

Student Senate Agenda

Campus Center 220

Wednesday, January 10, 2007

- I. Roll Call
Phil Myers Absent
- II. Approval of Minutes
Eric: I move to approve the minutes
Ben: Second
Minutes passed
- III. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance: Todd Post – We are waiting on a check to go through from an allocation, and without that in our account we have \$2,988.89 credit.
Aaron: Congratulations, we are out of debt.
- IV. Standing committee Reports
 - a. Elections:
Luke: Todd is our new treasurer, so we need to elect a new Junior representative. We want petitions to go out by tomorrow morning. I will be sending an e-mail out to all of the juniors, and we will have elections next Thursday, Wednesday, and Friday. I would also like to introduce Keenan Jones as our new Sophomore representative.
Aaron: Why don't you introduce yourself.
Keenan: I am 19, I am a Political Science major, and I am from liberty township
 - b. Publicity:
KB: Tomorrow I will be ordering all of the stuff. I haven't been able to get Dustin's credit card but I should be able to get it tomorrow. Hopefully Maryann and I will get together soon to update the website. We will, also, be printing senates goals, what's your beef, and a senator spotlight in the next newsletter. If you are interested in being the senate spotlight, let me know.
 - c. Liason For Student Organizations:
Beth: This semester I am getting with my committee, and we are going to try to push to get our name out to help student organizations more. I will update you on the ski trip in old business.
 - d. Campus Center Improvements:
Brett: I am meeting with Karen and Denis on Monday. We are meeting to talk about dates that we will be going to the different dorms

concerning issues with Hoerneman in general. I have contacted the RCs, and they are open to this, so we just need a date now.

Carol: The library hours have changed, and been cut dramatically. We have gotten some complaints about that. The library now closes at 10 and doesn't open until 8:45. It is do to minimum wage going up.

V. Special Committees

Eric: We are going to talk about some of this stuff with the board of trustees stuff. If you all could meet again sometime this week to discuss ideas, that would be good. We do have a new senator among us which task force would you prefer to join?

Keenan: Academics

KB: Are you going to reassign our faculty committees since our class schedules have changed?

Eric: Has anyone met? I need you guys to be prepared to sign up for new committees next week with your schedules. If we find out that you can still serve on the same one, then you can do so.

Aly: We are changing our time.

Eric: O.K. bring your schedules next week.

a. Faculty committee

FDC: Carol: They should be scheduling for the last three brown bag lunches. Mark O'reilly is sitting in on a faculty reward committee, and we are looking for another faculty volunteer to do the same. They wanted me to bring up how we want to do faculty-student luncheons?

Aaron : Discussion...

Beth: One thing we did at summer orientation: each family sent two representatives to meet with the faculty. It was a very beneficial experience, so maybe doing something where students sign up to eat with them, and give them incentive to do so...

Eric: Maybe, take a department, and have lunch with majors. I know first years might do that, but others don't really know who all of the professors are in their major, so maybe if we let the professors in their majors meet with them to get a better standing it would be good.

VI. Old Business

a. Survey – Eric: I have been working on it this week because I have actually had time to do so. I went to go talk to Dustin, but he wasn't in his office, so I am working on getting it on survey monkey now.

b. Ski Trip – Beth: Thanks to those who signed up to work the tables, but right now, we have 46 people on the bus. There are probably 67 all together going. But, there are still more seats on the bus. Last year

a lot of people dropped out even though they had paid. I would really appreciate it if you sign up to run the table, so that we aren't wasting money on this trip. I talked to Brandywine, and all is fine.

Alyssa: I went to viewpoint, and I talked to them because we gave them an idea of what we wanted, and they put characters in place of the drawings. The sweatshirts are orange, and the grey area is white, the red area is black, so the front is done. I can pick them up tomorrow.

Luke: I am going to send around a sign up sheet for elections.

VII. New business

A. Board of Trustees – Aaron: I have to come up with a report for the Board of Trustees meeting again. From talking to a few of the trustees last time, I think what they want is for us to tell them what we need the most help from the board on. What do we want them to help us with. I would like to highlight one specific goal that the board could help us on to get it done faster. I am going to ask the task forces for their goals:

Academics:

- Audits after sophomore and junior year, so there are no surprises to keep people on track

Technology:

- increase technology such as TV screens and scrolling marquee with updates on campus to information. As well as campus wide wireless capabilities and an increase in printers we need 24 hour library and computer access.

Student Involvement:

- Trying to raise school spirit. We are working with SAC and KB to publicize more jobs on campus ect...

CC improvements:

- improve/maintain fitness center
- improve student involvement within campus center

Resident Halls/ Buildings

- Renovating lobbies
- Renovating dorms themselves
- Parking lot lighting
- Incessant flooding

-Carol: There was a lot of debate in CRC about changing the First Year Experience. That is something we may want to through our 2 cents in about.

Aaron: Now we need to choose one overall goal. In my report, I will report on everything, but I want one central push for the Board.

Ben: School spirit is the number one thing. Not only is it students going to games, it also involves how the students spirits make people want to get away from Heidelberg, how the faculty treats students. We should be proud of our school.

Luke: I don't know if that is what they are looking for. Are you just wanting one of these things?

Aaron: Yes , I want one goal that needs to have the boards help with it. We want to say here is the money, fix the problem.

Luke: Then school spirit is it then, but we need to give them a tangible way of doing so...

