year? Is there something else bugging someone we need to find the interest in?

Carol: Something I discussed at retreat is a broad issue, but if we push to get Flat Screen TVs that are informational about the college for Publicity and letting people know how to get involved. It is kind of a catch all because it kind of goes with Technology too.

KB: I like Carols idea, I think we should also put them in Hoernemen and when Live at 5 comes on students should be watching that, too.

Brett P: Flat screen informational TVs came up last year, and we talked to rose and she said they were already looking into it as if they had decided to make it happen, but I have seen nothing so I will look into it again.

iv. *Campus Center Improvements*: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan, Khusi—
Meghan and Corin are chairs

Meghan: Our #1 priority is the Fitness Center Improvements with new equipment, possibly a rowing machine and such down there. I was looking up prices online, but I talked to Devon and he said we should go local and by through Tiffin. So, I am going to ask the people who use the CC fitness center what is the most important thing

to replace in there. It is a big concern because everyone is worried about being active and the new Rec. Center won't be in for a couple years. Also, we discussed getting a movie rental cabinet so students can come in and rent movies, adding a DDR or Pinball/Packman machine, fixing the Air Hockey table.

Carol: We are just trying to bring in more involvement.

Aaron: I wanted to ask if you had heard about the CC planning committee. I think Devon is in charge of that.

Meghan: I will get back to them to discover what machines they used previously.

Shannon: I think they are working more on actual activities.

Michelle: Only one of the Nordic tracks has been working.

Meghan: Nothing really works in there anymore. They fixed them last year, but they only worked for a day or so, the elliptical needs up dates, the bikes have issues, and they only have 1 and 12 pound weights. I would like to get a Punching Bag system, maybe have people Rent out boxing gloves.

MaryAnn: This may need to go to 1st year experience: Like Oh my god I am going to gain the Freshman 15. Make a pamphlet about how not too, maybe bring a trainer in the fitness center to work on this thing or a how to use this machine. It would be a nice activity for campus center, and it would be keeping people active

Tido: If we want to follow up on that, I know a guy and I have his Business cards for the training. I know him well, if you want it.

Shannon: I have heard from a few people that getting Rock Creek to stay open Later, and Serving breakfast all day would be good.

Michelle: Have printers that can be used for the computers in CC. That may go back to Technology also.

Meghan: oh also, put on there, commuter lounge.

v. *Dorms/Buildings on Campus:* Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB—

Tido: We found specific concerns with individual dorms and buildings. There were some communalities: the basements in all the dorms (but brown) need renovations, the lobbies in general need new tvs, couches, ect..., and then a lot of people mentioned stuff about getting carpet and air conditioning in rooms. Also, better lighting in Parking lots and on campus in general.

Maryann: We discussed it previously, and were told to shut up.

Meghan: You know parking lots aren't that bad, I mean you can run the other way anyways.

Michelle: Also, in Gilmore there is two sets of doors, so if the first one gets locked we can't use the emergency phone. They should move the phone to make it accessible.

Meghan: What are the chances we could look into keys to get into the dorms so that we don't have to be let into dorms?

Shannon: Where I was, the key card will only work until a certain time. Also, Someone mentioned getting urinals in all dorms, apparently they don't all have them, and also more handicap accessible buildings/elevators work. The walkway to Krieg is VERY DARK, and someone wanted to keep Library open later.

Carol: Why does it cost to more to live in senior apartments when you don't have to pay more for CLC houses? Just a thought.

Tido: We still have more: We want to make a survey to find out just basic Information from residence. What is going on with the 3rd floor of king?????

Shannon: wireless internet.

Eric: Now our focus is to evaluate which is most important, something we want to see get done ASAP.

RETURNING FROM FACULTY COMMITTEES

--Please write these down for your committee...discuss them...we as senate will discuss these next week and decide the most important focus(es)...that means you all have to meet this week again.

b. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

Eric: As some of you know we have a lot of committees, and every year we have representatives sit on committees on a regular basis, so that we know what is going on. We have six we currently need students to sit on, so we are going to have these 4 assigned: <<Describing each committee and their purpose>>

CRC: Meets Friday at 11am

2 spots: KB and Tido

EPC: Unknown meeting time 3 spots

FDC: Meets Mondays 3:30-4:30

2 spots: Aaron and Carol

DC: no meeting time yet

IRC: Meets Tuesdays at 10am every other week

1 spot as of now: Ali

RCL: No meeting time yet.

VI. Old Business

a. Planning Committee –

Aaron: There has been a motion on the table for two weeks now. It is Maryann's motion to create a committee to sit in on the Downtown revitalization effort. There will be students from Tiffin University, and the Presidents Wife at T.U., and the head of the chamber of commerce for Tiffin. Basically the President has asked me to sit in on that committee, so if you have anything or you here anything let me know. With that being said, we need to decide whether to vote down the motion or not.

Eric: I think that, at this time, it isn't necessary for a committee, and we already have a president.

-- Motion fails.

You will have all day to send me info about this.

VII. New Business

a. Senate Events –When you got your agendas you got this paper, please take two to three minutes to go over paper....

