

# Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, November 01, 2006

Campus Center Room 220

- I. Roll Call  
Brian Biller and Eric Hauff were absent.
- II. Approval of Minutes  
Meghan: I move to approve the minutes  
Minutes Approved
- III. Treasurer's Report
  - a. Balance - -10,872.52, allocation will be 15,800...something
  - b. Finance Committee Report - nothing
  - c. Budget Requests no requests - nothing
- IV. Standing Committee Chair Reports
  - a. Elections Chair – Nothing to report
  - b. Publicity Chair – The newsletter should be coming out next week. I will be making door decks for everyone that look like this <Showind doordeck> only with what's your beef and your name on it. Also, these are the new request forms.
  - c. Senate Events Chair – We will be doing amendments in new business, and I will give you an update on chair massages in old business
  - d. Campus Concerns Chair -
    - i. Food Focus – I met with Karen yesterday. There's nothing new. I haven't gotten a lot in the box lately. I talked about getting more pies and cobbler. They are making signs for hand sanitizers. That is about it.
    - ii. What's Your Beef? - none
- V. Special Committee Reports (Vice President Eric Hauff)
  - a. Task Forces
    - i. *Academics*: Brett G., Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon –  
Shannon: We are meeting with the Student Engagement subcommittee on Thursday, they asked us to meet with them to discuss our Academic Policy.  
Aaron: Should you be talking to the student involvement task force.  
Amy: This is a part of the student success task force, which has a subcommittee called Critical thinking/reading engagement and writing. We are a subcommittee of that subcommittee. We are talking about academic engagement.
    - ii. *Technology*: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol –  
Brett P: We didn't meet this week. We are still working on flat screens and that sort of thing. Nothing really new to report.
    - iii. *Student Involvement*: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth –  
Sara: I e-mailed you and Eric about what we are trying to do but are at a stand still waiting on survey.
    - iv. *Campus Center Improvements*: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan, Khushi –  
Corin: We talked to Reetha about the Activities Room, getting Computer printers downstairs and the fitness center.
    - v. *Dorms/Buildings on Campus*: Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB –  
Tito: I am going to type up a survey for next week where RAs can pass it out at a floor meeting.

a. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

CRC: There was not a CRC meeting this week.

DC: We went over what we are planning to do for the rest of there year. What our objectives are. Whether we will be planning diversity events or what we will be doing. We also talked about ideas of how we can change the view of campus concerning minorities for the better. Excepting to supporting atmosphere.

EPC: There were two proposals one for Multicultural literature from the education department. They postponed the vote because the questioned whether the terms were acceptable or not. Right now honor music students don't take any extra courses they want them to have 4. They postponed the vote until they have more answers to some questions.

IRC: Meeting was cancelled

RCL: No RCL representatives present.

VI. Old Business

b. Veteran's Day – Brett G: I have played phone tag with the guy from Veterans council about money and support. I talked to Aramark. We are going to cut back from what we had last year. We have two people for taps, and TJ is also talking to people. We are trying to incorporate more students this year. Also, Heather's husband as well as someone from Vets council is going to speak. Some new and some old.

c. Chair Massages – Our meeting got pushed back, we are having a presidents meeting next week. We have only had 4 responses, so please tell them to contact Weaver or myself to get them to come on Tuesday. The meeting will be on Monday at 5 pm.

Meghan: I know that Baseball players have practice at that time. If a President is a baseball player, can the VP come?

Aaron: Yeah, that is fine.

Beth: I talked to Bonnie she really wants this to be settled, so we want to make this happen ASAP.

Carol: I got the e-mail but didn't pay attention to it sorry. Put me down for Business club.

Aaron: Who is the SACC president? Steve Celebro. Ok

Maryann: Why don't we make a president face book group? Put a face with a name and may be a more effective way to communicate.

d. Board of Trustees Meeting – I wanted to report on how it went this weekend. I compiled a report and presented it to the board. One thing that came up is the board voted on the master plan for the next two years. I will be passing around a copy of it. Not a lot has changed. This is a breakdown of where they will be focusing.

The other thing that came up is they would like to meet with senate as a whole. The next meeting is on Feb 2 I believe. At the very least Sandra Libman, chairman of board of trustees and head of academic committee, would like to meet.

