

Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, October 11, 2006

Campus Center Room 220

- I. Roll Call
Tardy: KB and Shannon
Absent: Allie Crawford and Brian Biller
- II. Approval of Minutes
- Minutes Approved
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance – Same, haven't gotten an e-mail from Barb –I will be turning the Homecoming T-shirts in tomorrow.
 - b. Finance Committee Report - None
 - c. Budget Requests - None
- IV. Standing Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Elections Chair – Luke: We have just finished everything up for absentee balloting.
 - b. Publicity Chair – Not present at time.
 - c. Senate Events Chair – Beth: I met with my committee on Monday about the constitutional changes, and I will be bringing them to you after fall break. The name has also been changed. The new name is LSO, not SOL.
 - d. Campus Concerns Chair –
 - e.
 - i. Food Focus – Brett: I met with Karen and Denis this week. Denis would be more than happy to have either an open forum or dorm forums about food focus topics. The cereals will be back tomorrow. They are looking into new bagel ideas/flavors. As far as Alcohol in Rock Creek goes, it is an Administration call. Also, we would have to get a liquor license and such. They really like the purell idea. They are going to talk to the company they deal with for that kind of stuff.
 - ii. What's Your Beef? Corin: I e-mailed Nancy about the library hours, and she told me to e-mail Ed Coroca. I haven't heard anything back yet.
- V. Special Committee Reports (Vice President Eric Hauff)
 - a. Task Forces
 - i. *Academics*: Brett G., Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon – Brett: We are waiting on responses from those we e-mailed.
Eric: I know you all have talked about surveys. Please hold off on that because you could use Survey monkey to make it happen. We would also like to combine all of the surveys into one, so that we don't have a lot of 2 question surveys going around. That applies to everyone who wants to do a survey.
 - ii. *Technology*: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol – Brett: nothing new to report. We have divided who will do what job, we are looking into where and what dorms we will put printers in. We are also investigating flat screens for Campus center/Hoernemen.
 - iii. *Student Involvement*: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth – Sara: We are getting Qs t together for the survey.
 - iv. *Campus Center Improvements*: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan, Khusi – Meghan: We met shortly but haven't found a meeting time that works with Reetha yet.

v. *Dorms/Buildings on Campus*: Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB –
Tido: We are working on our surveys.

a. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

CRC: KB: We met on Friday, and it is going to be a very intense year. We have a few faculty who don't know what they are talking about, but we are working through it.

EPC: Ben: We talked about the business major, and the new Biochemistry track. No vote has been made yet on those because we are waiting on information from the deans, ect...

Aaron: Are you going to add things to the surveys to see if the majors they want are popular or to see if other majors could be added.

Whitney: I know a few of our friends are both BIO and CHM majors, and classes run into each other which is making it hard to graduate on time.

FDC: Carol: We approved discussion topics for the brown bag lunches, we agreed that student senate will conduct a survey for the students; we have set a tentative date for the faculty to have lunch together. Next week we are going to have discussion concerning improving faculty and staff interaction.

Aaron: What we would like to do is gather what you think of the faculty to student relationship. What are your ideas about changing the relationship? We need to take these back to the meeting. We want to hear from you...

Eric: I think they need to be at more events.

Ben: Sounds like something to add to the survey we are putting together right now.

Beth: Often faculty doesn't come to new freshman things, and it would be popular both with parents and students. I would show that they cared.

Aaron: Should we have a meeting the faculty type event on campus?

Carol: I think that if we make it open, whatever, I don't think anyone will go.

Todd: I know that every year when new freshmen come in they have a new majors lunch. Not many people go at that time. Maybe doing another one in the spring will be more beneficial.

Carol: Designating the first Friday of the month, the faculty eat in Hoerneman day might work.

Meghan: Dogs and deserts have a few people come out, but not a lot and it is very nice of them to do that for us.

Aaron: Do people think it is always the same faculty that shows up to these events?

Eric: Yeah, I think that there are certain people who always come, and others that you never see at outside events. I like the idea of casual Fridays would work because I have seen Troha and Dottavio do that.

Aaron: One thing that came up in the meeting is that we may be asking too much of them. Are we asking too much of the professors to teach class, have office hours and come to events?

Kb: I feel that that is a true statement. They have families, and they are here most of the day already.