Maryann: I think the Board of Trustees already has that under there wing. I feel the academics is most important. Not having a place to study, not knowing what classes to take, ect...

Eric: I have to agree, the only building open 24 hours is the honors house, and not everyone has access to that.

Carol: We want a student union. Then, we can incorporate all these things into a student union. It all falls underneath that.

Luke: The reason the library is closed is because we have no money, but it seems that we lack an emphasis on academics. Closing the library seems contradictory to this institutions goal. We need to find the money to keep academics going.

Shannon: We have a major issue concerning being able to print because we don't have anywhere but the library to print. Now we can't get in there to print prior to class. What are we going to do?

Eric: We are talking about the lack of funds, and getting a center together. What needs to be done, is that someone needs to say there are two buildings this campus is lacking. One is a student union. Don't focus on the money. Focus on the idea, and don't let money stop you from creating the idea.

Maryann: I don't see why this Recreation Center couldn't be combined with a student union. The plans aren't final yet, so why not say to the Board of Trustees: you really need to think about what is going into this, it could help so much.

Meghan: For the non-athletic students, they wouldn't see a point to going to an athletic area to hang out and study. They don't mix, and if you can't walk from one building to another a mess will form. A student union alone can be built more quickly...

Carol: As far as a student union goes, move the offices around and turn this back into the student center. We can't wait for the Recreation Center to happen; we need to keep students on campus now!

Brett: Our biggest problem is this minimum wage increase hurt finding because everything is opening later and closing earlier. They don't even want Rock Creek open on Saturdays anymore. It would be a waste to say: we need a

building now. But saying we have this building already, I like the thought of using it

Aaron: What I am hearing is that we are wanting a student union, it is the most important goal. Now, what is it that we need to have in it, that will deal with these issues?

Beth: Part of me thinks that the Board of Trustees wants to know how they can help us this year. So, part of me says that a Student Union is so far down the rode that they will want to help us now, not then. If we say we are concerned about Wi-Fi access not being all over campus, or the library closing earlier and opening later they will respond more. I think we need to do the smaller things to concentrate on a more immediate goal.

Meghan: I would strongly stress the 24 hour computer center. You don't have time to get it all done, and it is an easy way to isolate yourself and get your stuff done.

Luke: I want to recommend a campus center, a place where people can go to hang out. There is no problem asking for it. I don't think it hurts to ask for something big.

Eric: You all are still thinking small, just like luke said: go big or go home. We are here to help our students both now and later on. We want to see this school grow. I think all this needs to be addressed, and I think all this needs to be talked about to the Board of Trustees. The things we need to be taking care of <listed goals> we can do it simultaneously. Don't be afraid to think outside of the box. I think we can do more with the minds in this room. Don't be afraid to think big. Make them get up and do something. Ask, how can we leave our mark?

Carol: Things we should put into the student union: wireless internet, add a few printers and regular computers, let the students go down and paint murals on the walls, improve and maintain the fitness center. All you have to deal with now, is lighting, and flooding, and now we have more money and have solved several problems.

Maryann: Computers seem to be a problem, they are here, there and everywhere. Put all the computers together, in one place, and extend that places hours. 2nd, why don't we present it to the Board of Trustees. Why don't we categorize our goals into long term and short term needs.

Agreement across senate

Shannon: Maybe we could add vending machines, or keep Rock Creek open later. If this will become the student union...

Keenan: This will be even more long term, but I think a lot of people don't know we have a TV or radio station. We could put it in a centrally located place it would help to make it more recognized.

Aaron: A point of order is that this hasn't been on the master plans that have been oked. So, if I go before the board, I want to have solid facts to back up that this is what we need. Here is how many wanted to see this type of facility so that I have solid evidence if I need it.

Eric: If we go out, and ask ten different students each, they will actually think about it, and tell you what they want to see done. Within the next two weeks I challenge you all to do so...

Carol: We have ski trip sign ups, and elections coming up. Why don't we get something done with these surveys, and have them bring it back to us after they have chatted about it.

c. Attendance – Heather: As many of you may have realized once the meeting starts, in an effort to take good minutes, I get stuck inside my computer. Due to this, I have problems being able to tell what time people are coming in and out of meetings. So starting next week, I am going to be taking Roll by having each of you sign next to your name and writing what time you signed in. This way I can keep better records of whether people were here for 2/3rds of the meeting or not.

Aaron: Any other new business

Ben: We talked about this, and I would like to create a new committee to look at the constitution b/c some revision needs to happen. I would like at least 5 other people to look at the constitution with me. Those interested please meet me after senate.

VII. Comments and Suggestions

Sara: I just want to see Beth and Ben to discuss our task force.

Eric: Those of you on the Technology committee please meet afterwards.

Beth: I got ski trip times back, please show up.

And, Our President is engaged (applause).

Shannon: Academics I will send an e-mail to figure out a meeting time from there.

Brian: I have some chips and salsa if anyone wants some after the meeting.

Tido: Resident halls/ buildings meet after.

Eric: Next Tuesday is mustache Tuesday, so start growing them.

Thanks for the cookies Amy.

IX. Advisors

Amy: Welcome back!

X. Presidents Remarks:

Aaron: I would like to congratulate all of you on a good first meeting, lets make sure we stay focused. We have a lot of loose ends to tie up, so keep working.

XI. Adjournment

Adjourned at 9:56pm