When finished please look up.

Beth: The Senate Events Chair was created last year to deal with events we held, and it was pretty efficient.

Brett will explain costs: Basically you guys can see how much the events costs. We forgot the night club that was \$420 and that makes the total 9500 dollars which nears a third of our budget, and that is excluding some other things we did that we very inexpensive.

Beth: Why we put the budget on here is because we want you to see what we have spent. What we want from you: The Administration is concerned that we are spending a third of our money on events when we have BEC. Should we be spending it on events? It has also been brought to us that Organizations aren't recognized.

There was an error on our part and student senate must recognize organizations. Only 16 now exists because they are the only ones to have paperwork. The others don't technically exist. We need to form a committee for this, or adjust this committee. We

need to come up with what to do with Senate Events Chair/Committee. Do you think we need events or does it need to change? Brainstorming...

Meghan: So, I feel like these activities are good for our campus b/c they promote student involvement. I see the issues though, and I suggest offering them to other organizations for instance. But, if no other organization wants it, then senate needs to conduct to help our name stay out there. It is a popular thing. On tours people are excited. There is also the idea of raising prices to help with costs, but they need to stay if no one wants to co-run them. Right now our goal is to keep them for students.

Maryann: Actually I agree with Meghan we shouldn't say here BEC do these events, gradually handing them to a group or saying take this over but do it slowly for the big things

Beth: You want this year to aid groups, but not Veterans Day or homecoming those are different than the top events. They are two very different things.

Sara: Today we had a backpack meeting we were actually talking about co-sponsoring. About funding, I think it is good to do co-sponsorships and make it gradually happen. I don't want to dump it on a co-sponsor. We cut our amount and we are splitting costs with our own funding. The organizations won't know how to run the events.

Meghan: It looks better for us to give you money.

Carol: What is Veterans Day money spent on?

Brett: A reception and ribbons to recognize the day

Carol: And the Art competition?

Eric: We have people submit there art work, there is a good turnout (35 last year) and it is displayed for a week. Judging occurs and we award top winners.

Carol: With top events co-sponsored we could keep our name out there, and help build another organization...

Beth: Suggestions for smaller events?

Carol: If we split half that cuts a huge event. The little ones are not so big.

Shannon: They account for a third of the budget. I think it is important to know how the other 2/3rds are spent?

Brett: Other expenses for allocations to groups, the Texas conference. Most of the rest is going to organizations that request money or to cover money we owed the year before.

Shannon: How do we go about making these other groups recognized? Can we give them \$ if not, I think we need to ensure we conquer that before we can decide how to get rid of events.

Phil: I just want to say as far as the landmark student senate events we could cut the Haunted House easily, and significantly lower this year than last year and years prior. So there are still costs that can be cut with that, but I think perhaps since the Senate Events Committee doesn't have a lot they should focus on recognizing organizations. I mean the Veterans Day and Art Competition do not take much planning. The Ski trip and such, yeah need stuff done but they can be redirected.

KB: We need to think about what we think a student organization is. Second, I don't think we should sponsor any events what so ever. If you look at colleges they do it differently use that and make it our mold. Senate is the student voice and two BEC members did start learning at the Battle of the Bands last year.

Meghan: I feel like we are limited to these events. I feel other organizations could bring more of a common ground between them and their activities that are related to the groups. Maybe they wouldn't want to do an Art Competition. They may want to do something else. The Presidents should get together to come up with ideas. Come up with new events.

Eric: There are good points that have been made what is an organization ect...if you have ideas for Beth let her know.

Shannon: Are we going to as a senate be willing to fund the events if they request funds. If not where is the money coming from? Or will the groups need to come up with it?

Phil: I think ever since I have been on senate Student Senate has formatted its identity around big events: meaning people know us for those, and it is the only reason we are here. What would we do as senate without them? Would anyone know who senate is without them? I think everyone is scared to stop them, and focus attention else where. Those of us that have been around are fighting with that, these events were made to eat money because we had too much. You have to spend it or you won't get it. Now we feel like we have to do it, but because it is taking a 6th of our budget we want to get rid of it.

Aaron: I think this is a great discussion, especially what Phil just brought up, What will we do with our time? Look at white sheets (task force) there is plenty. We will have to think of what co-sponsor means. Also, if you look at the retreat notes under funding we put new organizations with no college budget.

Beth: I would like to here from the quiet people:

Carol: These events need to stay on campus. Battle of the Bands is in April and the Ski Trip happens when it snows. I don't think about who funds them, but that they stay on campus. These are the two big events on campus that make Heidelberg look like a campus.

Shannon: Co-sponsoring- if senate funds we could say we want our names on it as well as the other groups.

Beth: Redirect to group recognition...how to help groups get that done?

Sara: With student involvement task force, we discussed helping that also...How to start contacting organizations. We also discussed getting pamphlets in campus center and such easy found places. Lots of publicity to make it all happen.

Shannon: What about a Kil story?

Beth: If we do that how many people would be effected? What else?

Meghan: What about putting it on Heidelberg's homepage.

