

Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, February 7, 2007

Campus Center Room 220

I. Approval of Minutes

Aaron: In one part you did put asses instead of assess.

Minutes Approved.

II. Treasurer's Report

a. Balance – We just received an allocation of \$14,190, which brings our current Balance to \$16, 842.

b. Finance Committee Report

c. Budget Requests –

We have one budget request from Alpha Lamda Delta. They are asking for \$700 to cover books for the Student Research Conference.

Brian: Are you recommending we pay for all of it?

Todd: Yes

Phil: I have an issue with paying 700 dollars because she came in and said that they don't even read the book anyway

Shannon: Are we paying the total costs of the books?

Todd: We are not paying for the total cost. Just up to \$700.00.

Shannon: I also don't believe that this is a good use of money.

Luke: She said there could be other books chosen, so we could buy a separate gift.

Holly: I don't think we should make the allocation based on the number of students involved because technically the whole campus can participate.

Eric: I want to point out that it doesn't necessarily have to go towards these books. I think the reason they wanted that particular book is because he is coming in at a reduced rate.

Todd: It is a gift to the students for participating in the conference. We did make the point to Maggy that a different book could be used.

Carol: Do we have a say in where this money goes?

Aaron: We are simply allocating money. We are not deciding where it goes.

Meghan: Call to Question.

Beth: I was looking at notes from the last meeting, and she said this would buy 40-50 hardback books. If you are worried about the costs we could allocate less money toward it.

Phil: I would like to make a friendly amendment...

Aaron: We don't make them anymore. If this is rejected, he has other requests

Phil: It is better to give a different present because the speaker coming in should be respected, but he doesn't pay tuition.

Motion Failed

Todd: I now suggest allocating 600 dollars for the Student Research Conference.

Motion Failed

Todd: Five Hundred dollars.

Tito: Is that enough for them to get books for every student?

Aaron: This would be short, but they discussed getting a different book in the event that they do not get enough money for this one.

Eric: Currently our balance is \$16,000. If anything why don't we put money toward them. I don't think it is a big deal what book they give. These gifts are from the heart, and whether they are read or not it is something to remember the event by.

Phil: It doesn't matter what book it is, just because we have a lot of money doesn't mean we can spend it foolishly. I don't think the students put us here to spend their money in a foolish way. I do recognize some of the importance in this book. They could still get a certain number for runners up, but with this money they could still get a good number of other things.

Ben: If this fails, then the budget request goes back to the committee right?

Aaron: Yes, though time may be a factor.

Tito: With the time issue, if we vote this down, does that mean they can't get any money?

Aaron: They would have to try to run on credit, but I don't know.

Brian: How many student was this for again? 40-50, so we are now down two 10 dollars per student.

Motion Passes

IV. Standing Committee Chair Reports

a. Elections Chair – Nothing to Report.

b. Publicity Chair –

KB: Next week I would like to discuss changing what we are going to use (markers or paint) in the poster room. Also, the newsletter will be out this week. If anyone has a problem with me changing the title to the student Prince let me know. Also, I have information from Eric about survey monkey, and that will be up soon.

c. Liaison For Student Organizations Chair – Nothing to Report

d. Campus Concerns Chair

Corin: I talked to Karen in lunch today, and there was nothing for "What's your beef?".

Aaron: Yeah, I took them, and didn't know who was taking over his position while he is sick so....

Luke: Tell him thanks for the bacon bits. They were real!

V. Special Committee Reports (Vice President Eric Hauff)

a. Task Forces

i. *Academics*: Keenan, Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon

ii. *Technology*: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol –

Eric: I met with Ken Cartwright about my computer and issues I was having, and they were talking about ways to make that easier in the dorms. We also discussed the challenge of the new Windows on the system.

iii. *Student Involvement*: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth –

Sara: We are running numbers, and working on the student activities fee. We are figuring out what we need to do to get it going. What KB heard is there is a currently a \$15 fee for each student that is split three ways. What we are looking at is how much a \$25 vs. a \$50 fee per semester would effect organization budgets.

Eric: Is that 50 dollars total?

Sara: It would be 50 dollars toward BEC.

iv. *Campus Center Improvements*: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan –

Meghan: We looked into the maintenance people coming in to find out, price wise, who could help us out. Corin and I spent all weekend, thinking

about where the radio station could go in this building. The Old World Student Union office, or meeting rooms on this floor could all work.

KB: There is the one office for IRHC that is currently being used as storage, but it may be too small.

Aaron: We don't necessarily have to put it in this building.

Megahn: Also, Reetha said no about having a Campus Center printer, but it is inexpensive so we say yes. We discussed the Campus Center manager being in charge of it, but we will see do to their cut hours. We have also been looking at prices for arcade machines. We have been considering possibly doing them as a senior gift. We also looked for a change machine. We can get them for between four and six-hundred dollars depending on the amount of change it holds.