Phil: For what they are being paid, they are doing enough for Heidelberg for what they are getting out of it.

Eric: At the same time, how do people get a hold of professors? Or, how will they be approachable if no one ever sees them interacting in a more casual setting? Bringing the Drs down to our level.

MaryAnn: Maybe we could ask faculty that goes to events why they stay, what keeps them here. Maybe if we find that out, we can get more faculty to come.

Meghan: Amy, what do you think?

Amy: In general, the faculty that you have on campus all the time, don't have family at home. And, for the salary that we make, it is really difficult to do all of this. It has to be grass roots. You can't just say we want you to do this on top of everything else. You can't ask, you have to do things they want to go to/show up for. We started having what is called a soup day, where faculty/staff show up from 11:30-1:30 just to talk. It became a fun environment, so something like an open day in Hoerneman, if faculty become aware would be beneficial.

Those types of situations need to be created, faculty are interested with students best interests.

Aaron: Any thing else can be e-mailed to Carol or I.

VI. Old Business

- b. Homecoming – Shannon: I sent in the paper work and got a phone call saying what we were going to do someone else is already doing. So, we have to come up with something else.

Any other ideas?

Ben: I guess if all else fails it could be an informational booth.

Beth: You could do face painting – The cheerleaders are already doing that.

Whitney: We could do throwing pies at people, with colored whipped cream.

Eric: I would do this if I had time, but what about characture drawings? They could be stick figures even.

Maryann: Was water pong brought up?

Shannon: Yeah, that is what is already being done.

Beth: You could just take sugar cookies, and frost them in the colors, or have them decorate them.

KB: 1. Scrounge up Heidelberg history, and give candy away for the right answers.

2. Free Back massages.

Aaron: Any other ideas can be sent to Shannon.

- c. Veteran's Day – Brett: It will be on the 10th (Friday) because Veterans Day is on a Saturday where there is an open house, so we felt a day is better than no day.

VII. New Business

- a. Chair massages – Aaron: Basically, the situation is that in the past Student Senate has paid for having chair massages in Campus Center during finals week. We have given money to the health center to do so, We got an e-mail.<<<e-mail read>>...I have checked with the Parliamentarian, and according to our constitution we can only give money to recognized groups, so we can't give money to the health center. How else could we make this happen?

Discussion:

Maryann: Why don't you ask a smaller group to sponsor the chair massages to make them happen.

Carol: Could we suspend the Constitution?

Ben: I think that is vary bad of us to start suspending the constitution for every little thing.

Brett P: My idea was to get the back packing club involved somehow. Are they recognized?

-no-

Meghan: I just wanted to say that I think we should address this with the presidents' council. It is a good way to get information about a group out to people because people are constantly down there. Being that we are getting rid of events, I feel this would be a good way to show what we want.

Luke: I think it is cut and dry, we can't give them the money, so we either give it to another group or not do it at all.

KB: Are we making the decision right now? No

Eric: To discover who is going to take this on is important. I hate to see it not happen this year because we are finally following the constitution.

Meghan: I move that we allow Senate Events to announce this to groups and allow a group to take over this event.

Ben: Second

Maryann: How about an e-mail to the presidents' council? Is that what you mean?

Yeah

Aaron: The current motion is to let Beth take this over, to let another organization take it over.

Luke: They have time to work on it right? Yeah

Motion passes

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

Luke: Senator of the week: Drum roll....Sara, for everything she has done with her task force.

Eric: I would also to make sure senate knows that Brett P is on homecoming court as well as Zaia and Carol, support your senators.

Aaron: Anything further?

Alyssa: I know some of you were at Heidelberg Idol, and I think Brett did a very nice job so...applaud.

Eric: The musical/ play is this weekend and Brian is in it...so we should go support him.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – none-

b. Dr. Amy Berger – I would like to remind you that midterms come out next week, so midterm grades put a lot of stress on faculty. Sorry if we are a little short. Also, make sure you check in with your advisors prior to registration. And also, this is my favorite meeting to come to of the week.

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: If you are committee/task force head, make sure you get reports to Eric.

Make sure you meet after this meeting if you have been asked to, and great meeting guys.

XI. Adjournment

Brett: Motion

Meghan: 2nd

Adjourned.