

Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, January 16, 2007

Campus Center Room 220

I. Approval of Minutes
Minutes Approved

II. Treasurer's Report
a. Balance - \$ 14,452.00
b. Finance Committee Report
c. Budget Request –
Budget Request 1

From: World Student Union: they are requesting money for the lunar new year that occurred last week. It went over really well.

Todd: I move that we allocate up to \$500.00 to the World Student Union for the Lunar New Year.

Voting: Motion Passed

Budget Request 2

From: Alpha Si Omega for the Vagina monologues.

Todd: I move that we allocate up to \$200.00 for the Vagina monologues.

?: What is the \$200.00 for?

Todd: They would like \$200.00 to buy tickets for students who would like to attend; otherwise, it would cost them two dollars to get in.

Holly: Just so everyone knows, the proceed for this will be donated to, I believe, a battered womens organizations, and that is how they got rights to the show the Vagina Monologues. The way it was explained to me, they were going to hold the tickets aside, and then when the ticket was picked up, the allocation of 2 dollars would be made for that ticket.

Voting: Motion Passes

Budget Request 3

From: Delta Sigma Ti for the Health Fair. They are requesting \$250.00 to cover the costs of the portable PSP.

Todd: My committee moves that we allocate up to \$250.00 for the portable PSP.

Brett: What was the turn out for groups that wanted to do this?

Beth: This was the only group that was interested enough to e-mail me back to do the event.

Eric: Just to remind everyone, we have already discussed this.

Voting: Motion passed

Budget Request 4

From: BEC for Battle of the Bands. They are requesting up to \$4500.00 for it, and I will let KB explain what the money is for.

KB: We have a breakdown, and we cut out quite a few things, but essentially: we are asking for money for food for the bands, a 1st and second place prize, a wide variety of advertisement to get new better bands to come, ect...It is not going to be all the way up to \$4500.00, but we want to make sure we are covered with the t-shirts and lighting professionals (who give us the option to stay outside as well as costs if we have to move things indoors). It actually adds up to more than \$4500.00 dollars, but we are covering the remainder.

Beth: Looking at last years bill, it only costs \$3000ish dollars, so why so much? And, how much is BEC contributing?

BEC: We want to go with a better sound and lighting professional for increased flexibility, and we haven't allocated any of our budget this year to Battle of the Bands due to the understanding that senate would cover the costs this year.

However, we cut out Hoernneman food, door prizes, and money from the bands prizes. We also invited vendors in to pay us potentially more money based on their sales.

The bulk of the money is going to sound, lighting and t-shirts.

Keenan: What advertisement will you be doing?

KB: Newspaper adds, and some free publicity as well.

Luke: How are we encouraging bands to come if we cut prize money?

KB: We are giving them more bonuses, such as a contract with BEC for the following school year, and we are feeding them, ect...

Whitney: What was wrong with the previous sound/lighting?

KB: I don't really deal with this, but we were trying to switch between the type of artist, and there is a big difference in the needs for different groups. So, this sound professional is more needed for this type of event. We are renting the sound and lighting to increase flexibility in the event.

Keenan: What is the date?

KB: April 20th

Eric: \$4500.00 is less than we put it on for 2 years ago, and last year we were forced to cut a lot of things. Also, Weaver mentioned it is a third of our budget, but the better we make this, the more benefit it brings to the college. I just think we don't have to nit pick to much because Todd's committee already made there suggestion.

Shannon: BECs budget this year is very small, so it is hard to even find money for prizes, if we can't get this money, then it will be a sad event, and we want it to be successful and as big as it has been.

Tito: Are there any other big/foreseeable events that we may be asked for funding for?

Aaron: We don't really need to look or consider that right now.

Beth: Along with Tito: It is a 3rd of our budget, and our goal is to help as many people as possible, but it is a lot of money. And what if another group comes for money?

Holly: I do believe this is a lot of money. But, we shouldn't base our decision on what could happen in the future, and one of the goals in senate is to allocate money where students will be involved. An event like Battle of the Bands, when done well, can draw a lot of students.

Aaron: Keep in mind that Todd's committee has looked at how much money this is because Todd's group has said this is an OK amount to them.

Keenan: Attendance was down last year correct? And, this extra money is for the bands? So, will some of this money go toward turn out?

KB: Of course, but in order for top enjoyment, we need better bands.

Shannon: I know last year a lot of people came and left because there were only screaming bands, so that did have an effect on the turnout.

Voting: Passed

Budget Request 5

From: Black Student Union for an event they are hosting: Understanding Each Other Bridging a Gap between Cultures. They had this in last week, but we didn't have a meeting and what they are asking for is \$2000.00 to bring in a facilitator.

Todd: My committee moves that we allocate up to \$2000.00 dollars for this event.

Luke: Logistically, what happens if they don't get this with the event occurring tomorrow?

Todd: Everything is set in motion already, and I wish it had come sooner to my committee. They are expecting around 80 participants.

Carol: Is this the full cost of the speaker?

Todd: It is for the full cost. The breakdown is \$1500.00 for the facilitator, materials, and t-shirts for participants. The other \$500.00 is for the reimbursement of food that is brought.

