

**Student Senate
December 6, 2006
Campus Center Room 220**

I. Roll Call

**Todd Post – Absent
KB and Brian Biller Tardy**

II. Approval of Minutes

Minutes Approved.

III. Treasurer's Report

a. Balance – Brett G: Good news guys, we Finally got our allocation.

Currently we have 4, 027. 82. However, we have 5 allocations we are waiting on getting receipt for, and when those are taken care of we will have around \$1600.00 at the end of this semester. Which means we are in the black!

b. Finance Committee

c. Budget Requests –

One Budget Request: Ex/Phi Christmas for \$750.

Speakers: This is something we have done for years now for the families that come in. We serve punch, food, ect... It helps underprivileged children have a happier holiday.

Whitney: As the treasurer, we did shop around for these gifts, so the money is being well spent

Maryann: This would not have happened without Senate in the past, and I believe we would like to be there for HeadStart as long as they need us.

Meghan: Have you tried to raise money for this?

Maryann: We do have fees but those are allocated to other events.

Whitney: We did...Buckeye necklaces.

Brett: I move we allocate 750 for the Ex-Phi Christmas.

Motion Passes.

IV. Standing Committee Reports

a. Elections Chair –Luke: Thanks for helping out with voting. We have two people, Keenen Jones and Monica Groot, that are running. Elections are happening right now. We are going to need one person to help out with elections. Later we will have voting for Treasurer, and you all will get an e-mail Friday as to who won the election.

Whitney: What kind of publicity was sent out on this because there was some confusion about when ballots were due, and I know some sophomores who were upset about not getting the chance.

Luke: I was very clear about that, and if there was confusion, they should have asked.

b. Publicity Chair – KB: You all got the newsletter today, and I made ski trip flyers. After the meeting I would like you to put them up where you live. The big poster is in Campus Center, but I don't know about Hoerneman(none have seen it). I will be getting an order in as soon as Dustin gets me the Credit Card.

c. Liaison for Student Organizations Chair – Beth: We will be voting on two organizations for recognition. We have had Ski-Trip sign-ups, and 25 people have already signed up. Of those 22-23 have gotten sweatshirts. I know senators have signed up, but just so you know if push comes to shove, you will be driving.

d. Campus Concerns Chair

a. Food Focus

b. What's Your Beef – Brett P: There is really nothing new to know because I couldn't meet with Denise this week. I guess the only thing is: Karen and I talked about the ingredients labels, and getting signs put up more frequently. We also discussed things as far as the survey go.

Corin: I talked to the person from Tiffin, and he didn't call back. So, I will talk to him tomorrow.

Alyssa: I had talked to Denise about this because it is a big deal, but on Friday the omelet bar had cross contamination. Because of my seafood allergy, I apparently ended up in the Hospital, and almost died. This is just another reason to emphasize these ingredient signs. I know I talked to him, and he said they can do special meals for those who are allergic. You may want to let people know that.

Eric: I ran it past Debby, and asked her what the bacon bits where. She thought that the students liked them, so...

Brett: Really? When I talked to Karen she said that it is all they can get us right now.

Shannon: I asked for an Ice Cream Bowl yesterday, and I got yelled at. I don't know if there is anything we can do about them being nicer to students.

KB: I have heard multiple complaints about lunch attendants being rude. From the hot food line to the sandwich bar, the ladies are being mean.

V. Special Committee reports

a. Task Forces –

- Academics: Shannon- A few of us said we didn't want to change the grading system, a few of us said we did. We couldn't really decide. I mean would it include an A plus?

Ben: It would just be ABCD.

Shannon: Oh, wait, I thought you we were discussing putting weight to them. We were confused.

Maryann: I think it is clear that we don't have enough information. How are Graduate schools going to calculate our GPA? That is truly what we need to know.

Shannon: We also discussed combining the FYE 099, FYE 100 courses. We liked the idea of doing so. We didn't like the idea of Advisors being different the first semester.

Ben: They kind of discussed that point as if they liked the idea, and they were trying to figure out how to make it work.

- **Technology – Eric:** We are supposed to have a lot more capabilities for the TV station, and we are making a push for a 24 hour computer lab because there isn't really a place to study late at night. We are making pushes for those things, so that we are able to have those things that we need...

Aaron: Did you set up a meeting with Dean Troha?

Eric: We discussed doing so, but it hasn't happened yet. I just haven't had time.

- **Student Involvement – Sara:** Ben has been in contact with the Taxi service, and we found out that anywhere in town is \$4.50 which isn't bad. I have also talked to Zach about school pried things, and getting those set up. I also am contacting the book store about selling things at games.

Phil: Apparently the athletic department is close to hiring a football coach, and it was said that students could talk to him. I will keep you all informed.

- **CC Improvements – Meghan:** We didn't meet due to sign ups running into our meeting time, but last we talked to Reetha she said she was too busy to help us. That this was the position Rose left, so we have to do things on our own now. We are looking into fitness center stuff because the guy isn't contact us about fixing the machines, so...

