

# Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, November 29, 2006

Campus Center Room 220

## I. Roll Call

Tardy: Brett Green

Absent: Carol Z.

## II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes are approved

## III. Treasurer's Report

a. Balance – Todd: Same, We have not gotten our allocation yet.

b. Finance Committee Report

c. Budget Requests – Todd: We have 3 Budget Requests.

1) SAT: Chair Messages

Requesting \$350

Based on Bonnie's Quote, we are requesting \$240

Discussion:

Shannon: Why not three fifty?

Todd: There asking for more than they need.

Beth: If you take 30 dollars per hour, times number of hours they are planning to do this, it gives us \$240, so I don't know why they asked for that amount.

Motion passes

2) IFC/ISC for on campus Pizza Party

Requesting \$250

They are buying 57 large pizzas from East of Chicago, and are paying \$100 out of their own pocket.

Discussion:

Maryann: I am an executive member, and we did a lot of research and it has been planned from the beginning of the year. It is open to the entire campus, and will benefit people on campus for that reason.

Motion passed

3) World Student Union: Winter Around the World

Requesting \$400

It is open to entire community. There are 6 tables, one for each continent, so it is 50 dollars for a table. Then they are asking for an extra \$100 for decorations.

Discussion:

Maryann: I don't know why each table would be 50 dollars, because the decorations are more paper made. And as far as food goes why don't we donate from our meal plans?

Shannon: Do people pay to get in or?

Todd: No, it is free admittance.

Luke: Remember, this is up to \$400.

Todd: Yes

Luke: So, if they don't use it we get the money back.

Motion Passes

## IV. Standing Committee Chair Reports

a. Elections Chair – Luke: We are in the process of elections for a sophomore representative due to the absence of Khushi. We had petitions out this morning,

and Dustin sent out an e-mail to all sophomores. The petitions are due at 12 pm, so we will have elections at dinner and lunch on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lunch only.

- b. Publicity Chair - KB – After a long struggle with staples, and non-staples, I have finally figured it out and the poster room will be restocked. The newsletter should have been out today, but hopefully it will be out by tomorrow. I am working on door decs. I have sent updates on the website it is just not being updated.

Maryann: I think the remedy to that is to get the files to the website and fix/update them yourselves

KB: She recommended that, but when we couldn't put it on a CD, we decided to do it this way.

Maryann: I have another template from before. Would you like me to create a new one?

KB: Yes, that would be great.

- c. LSO – Beth: Next week we will be voting on accepting Berg Adventure Club as an organization. If they do get accepted, they will be the first to do the ski trip. It is on January 19<sup>th</sup> at Brandywine due to the costs reducing. We raised the cost to \$10 dollars to ski, tube or snowboard, and we are doing hooded sweatshirts. Those would be twenty dollars with everything else. We will be doing sign ups for it next week. They are the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> for sign-ups. All you have to do is sit at the table with instructions as to what you need to do. We are only doing this for the 1<sup>st</sup> 55 people that go on the trip because that is the number of seats we have on the bus. We will form a waiting list of people incase someone cancels.

Luke: Our dates overlap, can we both just do it?

Beth: Also, make sure people know that if they want a hoodie they must sign up for one ahead of time. When you sign up you pay.

- d. Campus Concerns Chair

- i. Food Focus – Brett P - I met with Karen and Dustin today. They emphasized that we need to clean up after ourselves, including the to go boxes. They wanted me to remind you that they have new coffee in. They also believe a lot of our problems start in Hoernemann, and they have been trying to find money and ways to make Hoernemann better, but it is kind of falling apart where they cook. I guess they have been trying to get money from the school, and that kind of starts here with what the students want to do because I guarantee that that is the highest traffic area for most students. Maybe, we need to write a resolution to improve the conditions. They have plans from \$150,000 to \$3 million, but it would open up menu options, if they could get these. Do you all believe this is an important thing we should look into?

Eric: Brought to my attention that people would like to see the meal card at Hoernemann work in Rock Creek.

Brett: Maybe 6 value meals that are worth a Hoerneman meal.

Luke: You brought up the resolution point, and I think that is something we definitely need to use. As a senate that is our biggest way to make a statement that actually means something. If it is in writing, it is more likely to happen and we have dropped the ball in writing these.

Maryann: Could you e-mail us more details through the list serve?

Brett: Yeah, on Monday he will give me more information.

Eric: I think it is a good idea. Something I had talked to some people about is the athletic center moving into Hoernemann. I think we agree that you walk out of Hoernemann smelling like Hoernemann, and I

think changes need to be made because a new recruit sees it as a negative. It will effect enrollment.

ii. What's Your Beef?