Carol: Just an idea, maybe a mailbox in campus center?

v. *Residence Halls/Buildings on Campus:* Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB

Tito: I wanted to ask senate what they thought was the best way to pass out the Dorms and Building Survey? We had problems with the last one so we want to find a way for this one to work.

Corin: Use Hoernemann. Just pass them out, and go table to table and say I will be back in five minutes. Just go table to table. Just like those ladies do in Hoernemann for our meal plans.

Shannon: Give them to the RAs to give them to people, and then have them go back and collect them.

Tito: Anything we should add to the survey?

Eric: I also have a list of Questions you could add. I will just send the questions through e-mail.

Holly: I wanted to clarify which survey. Is that the one in paragraph answers?

Tito: No.

Holly: The best way to get things back is to make it as easy as possible to fill out.

Alyssa: Going door to door and asking Qs would be effective as well.

KB: We could save a lot of paper and money if we did it verbally. Then we go up to people in Hoernemann, and people waiting in line, and just mark it down. There are a thousand some mailboxes, so that is a lot of paper.

Phil: I can help you out with getting answers to choose from for the survey, if that is a problem.

Shannon: People are more likely to answer if they don't have to write anything down.

Carol: A benefit of doing them verbally is that people would know who the senators are.

KB: Where is the envelope for the card?

Phil: We pretty much represent every major on campus, and if we all sent surveys to each course. If you just ask a professor to take 5 minutes to fill out a survey in class, it would be easy and we could give them back to you.

Alyssa: We had a France Hall council meeting, and a student asked me to bring this up when they talked about basements and everything else being renovated: She said that maybe if you had people pay 5 dollars to participate, it would put money toward it itself. Then getting t-shirts and having two dorms compete. Kind of like Trading Spaces.

Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

CRC

Tito: We met Wednesday, and the meeting time changed to Thursday at 8 am. We made some changes in the catalog, and FYE 099 is no longer a course. It has been folded into FYE 100. I can read to you what was taken out and left in the catalog <Read Paper as Attached>

Whitney: Did you e-mail out the times yet?

Eric: No my computer just got fixed.

DC

Eric: DK needs to know who is interested in helping out with diversity week. Please e-mail him your schedules to set up a meeting time for everyone to get together and plan this.

EPC

Sara: We approved a new COR 300 course, and went over more FYE stuff. COR 300 was saved thanks to people who responded to me, and told me they liked it.

Eric: I talked to people about it as well and responded based on that.

Sara: We passed a new honors course as well.

Zaia: It is where you learn about a 25 year anniversary, and then travel to Germany for the festival.

Sara: The Germany expenses come out of pocket though.

FDC

Carol: We confirmed the spring, brown bag lunches. At the next one O'Reilly will be talking about taking students on field trips. We confirmed Soup Day dates as well.

VI. Old Business

a. Survey –Eric: I do not have the address for it yet, so that will be given to KB tonight. Dustin will send out a mass e-mail as well as flyers to publicize it.

b. Tiffin University Survey – Corin: I called him, and their committee had 6 Questions done. They were waiting on two more Questions. I should have them by Wednesday of next week. When is this due?

Aaron: As soon as we can get it done. The President won't have another meeting on it until it is done.

c. Board of Trustees Meeting

a. A lot of exciting things happened at the board meeting. I will be reporting to you all on that. Items include:

Aaron: I wanted to congratulate Senate because we got them to decline the vote for the Health and Wellness Center due to what we said. Now that we have done that though, we need to step up. They want to know what we want in it. They want concrete items. And, I brought the plans with me prior to the rejection. One item I did forget about in the structure is a game room above the restaurant. So, I am going to pass this around to have people look at it, and then I would like a list of people who will sit on a sub committee to have results by next week. What we want to see in the student union? Be knowledgeable, though, that they may not all be added. The President is like: O.K. you rejected it, now what do you want?

Volunteers: Eric, Meghan, Corin, Alyssa, Carol, Sarah, Shannon, Keenan, Phil, KB and that is it.