- **Resident Halls/Buildings – Tido:** We have our new updated surveys and Sheets for RAs. We are going to pass those around.

a. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

CRC

KB: I didn't get to present what we found because there was a lot of discussion and craziness going on in the meeting.

Tido: You all didn't like the idea of the Advisor plan? Cause I didn't get the sense that it was an option. They are trying to figure out how to make it work.

KB: yeah...

Carol: What is the justification behind that?

KB: A lot of students who's advisors where FYE 100 professors as well said that they where more accessible during courses.

Sara: Is this a set thing? Is this going to make it so we can't pick our advisor 2nd semester?

KB: You will be assigned, but you can still choose.

Shannon: Right now, the way you have it, you all can pick an FYE 100 course. Is that changing? Because if that isn't changing, how is that going to help? No one is universal enough to help everyone, so if your FYE 100 professor is your advisor, how much help will they be?

Amy: We are well versed. We used to have to advise all majors.

Luke: They do it at other schools, and it works great.

Carol: It would look great if we help to lay the plan out.

Sara: How are they combining the FYE classes? Is it going to be more like one or other...

KB: They are integrating parts of both.

Maryann: Now that I understand better, it seems to be good thing. I think we do need to let students as questions of teachers. Maybe, give a class period for the students to do so.

Zaia: I no that my FYE teacher is overworked as is, and I don't think that my class could fit in him checking all of our schedules as well.

Tido: They are working out something, so that they have extra times and a lighter load if they are taking on the FYE courses. I forget how, but it is a period at the beginning and end of each semester to adjust to the time needs. There is always the chance that students will want individual meetings, too?

Sara: Is this going to overload people with more advisees than they should have? Including there current advisees.

KB: I think there will be a push for the other advisees to go to other advisors.

Dustin: I think that it isn't your right to say whether your professors would be overloaded because if they take on the responsibility they can obviously handle it. Beyond that we also have elections tonight, and at this rate we will not make it through our meeting in the 2 hours we have.

DC

Brett: We did not meet.

EPC:

Sara: We deleted HPE 208 which is first aid/CPR due to fact that most of the students are already certified. They will still emphasize that certifications will be necessary for future jobs. Other HPE

courses were approved and HPE 444 was discussed and changed so that students have to take anatomy to take the course. We approved more .5 credit hour HPE courses. We also looked at EDU courses and WGS courses were approved. They are thinking of making them a General Education course. We are just debating where to place it. We discussed the computer science course and approved it to go to faculty. We put off the Religion catalog change, but we separated BIO 365 and 364. Then we ran out of time.

None of the other faculty committees met.

VI. Old Business

a. Ski Trip – Beth: I said all I needed to above.

VII. New Business

a. Elections for Treasurer

Aaron: All but one person removed their nomination, so Todd is the new treasurer.

b. Voting on BAC and BBC

Beth: BAC (Berg Adventure Club) would like to become a recognized organization. <Read their mission statement.> Our committee would like to recognize them, thus: I move that they become an organization.

Eric: Second.

How many members do they have?

Sara: There is no official count, but I believe that there is ten.

Aaron: Any other discussion? Seeing none, we will vote.

BAC is an organization.

Beth: BBC (Berg Business Club) has been a working organization for some time now, but they have never been made official. The President is Carol. I move that we accept the Berg Business Club as an organization.

Aaron: Discussion?

BBC is an organization

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

a. Senator of the Week – Brett Green

Meghan: Are we meeting next week?

Aaron: No we are not. I think that everyone needs that time.

Maryann: If anyone says that there is another Tido, please correct them. There is only one Tido.

Whitney: We were meandering, and I accidentally called the wrong person Tido, and that is how confusion occurred.

Brett: I am giving my Senior Honors Seminar in Herbster at 3:35pm tomorrow.

KB: Tomorrow at 10 pm is late night bowling, on Sunday night is the Frollers Auction, and 10:30 is late night breakfast.

Eric: Cleveland and the Steelers are playing, and the Bowling Ally is the only place playing it.

Meghan : Good luck on finals, and Merry Christmas.

Beth: Thanks Amy for the cookies.

Brian: Where is the honors presentations? Herbtser.

Eric: If anyone wants to, you are more than welcome to come to the AV room in library for my Senior Seminar class. Come about ten minutes early. There are some pretty cool things we are doing for campus...Next Tuesday 6 pm.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

Dean Dustin Brentlinger – Sorry I stopped your conversation. I didn't know you were going to ix-nay the treasure thing. So, don't go out and get crazy this weekend. You all need to study. Please be careful: blah blah all that jazz.

Dr Amy Berger – Next Semester meeting time? Also, your professors are just as stressed out as you right now. Please be nice.

Aaron: Please send your schedules to me. We will arrange it through e-mail. I will send you three times that work. Then you will pick one I will send you the verdict.

Phil: Chair Messages?

Beth: They are this Monday, but we are not sponsoring it. SAT are in charge of it...

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: I think we did a great job this semester, and I know we haven't been able to check a lot of things off the list in the committees. But, we not only restructured senate, but we are back in the black. We have not done a much better job as a senate addressing the students concerns. With that...

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:45pm