Brett: People smoking outside of Hoernemann: It was voted on and will change by the end of the month, hopefully.

Ben: Follow up on veal?

Brett: I am looking at the ingredients and anything else they have in them is the breading ingredients. They are apparently called Veal Steak Fritters. I am looking at them, and you can't argue there is anything other than veal in it.

Whitney: Will you find out about the ingredients being listed?

Brett: Yeah I will keep talking to them.

Shannon: Maybe can you ask them to say the ice cream flavor.

V. Special Committee Reports (Vice President Eric Hauff)

a. Task Forces

i. *Academics*: Brett G., Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon –

*Shannon*: We met again with the Academic Engagment Committee, and we talked about the policy as well as having a board that has students and faculty members to decide the effects of academic policies. We also discussed reducing the number of appeals. They are writing up a proposal for this.

ii. *Technology*: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol – They don't have 24 hour computer labs, and I talked to the administrators who are now looking into having something like that or wireless internet. Finals are coming, and unless you are in honors it is hard to find a computer to use.

Aaron: Dean Troha discussed the possibility for 24 hour computer labs, so you need to schedule a meeting with Peggy for Dean Troha.

iii. *Student Involvement*: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth – Ben has tried to contact people about shuttles. I am talking to SAC about some school pride things, like dorm contests, ect. Beth is working on promoting more jobs on campus, and Phil talked to the coaching staff.

*Phil*: They are in the process of hiring a new coach and there is an influx of entries, <couldn't hear>

iv. *Campus Center Improvements*: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan – We met today, and we are going to meet tomorrow at Three o'clock. We found one machine for \$500, so we are looking for something cheaper. We are looking into more details on other things: Reetha has to tell us who to talk to get the fitness center fixed.

v. *Dorms/Buildings on Campus*: Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB –  
KB: Tido sent me an e-mail with the stuff we want on the Resident hall surveys; however, I couldn't get our copier to work. We also ran out of paper, so as soon as senate buys paper, we will get on it.  
KB: Once we get survey responses we will see what we need to address.

a. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

DC: Brett: nothing to new from last week, I have to discuss with them again on Thursday.

EPC: Our last meeting was on the 16<sup>th</sup>, and we discussed the Bio/Chem major again. There was a new minor proposal: Women and gender studies, WGS 100, 300, 400,

and new courses for HPE 326, 327 and 444 which is Bio Chemics, and sports. They are concerned about it because it bypasses HPE people from taking anatomy.

Maryann: People were asking if Ping Pong could be an HPE requirement.

Ben: The way to go about that, is to talk to a professor to do a course proposal. So, find someone who wants to teach it.

Maryann: Ask Coach Mack.

FDC: We didn't meet

IRC: Ali: It was the last meeting of the year, and we talked about the validity of our grades. How our Gen Eds are not worth what our major courses are, it is very confusing. Teachers are practically teaching to the test, do you know material? They also talked about how people could transfer credits because we would have the same courses. Do we want to implement this?

RCL: Didn't meet

## VI. Old Business

### a. Ski Trip – Beth:

Because student senate is co-sponsoring, we are getting a lot done in the planning stages. We have decreased the price of the bus by finding a new company, and we get a 55 seat bus for \$770. <made motion>

Phil: Second

Ben: Is it to senate?

Beth: Yes.

Ben: Well it isn't an outer organization.

Beth: It doesn't say we can't give money to ourselves.

Aaron: That is why I referred to you, Ben.

Ben: I would say that this is ok because this is more of a borderline thing.

Luke: 1<sup>st</sup>, we can't give money to BEC yet, 2<sup>nd</sup> Question: Is the money going straight to the company right away?

Beth: Yeah

Luke: So, this is a matter of technicalities. Do we hand it to BEC to hand the company a check? What is the point in that?

Brett: Are we asking for 5 dollars?

Meghan: About allocating it to ourselves, Dustin?

Dustin: I don't know what you are talking about, sorry.

Ben: It is joint, it is ok.

Beth: We are in a crunch because we need to pay a month ahead of time, so they said it would be better take care of it now. We need to get the invoice now.

Motion Passes

## VII. New Business

### a. CRC – KB: We discussed CRC people and our charge: Defining the terms for clarification ( they are in the senate constitution).

Discussed summer orientation, Welcome days, and FYE from the time they step on campus to their sophomore year. Are there any questions? <none>

Here are some major things we are discussing:

Tido: You all told me two days are good, should orientation be one or two?

Eric: It should be three days.

KB: The questions we have been discussing is the importance of what we focus on during orientations.

Beth: Boding

Heather: Most importantly, the need the information that they will need when they step onto campus.

Maryann: Different organizations, and how to get involved.