Shannon: I was wondering if someone could explain what this is?

Holly: Basically, what this group is trying to do, is they are bringing in a group called Project Love, and they are bringing up instances on campus where discrimination occurs on campus that people don't even think about. So, they will bring in a facilitator to

have a discussion about this with no faculty present. And, it is open to all the students.

Carol: What is the food deal?

Holly: I don't know the exact details, but my understanding is that students are coming and eating for free, so this will help to curb those costs.

Phil: So, they put this into motion without the money?

Holly: It would seem that way, I am not a member of Black Student Union, so I don't really know but they have already planned this so...

Voting: Motion Passed

III. Standing Committee Chair Reports

- a. Elections Chair – Luke: We are going to have elections for a new senior representative. Petitions are available from today until next Wednesday at 5 pm. We are going to use survey monkey to do elections for this election through spring break. So, we are optimistic this will work. We can send an e-mail to those who haven't voted in hopes that it increases the number of people who vote. We are also looking into a program available for elections in student organizations, but if we decide to do this, it would help dramatically over the tables in front of Hoernemann. I will let you know how it goes. If you have any senior friends who want to be a senator let them know.

Whitney: So, you will e-mail this to everyone?

Luke: Yes, we are trying to make sure we do this because it is important.

Shannon: Could you put it in student announcements too?

Dustin: No because you have to track it through the e-mail itself. You have to take what the registrar says about your current class based on the number of credit hours you have completed. They may have an incomplete based on their class, and the program we use is from banner. So, one may think they are junior when they aren't. The problem with announcements is that they would allow people to vote 6 or 7 times.

Luke: We were just talking about having petitions available.

Dustin: Oh. Then, yeah.

Holly: Is this determined by semesters or years?

Dustin: Credit hours.

Holly: So, what would happen if we were borderline between statuses?

Would we then have to go out and find a new representative to replace me if say I became a junior half way through the year?

Dustin: No, you were elected into that position.

- b. Publicity Chair – KB: I just got a flyer from Todd, and my committee will be sending out an e-mail to advertise the treasurers meeting, so that it has a good turn out. Brian will be taking over the website for faster updates.

- c. Liaison for Student Organizations Chair – Beth: We have a new organization that wants to be formed: the chess club. We are also going to probably start this new thing with the new fraternity on campus, soon.
- d. Campus Concerns Chair
 - i. Food Focus –
 1. Someone wants the stir fry bar open more often (right now it is only open once every 6 weeks), so they are looking to incorporate that more.
 2. Someone else had a complaint about a hair being in their quesadilla.
 3. It has been cold in Hoernemann, but they shut the big window that should help.
 4. Someone wants alphabet soup
 5. Someone said something about a new toaster in Hoernemann, but I think the one in there works well...

What's Your Beef –

1. Someone wanted a microwave in Rock Creek, but Denis has to talk to an electrician about that possibility.
2. Finally, my hair is too short.

Ali: Is there a way that Stoner could get burn cream?

Carol: I don't know what the issue with the new egg lady is, but her attitude is bad. There is a lot of oil on the food, and she won't let us have scrambled eggs or anything but the omlet stuff.

Keenen: Andrew Sather has requested student senate minutes be made public??

KB: They do get sent to sue Kreiger, where they are updated onto the website.

Brett: They also said that to-go boxes are not going to exist next year due to abuse. Also, they are pretty upset about the stealing of trays and cups, so...

Also, since I am no longer sick, we will try the open forums for after break.

Alyssa: As far as the to-go boxes go, they had said that is what I need to do because of the allergy situation. I have to have them make me special meals...How is that going to effect me if they are getting rid of them?

IV. Special Committee Reports

a. Task Forces

- i. Academics: Keenan, Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon – Shannon: We received from Ellen the new sheets that we will have available for scheduling next year. We wanted to talk to you about doing some type of a majors lunch. We had controversy in our committee, so we are bringing it up here. We were thinking of having a lunch once a semester where

different faculty members will meet with the students to get to know the professors in their major.

Eric: I feel it is a very good idea. Maybe you could put it in Miller Small, or doing lunch in different majors buildings.

Keenan: My main beef was that our main focus was for majors to meet their professors, and I feel that if you need to meet a professor, you should be able to do so. I don't think this is necessarily important for us to focus on that right now.

Luke: Maybe doing a couple of different majors a week with a special incentive?

Brian: Would it be open to just the majors or everyone? What if someone is interested in changing majors?

Shannon: When we talked to Ellen she was saying something about a carnival type thing with several different major's professors there for students to meet. I don't see why they couldn't come.

Keenan: I think there are more important things that academics should be focusing on.

Eric: I would encourage Academics to come to us with some of those issues if you feel there is something more important...

Carol: I know there are more important things, but it won't take long to accomplish this goal, so we could get it together quickly.

Keenan: I feel that we should be focusing more on those students who are put on probation with nothing to build them back up.

Shannon: This is one of the things we discussed in the beginning, and is our only goal left now.

Beth: I think it is important to improve the relationships between the students and faculty. Though, I have seen in the past that it hasn't been successful. Try to think of something different because it seems like students don't want to do them.