- i. Institution of a \$50 per year parking fee – Starting next year to gain revenue for the college a parking fee will be instilled.
- ii. Library hours (Dr. Weininger is willing to work with us) – He stated that several students had concerns about the hours, and 20 of 24 aspirant schools have longer hours than Heidelberg. Weininger is willing to work with us. Do we feel that is something we need to look into? Also, keep in mind we have been granted the 24 hour computer lab. If you feel this is part of your prerogative, let me know after.
- iii. We will be getting a 24-hour computer lab (Someone needs to be in charge of telling Dean Troha what we would like in it and where we want it). I need a couple individuals willing to meet with Dean Troha on this: Eric, Keenan and Meghan. Please meet with him by the end of this week.
- iv. A possible tuition raise was turned down. It would have been a 2000 dollar increase
- v. The implementation of a student activity fee for the 2008-2009 school year. (Mr. Stork believes that it would be a great idea). – Sara, look at some of the OAC schools for the price that would be instilled. It would go into effect for the 2008 -2009 school year.
- vi. Possible renovations to Rickly to be more program oriented.
Also, they said that they can look at revamping Rickly to make it a programming space because they will not be able to put programming space in the Health and Wellness center. If the main committee still believes there needs to be an auditorium, look at Rickly.
Shannon: Is there a place we can look at the plans after the meeting?
Aaron: I will have it anytime you want. Any questions about the meeting?

Other Old Business:

1. Keenan: I would like to apologize for whatever happened in the corner. I will figure out what happened in the corner, and get it to change. Did everyone get the schedule? According to MiYan, it went well. So, if you have any changes please let me know.
Luke: How should we dress, and where would we go?
Keenan: Go up to the station, and dress nice. If you don't have a suit and tie please dress nice. Also, I will send out another schedule the meeting before spring break.
2. Ben: I see Phil in his dazzling T-shirts, and I am wondering if we are getting our new senators new T-shirts.
Eric: Yeah I got those orders turned in, and we are just waiting for them to be done.
3. Meghan: Right now I will be sending around a sign up sheet for the Relay for Life T-shirts. We would like to do this as our fundraiser. We will be selling these T-shirts for 10 dollars, and I don't know if Senate wants to cover the costs or just do profits?

VII. New Business

- a. Mascot Committee – Aaron: As I stated in my e-mail, laughter as well as discussion started about the mascot. Obviously, this is a very controversial issue with Alumni. So, we need to look into what our mascot will look like, and what mascots are available. So, this committee needs to look at this: Zaia, Sara, Meghan, KB, Eric, Ben
- b. Planners: Sara: After last meeting, I volunteered to do planner designs, and she gave me the choices book. I want one or two people to help me. She also gave me a cover design contest thing. The winner gets 1000 dollars for it. Do we want to enter the contest?
Corin: Did you say there was an application fee?
Sara: No there isn't an application fee.
Corin: Then I say we do it.
Meghan : Can we have a contest on campus and then whoever won would be the person to enter, like the best of the best?
Luke: We obviously couldn't take part of their prize money. So...
Aaron: Just a point of order, our money is their to give away, not to hold for our own purposes.

Additional New Business:

1. Heather: As many of you saw last week, I cannot stay past 5:15-5:20 pm in these meetings. However, minutes cannot just stop because I have class at 5:30pm. So, I need help. On nights that the meeting surpasses the 5:15-5:20 mark, I need a person who is willing to finish the minutes and bring my computer to me in Aigler. Whether it be a person that is interested in my position or a person that just likes me enough to help me out, I would really appreciate it...
Sara and Whitney volunteered for helping of the secretary.
Heather: Thank you both so much.

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

- a. The Weekly Prince –
Carol: Thanks to Sara for all of her hard work.
Keenan: Even though it didn't work, I would like to say thanks about being good sports about the video camera.
Luke: I would like to give a shout out for Weaver for representing senate so well.

Phil: Did that motion pass or fail for the budget request?

Aaron: Oh crap, we are going back to the budget request.

Eric: I just wanted to comment that we need to bust our butt to create what we want in this building. It is a good step, but we need to work.

Beth: I was just wondering, are we publicizing that we are recording our meetings?

Keenan : Currently, our only publicity is through WHEI.

Beth: Exactly.

Todd: KB wanted to tell you all that she has two senate hoodies. One is Large and the other is Extra large.

Ben: Constitution meeting after this meeting.

Phil: I didn't like that we didn't discuss the second proposal before voting. Also, athletic/fitness center people meet after.

Aaron: Those of you without Name tags, please let KB know. If it is an issue of grabbing it before you come here, I keep stuff in this cabinet so....

Carol: The Berg Business club are selling valentine things. It is a fundraiser for us to do stuff. We will put them in mailboxes, and we aren't making a lot of money off of them, but I would appreciate your support.

Meghan: Are you going to announce that Maryann isn't coming back?

Aaron: We will have to have an election because she is not coming back. I was going to see if we could work around it first.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – Not present
- b. Dr. Amy Berger – No comment.

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: I want to reiterate that we had a big victory at the Board meeting, and now the burden is all on us. There was a debate as to what we could do without our events. There were a lot of committees that popped up tonight, and maybe some committees need to work with Task Forces, but whatever we are doing reports need to come in next week. We need to stay on top of things. I would like to commend you all for all you have done.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 pm.