Eric: If they don't have banking, what their options are: how, where, ect...

KB: What is the most important focus during Welcome days?

Maryann: It is important to do parent session on how to let go, and what isn't appropriate once students are on campus.

Beth: I know we have T-Bridge, I would like more of an acceptance by upper classman.

KB: So, more upperclassman interaction.

Aaron: I think it is important to give students an understanding of Tiffin. I know this year we made maps of where you can go, and how to get there in Tiffin.

Eric: Ice breaking sessions, like a speaker from the staff. We need to teach them how to interact, so they don't become wall flowers.

Heather: Make sure you repeat the most important points of information from orientation

Brett: Commencement is the only day that faculty and everyone else is in one room. So, maybe we could have more of that during Welcomes Days to get everyone into one room from the get go.

Ben: Could we look back at more traditions that have faded out? Maybe, bring back some school pride.

Shannon: We have lunch with the majors. We need to do one with more upperclassman so you can meet more people in your major. Maybe a different time would help.

KB: Should we have students register/schedule their own courses at orientation?

Beth: When the current Juniors came in, we were able to choose one course.

Shannon: I don't think it is right to pick it at orientation because they may not be able to take courses by the time the last group get s there they aren't going to be able to choose anyway.

Whitney: Letting them pick their entire schedule would be bad because they aren't going to pick courses for their major.

Eric: I know if I were first coming to school, I would pick the easiest things, and I think people would do this and screw themselves up.

Aaron: They need to provide some way for students to understand what they need to graduate in 4 years. Otherwise, you have no clue what to take, even if you are thrown into them, then it gets confusing.

Alyssa: I remember filling out a form and getting descriptions of NDI courses we chose from by ranking them. They don't always get their first choice, but I also remember filling out my preferences as far as HPE activities go. So, they are not literally putting you in random classes. I don't see a problem in them helping us. I think it helps the freshman a lot.

Shannon: We also had to rank interest in Biology vs chemistry vs English. Maybe having them in Major courses, and then giving them a choice of Gen Eds they want to take, so if they hate French they don't get stuck in it, it would be good.

Ben: Maybe we should hand this to Academics, since there are so many aspects and we are going in circles.

Whitney: Something I saw, when I told them the major I was thinking about, they already had a tentative 4-year plan mapped out at another college. Right now we have a paragraph describing what the department is all about, so if we had more it would be helpful.

Maryann: I am all for the administration doing it because there are classes they need to fill. What if the school registers everyone for their classes, but we have them fill out the sheet and such to teach them the process more than what classes they need to take. Seriously...

KB: So, go through the motions.

Maryann: Yeah.

Brian: I would have liked to meet my advisor before 4 weeks after school started. I didn't know how to find out who that was in school.

KB: We want students to have a buy into their schedule. We want to do it at orientation to put a focus on academics which is currently low.

KB: We are also talking about taking FYE 099 and incorporating it into FYE 100, the 100 course will be their temporary advisor, until spring. E-mail me your thoughts.

b. Leadership Summit – Aaron: I got an e-mail from Dustin concerning this happening on February 3, 2007. Its goal is improving awareness of several aspects of leadership. It is in Michigan. It isn't very expensive. Dustin said to send 8 people with an advisor is 980 dollars. They want to look at sending leaders from other groups on campus to this. But we need to decide what we want to do with it.

Luke: We are discussing now not making a motion right?

Aaron: Right

Brett: When you started talking about it, you said my thought because LSO has been talking about it a lot lately.

Shannon: How many people?

Aaron: However many we want to, but the estimate was for 8 and an advisor.

Dustin: An advisor is necessary for driving the van. So, we need an advisor for every 8 people, so multiples of 8 makes the most sense.

Ben: Maybe key members, instead of Presidents, so it can be used in the group.

Aaron: There aren't any true deadlines.

Whitney: Are there any other dates?

Dustin: There is another one, but it is not of the same focus, and the focus didn't seem ideal for sending leaders to it.

Beth : Is it over one night?

Dustin: It is a one day conference, but due to the distance, they would stay over.

Maryann: It costs a lot of money, and personally I am more interested right now in how LSO works out, and how we can help.

KB: You should see if organizations are willing to send someone.

Aaron: OK. I will give this to Beth.

c. Brett Green – Sorry I was late, I scheduled a ball game before the meeting time changed. Some may know this, and others may not, so I will read: Discussed his decision to step down from the treasurer's position.

Aaron: With that we need to take nominations for the treasurer's position.

Luke: Those of you who weren't on before, we do this by nominations. This isn't exactly typical, so what we are going to do is take nominations tonight. To be treasure you must have been on the committee for one year, and taken an Accounting course. We will be taking nominations tonight. E-mailing them to me and that will close in 5 days.