Also, Mr Brown, who sits on this committee, was very excited that we are making our new constitutional amendment. He is glad to here we are working with smaller groups, so your efforts are being recognized. It isn't just a bunch of paper work. That is the extent of the board meeting. I you have any Questions just ask.

e. Survey – Hopefully everyone got my e-mail, eric doesn't know if he will be able to be here or not tonight, but what we want is any committee that wants to conduct a survey turn them into us by Friday this week. I know the Faculty development committee wanted us to come up with the Qs, and then they will mimic there Qs on ours.

Carol: Do you have the paper with the Qs for the old TSD manual. <unknown> We need to create a list of questions that can assess the needs of students and faculty expectations.

Questions:

Tito: Can our task force conduct its own survey?

Aaron: yeah

Carol: I found that paper:

How much time should a student spend preparing for class?

Should text books be required/shared?

Should it be read prior to class/meeting?

Can missed work be made up?

What should a finished assignment look like?

How important is class attendance? What is an excused absence?

What should a student wear to class?

How should instructors be addressed?

Can students sleep/eat/drink during class?

What is considered appropriate language?

Aaron: Do we want to adopt these as a whole?

Corin: Will these be on the survey now, too.

Aaron: These were TSD Qs, but we want to poll students now so we can tell the faculty what students expect of them.

Carol: well, my answers as a freshman vs. my answers now would be very different. How do we make these Qs maintain relevance? It could create a very broad range of answers.

Whitney: Clarification: Are we asking students or faculty these Qs?

Aaron: Both, the student body will be surveyed with these Qs and the faculty will get them. Then the results will be compared.

Amy: This was originally designed to show differences between student thought and faculty thought of expectations...

Ex) Not asking, how many hours do you spend studying? How many hours you should be spending studying? If that is misaligned then we know where we need better communication.

Aly: Is there a way to separate Qs for Major or for Gen Education courses? Some teachers have voiced that it should be different time commitment.

Aaron: Do you think those need to be separately addressed?

Meghan: Not to cut my major down, but my teaching of my Gymnastics class. It is going to vary in each major as well as from Majors to Gen Eds.

Luke: I thought it was pretty diverse range of Qs, I can't think of something not covered. You are going to get differences b/t freshmen and seniors

Aaron: How about other Qs instead of details?

KB: Can we ask what major they are as part of their information?

Ben: Is it possible to get these Qs e-mailed, and maybe have us e-mail more to you?

Shannon: Can we ask what year they are?

Maryann: I am not sure the wording of this but possibly questions about conflicts with athletics and the classroom.

Carol: What is an acceptable excuse for missing class?

Tito: Are people happy with their academic advisor?

Shannon: can we add why/why not to that?

Aaron: Any others?

Carol: What about students academic advisor expectations? Something we brought up in the FDC meeting.

KB: Are they meeting your expectations, how/how not?

Ben: would faculty/staff include RAs and RCs

Aaron: students will be asked about faculty.

Ben: Will it be more academic?

Aaron: Both

Tito: Do students include RAs, RCs everything?

Aaron: yeah

Alyssa: This survey isn't just academic, but relationships between the two groups right? Do you think faculty are visible enough on campus? Compare those expectations.

Michelle: You could even say are the faculty there during office hours/available when you need to talk to them? Do you feel comfortable talking to your professors?

Aaron: Any other Qs, just send them to Carol or I. Get them in as soon as possible. We would like it to be out by next week.

Meghan: Don't forget about the commuter lounge. Make sure that they actually get the survey also.

KB: Can we change Dorms and Buildings to Resident Halls and buildings?

Aaron: I know we aren't allowed to use Dorms on tours so..

Kb: Motion to change Dorms to Resident halls.

Luke: Point of clarification what is so wrong about dorms?

KB: Dorms has the connotation that people only go to sleep. Where as Resident hall has programming and activities there. It is a more positive view point on college housing.

Meghan: Call to Q

Aaron: In favor, Opposed.

Motion passes

## VII. New Business

a. Constitutional Amendment – Beth: Did all of you pick up the two pieces of paper up front? <Getting paper> Ok, I am going to go through this point by point. I bolded everything we decided to change in the committee<see papers>. I move that we accept all of these amendments to the constitution. Brett: Second

Are we allowed to vote on this, now?

BEN: It must be submitted to the Executive council one week prior to being voted on. That occurred so we can vote. Voting: Motion Passed.

b. T-Shirts – Aaron: We need to decide if senate is going to buy t-shirts for all the new members, or if we will partially subsidize them or not at all. I will entertain a motion for shirts.

Luke: I move that we purchase shirts for all new members. Ben: Second

Meghan: How much will it cost?

Aaron: Eric has the figures, I am sorry. I believe they are fairly low, though.