Sara: Getting the TV and Radio station to do stuff with the Kil.

KB: Use Orientation leaders and RAs. Most students have RAs and OLs are for every freshmen.

Beth: How are we going to recognize them?

Michelle: We could send Facebook information or do a workshop on how to start one.

Carol: We have 16 recognized but more unrecognized.

Beth: We have to find them and find out who exists...

Carol: We need to start there before worrying about the paperwork. Once they are recognized we need to worry about starting later.

Phil: That could be the Senate Events committee's Job: Research information and come up with a plan of what credentials we will charge to people. This is what they have to have:

KB: We also need to discuss Liaisons from the groups to senate. E-mailing minutes so we know how to help them because then we will know what is going on. Direct connections, how are we going to do that? It needs to be discussed.

Aaron: I am in the process of creating a Presidents council where the presidents of organizations can discuss those things. I agree that is a good idea. Also, on the point of liaisons, I would suggest that we have those come to us rather than us come to them.

Ben: I thought Student Activities already has a model of how to do it, so I felt it might be easy to look at.

Eric: I want to remind everyone that right now Beth as a chair and her as a committee are looking for directions to help discover what we need

Beth: We are going to take these ideas and discover what we will do this year. Then we will bring it back to senate and discuss it.

Shannon: Good job for committee: Could serve as liaisons to other organizations...I think if we had just a liaison committees, then we could keep tabs on other organizations, and recognize them.

Beth: If a new organization wants to start, they will come in and present their case to the senate. What the organization has done/will do and then we decide if we will or won't recognize them. Our biggest goal is to determine what organizations aren't recognized.

Dustin: I am surprised that you have in the constitution how to do this. Read PG 11

Meghan: Stupid question: Is there a reason why an organization wouldn't want to be recognized?

Ben: I wanted to bring up, not to get away from the subject of organizations, something I thought: Why can't we have a Student Government conference to cut on costs? It would benefit senate.

MaryAnn: Can I see the list of the 16 groups?

It looks like organizations that want funding, have done all of this. Has any group complained to us about not being funded by student senate?

Aaron: Under our constitution we can't fund them, and we have several new organizations that need to be recognized. They don't know how to go about that process, how do we let them know?

Ben: I don't know why we are discussing this for Student Events.

Maryann: We could send forms out to let them know. Tell them to fill it out and turn it in...

Carol: This goes along with putting that info in front of their face...

Beth: Do you want a committee or Student events?

Ben: It says the Executive Board recognizes organizations.

KB: We should change the constitution to say that Senate Events should look at that.

Carol: Should we still leave it as senate events? Student organizations or Heidelberg organizations, do we need to make a new committee or change this committee? This conversation has completely changed.

Beth: We must decide if the committee will continue doing events. If a subcommittee will help other organizations start, or will they become a liaison committee or both.

Shannon: I think going along with the question of Senate Events: It is different than submitting form. I think we are also giving them the responsibility of getting that information out to the groups.

Eric: I would like to tie us up...

KB: I think that the Senate events committee needs a facelift, and needs to do what we have discussed tonight, and get rid of events completely.

Phil: I don't want to phase out all the events.

Maryann: I agree, put information in their hands, If they don't want it, they won't turn it in. I don't think we should dual the responsibilities.

Eric: Well we close the speaker list but remember we will get an update next week...we wanted your opinions.

Aaron: Further comments or suggestions e-mail Beth.

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

Heather: I need Academics to meet real quick afterwards.

Brett P: As we did last week, Executive board put together who we thought was the Senator for the week, so we decided to give it to Tido.

Beth: I need to see Sara, Alyssa, Meghan, and ?

Eric: I want to remind task forces to e-mail me, your chair and meeting times, and reports from committees.

Sara: Student Involvements needs to meet.

KB: Pictures from retreat needed!

Zias name is spelled wrong: Brett P

Aaron: anything further...I would like to thank our wonderful adviser.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – Dustin: By about 10:15 minutes ago we were talking about whether you would survive or not...what you did I want to congratulate Beth because you did a great job brainstorming, my challenge is to do something with it. This was a Great Process and feedback, now they have a clue as to what senate wants to see happen, they know what senate will expect as an end committee result. I suggest the rest of the task force and/or committee decides what they want based on that. You are talking about major funding and constitution changes. I remember when we funded black paper, so having these discussions about the recognizing organizations is very important. Although, the discussions are mundane, they will keep you out of the traps, so I compliment you. In the three years of working with senate that is by far one of the best discussions I have seen....
- b. Dr. Amy Berger –Amy: could I see Aaron and Carol after: The faculty staff and administration are involved in a large and involved process, for Student Success. They are for improving college life for students. We have recognized that Student voice is very powerful in voicing concerns. We will be requesting your help.

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: I didn't say a lot during the discussion because I was enjoying watching you all go about it. I agree with Dustin Completley. I know it wasn't as good as Dustin's Comment. But, I want you all to pat yourselves on the back. None of us were like when are we getting out of here the entire time.

XI. Adjournment

Meghan: Motion to Adjourn

Carol: Second

Adjourned