Ben: Read treasurers Duty in constitution.

Aaron: With that I will take nominations.

Maryann: Who has taken an accounting course? Todd and Carol.

Beth: Todd

KB: Carol

Aaron: We will have to ask if she accepts.

Brett: Phil

Phil: accepts

Todd: I will not be here next week.

Aaron: E-mail me the statement you would like to make.

- d. Copy Machine – KB: We have a copy machine and we need to discuss two ideas. We need to move it to the senate office (which goes with are we going to use office), or into the poster room(at which point we will be taking out the tables).

Maryann: We should move it into the poster room. People working on projects just have one stop then.

Beth: I could e-mail the presidents to better inform them of its availability.

- e. Corridors committee survey – We discussed the fact that now there are a couple different companies that will come in and purchase a bunch of land to revamp it and put in big name vendors. We have decided our short terms objectives will be to improve lighting and sidewalks, and enforcing building codes. What do students want to see happen to that area? What do we want in there? Before you answer, what they want us to do is partner with TU to administer this.

Heather: Could we get a couple groups, one from Heidelberg and one from TU to meet about this?

Aaron: Are there a few willing to do that?

Corin: We will do it (Campus Concerns will do it).

Aaron: Anyone who wants to help, talk to Brett.

- e. Administration to Student Communication – Aaron: The President came and spoke to us, and he is waiting for a response as far as: how do we feel the faculty and administration should get information to students?

Maryann: Everyone was so hot headed about stupid gardens, how much effort would it have taken to say your not paying for it, these people donated money for it.

Shannon: E-updates seem to work and are read.

Luke: E-updates, and E-mails separate from student announcements work.

Aaron: One of the other things they want to know: how to convey information without sending it over an e-mail.

Ben: Suggest a monthly newsletter to students.

Shannon: With e-mails they have to be short for people to read them. I think in terms of bigger things like that, where people who are interested would go, I don't know if it would work.

Whitney: Is there a way we could put it on our home page?

Eric: I think it is a good idea, at events that BEC puts on would be a good time to discuss issues with an intermission or whatever. Great way because everyone is already there.

Phil: I think a newsletter is bad because everything that goes into mailboxes is t rash. I think we forget that we have access to faculty members, and to have them take 5 minutes to discuss those things would be easy.

Heather: If they do not want to send sensitive information out over the internet, then they could use the e-updates to describe the topics of the seminars (such as things that will be covered) briefly. Then those who want the information can get it.

Shannon: I think if you are going to have a longer e-mail, you could use a link system in the e-mail as well.

Eric: It also comes down to the choice to read it. If they don't want to, they lost there chance. Maybe a phone recording letting them know what is going on.

## VIII. Comments and Suggestions

- a. Senator of the Week – Brett: We felt that Alyssa should be the Senator of the Week for Veterans Day and her comments in meetings.

Maryann: There aren't any budget request forms, could someone please e-mail me one. There are some senators discussing Greek life negatively, and if you have valid concerns then come forward to talk to IFC. If they are just rumors please stop. All I ask is that you don't spread ignorance. Talk to the Presidents and people in groups, and if you don't agree with me, please notice number of greek leaders here.

Beth: Sign ups look great. We need a few more people to do a shift. Thank you.

We are doing elections on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and the ski trip is Wed Thursday and Friday.

Shannon: Academics please stay after.

KB: I need to see the publicity committee, and we need to think about the role of our office.

Eric: I need to see the technology.

Sara: I need to see student involvement.

Brett: I need to see Campus concerns.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – Devon Schivley asked that if anyone is excited about decorating this building for Christmas decorating is now. So, ☺ please help. The Delts and Allies are helping.

b. Dr. Amy Berger – A large quantity of cookies are baked. This is how you get to the house: Go West on Perry Street to the Subway. Take a left onto 53, and go through two lights (pass the Citgo) the house is on the left hand side of the road. It is number 795, and the garage lights are green. You may have to park around the corner. It is on Sunday at 3 pm and goes to 9pm people will still be there later. If you have cookie requests let me know.

Alyssa: She wrote a great rendition of the night before Christmas on her door, so read it, it is cute.

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: 1<sup>st</sup> great discussion tonight, we covered a lot of information tonight in A short amount of time. 2<sup>nd</sup> we have a distinguished guest among us: former President Aly Jones.

Finally, I have been on Senate for three years, and I don't think I have ever served with a better individual than Brett. We appreciate his time. He deserves a round of applause.

XI. Adjournment

Brett: Move

Meghan: Second

Meeting Adjourned.