Luke: It was fairly low in past years, and it is something we have done, and something that gives our group an identity, and I know we don't want to spend money on ourselves, but...

d. Survey: Aaron: I want senate to decide whether we should give an award for filling out the survey to influence people to fill it out. It could be like the Hoerneman thing.

Alyssa: Last year when I talked to Kerry Jones about Dorms and buildings having a survey they were talking about giving a hoodie away.

Shannon: I don't remember what survey, but last year a bunch of people got rock creek cards.

Meghan: what if we did a survey where everyone is rewarded like 40% off. A one time use thing. It would get more people and they would all win.

Ben: I move to offer an award for doing the surveys to everyone.

Luke: second

Beth: We have been saying all this year we don't want to spend money on ourselves, and the only thing we want to spend money on is organizations. I have a problem b/c this isn't an organization.

Shannon: The idea to give a 40% off thing, is that incentive enough?

Phil: Since we don't know if we can even get coupons from Rock Creek, I would like it to change to an iPod shuffle (99\$).

Whitney: I was thinking instead of having to spend money, is there a way we could talk to faculty and incentive for class is bonus points for the survey instead.

Phil: Call to Q

Aaron: called: survey...Motion denied.

Any further New business

#### VIII. Comments and Suggestions

Brett P: I need to meet with Technology and Campus concerns for two seconds. 2<sup>nd</sup> the talent show is Friday at nine, and I will be playing with Meel and Meghan. You may have seen her in idol...so...

Ben: Hoerneman has been serving veal for a long time, and I don't know if you all know how it is processed, but it isn't good. It is a very cruel process. Should Hoernemann be serving something that is immoral like that? I feel that the way the animals are treated is wrong, we should take a stand.

Aaron: Remember when you are in hear you are representing an entire student body, You must give the opinion of students.

Maryann: 1) I think students like veel it is good, 2) Is it really veal, 3) the eggs served have chickens living in same conditions so what is the difference.

Carol: Is this a place to discuss this? Yes, Growing up on a farm from what I know if the way veal is made it is ridiculous, and I disagree with it. I personally have never had veal, I know students do eat it on campus though. If people like it whatever, I don't see why we should get rid of it.

Eric: I think part of it too is if it is something that does bother you or if it has been brought to your attention. Maybe it is something worth investing in if it really is veal. Sometimes it is isn't veal though. Maybe that is something that should really be investigating if you have the passion (Brett).

Corin: Maybe you could ask when you talk to Hoernemen, how many eat it and what they waste.

Phil: I think maybe we should see if it is a legitimate campus wide concern before addressing it.

Shannon: I think that Hoernemen is having veal because they are getting complaints about not having variety. I think this is them trying to give us choices so.

Zaia: After Ben actually told me what veal actually was, maybe sending out editorial and then getting feed back on it would be good.

KB: Publicity committee: This Sat. is Greek Sing. It starts at 7 pm. Many will be taking part in it. Also, after the meeting we will be taking group pictures, no complaints.

Beth: I need to see my committee for five minutes after.

Heather: Academic task force reminder: We will be meeting with the subcommittee tomorrow at 4 pm.

Brett: At 1:30 if you can go, Ryan Jkaboowski Basketball game. Just for going you get a raffle ticket so you are almost guaranteed to when. A couple of Calv's cheerleaders, the Heidelberg Dance Team will be there. There is a great slide show about the charity, and why it started Student vs. Faculty Bball game.

<Happy B-day to Beth>

Phil: Day after Martin Luther King Day is Campus Mustache day if you all want to participate...

Senator of the week:

Ben: Todd, for doing a stand up job filling in for Brett G.

Aaron: The way senator of the week will work, we will buy candy to fill it next week, and you will pass the bottle on next week!

- IX. Advisor's Remarks - None
- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger -
  - b. Dr. Amy Berger

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: 1) Please be here on time, senate starts at 8 o'clock. You are here and representing students at that time, so please be ready to go at 8 o'clock. We need to take this seriously

2) Don't be afraid to ask Qs when doing task force and Faculty committees reports. We have committees that deal with everything. Is everyone 100% happy about how things are? No one brings anything up when reports are done. If you have people telling you that lunch was a standard where no classes are, they need that info. Don't be afraid to speak up.

3) Call to Q doesn't need to happen if discussion ends. It will be automatic. Only if a long trail of discussion that you feel is going in circles occurs should Call to Q be used.

XI. Adjournment

Brett: Move to adjourn.

Ben: Second.