Holly: Before we make any major decisions, we should get feedback from faculty first.

Eric: I think that as far as freshman go, you do get to meet other majors and you are very intimidated by them. It is important to not only meet faculty, but others in your majors. This is an actual face to face thing that would be good. Even if it doesn't work with the faculty it could very well work with just having lunch between the students, that way even if a professor isn't available another student may be.

KB: Who will keep this accountable? How will it stay organized? How will we get attendance?

Michelle: Instead of specific majors, have advisors come that know a lot about different fields.

Zaia: We also talked about having the head of the major departments organize something for their group of students whether it be lunch or a movie.

Ben: I think the point is, do we feel we should do this? Not how...

Alyssa: I am pretty busy, and if this happened, I probably wouldn't attend, and I know a lot of people feel the same way.

- ii. Technology: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol –
- iii. Student Involvement: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth –

- iii. Campus Center Improvements: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan, Khusi –
- iv. Residence Halls/ Buildings on Campus: Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB –

b. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

Luke: Will there be an e-mail sent out on the the times for these meetings?

--It has been sent, no one has gotten it? (None have)

V. Old Business

- a. Constitution Committee – Ben: There is a meeting right after senate today, but we would like to clear up is the idea of elections. So, the people of the executive board who are running to be voted on by the student body are the Vice President and the President. The nominations would occur inside of senate, for senators who are current senators within the last year. The elections would only occur with two people that senate would narrow to that point. Those two elections would occur prior to the rest of the elections, so that those people who do not get it can run for other positions.

Luke: What was the rational behind that number?

Ben: If three is believed to be better please let me know, but two is what is necessary. It is easy and simple, so others can get ready for the next election.

Holly: Also, we felt that we would be sending the two best candidates out of senate to be elected by the student body.

Aaron: You said two weeks prior to the rest of Exec. Being elected? Why two weeks?

Ben: We wanted it set up in a way that the senators running can speak to the students. Then, the rest would have a week to receive the nomination and be voted in.

Brett: My only issue is that if someone is not the best public speaker, then it could go against them. Also, they don't see behind the scenes, I think in the past we have done a good job and I think we know better than anyone who would be the best candidate.

Phil: I feel this is a great idea. Also, if you can't talk to the student body you will be representing, you shouldn't be president. If that person isn't approachable, they can't address your concerns.

An issue I have is that the President and Vice President are running together, so one couldn't try to run for both...

Beth: What were you looking for as far as this discussion goes?

Luke: I would like to point out this is a time sensitive issue, and something we will have to get implemented quickly. The ability of senate to narrow it down is great because they then have the top two candidates up for election. The biggest thing about this is the student buy-in to senate. I know there is kind of a distance right now, and if they elected those in charge it would help.

Keenan: Personally, I am in favor of three candidates, due to a decrease in personal attacks. Also, have you considered having running mates instead of separate elections?

Ben: We have, but it is still under discussion.

Aaron: From my perspective, lets say at the end of the year they would take office. Would that happen two weeks prior to the end of the semester?

Ben: I haven't thought through this, but I would think all elections need to be complete for that to happen.

- b. Student Recreation Center Committee – Phil: The primary reason this Recreation Center was shot down was because they are going to try to make it a student union and a recreation center. So, we went through to decide what we wanted in a recreation center and what we want we in a student union. Then we made a final list for our Recreation center and Student Union needs to make it a good building for both. What I am going to do is e-mail out to you what we have decided to have in this building. If you have any further comments or must haves, e-mail me.

Must haves:

Bar/Restaurant area

Indoor track/Multipurpose court

Fitness areas for HPE/Aerobics

Coffee Bar

Miscellaneous multipurpose rooms

Game room

Cardio room

Weightlifting area

Student athletic advising committee office/room (NCAA requirements)

Permanent concession area

A store for only Heidelberg apparel.

TVs and sitting areas here and there

Randomly placed computers

Those are the major ones. I will e-mail this, and if anyone wants to comment on this, shoot me an e-mail.

- VI. New Business
-- None

VII. Comments and Suggestions

Eric: Whoever was interested in talking about a 24 hour computer lab, if you are interested, see me after the meeting.

Luke: My weekly prince is for Brett, since he is feeling better.

Beth: My prince is for Todd for figuring out the health center's and other budget request stuff with me.

Brett: If we could have the campus concerns committee meet after the meeting, and thanks everyone for the card it was nice.

Tito: Resident halls and Buildings need to meet after.

Ben: Constitution meeting after.

Phil: There is a mass at 5:30 in Herbster if you would like to go for Ash
Wednesday.

Todd: < Announced Treasurer's meeting times >

VIII. Advisor's Remarks

- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – You have seven meetings left, so if you are planning on the 3 weeks ahead, then you have two meetings left to change the constitution.
- b. Dr. Amy Berger – Not present

IX. President's Remarks

Aaron: I would like to see a lot more reports from the other committees. All these are things I would like to see improved upon and reports from you. Also, Campus Center improvements, I need to see you afterwards.

X. Adjournment

Adjourned: 5:12 pm