

Student Senate Agenda

Wednesday, March 21, 2007

Campus Center Room 220

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - Minutes Approved

- II. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance – \$10,123.08
 - b. Finance Committee Report
 - c. Budget Request
 - First: Student Athletic Trainers Organization for the Ohio Athletic Conference of Sports medicine symposium?
 - Todd: We move to allocate \$575.00.
 - Heather: What is the money going toward?
 - Todd: They need \$560 for rooms \$150 for food, ect...
 - Vote Passed

 - Second: Terraqua wants to go out and buy actually plastic bins, so that it looks better to help clean up.
 - Todd: We move to allocate 100 dollars.
 - Brett: Is that recyclable plastic? (Senate Laughs)
 - Keenan: How many did they want to buy?
 - Todd: 15 bins and 390 garbage bags.

- III. Standing Committee Chair Reports
 - a. Elections Chair – Luke: There were mixed messages regarding who would send out the senior e-mail, now that we have that sent out, we will be having elections for them soon, and elect a senator for 3 weeks.
 - b. Publicity Chair – KB: The updates will be made this week because my classes have been cancelled for tomorrow, so I have time to make them. In the future Brian will be making the changes instead of myself.
 - c. Liaison for Student Organizations Chair - Nothing
 - d. Campus Concerns Chair – Karen had nothing new really.
 - i. Food Focus
 - j. What's Your Beef

- IV. Special Business (slightly moved with-in this meeting)
 - a. Dean Troha and Dr Stork (Health and Wellness Complex)
 - Dean Troha: I can't remember when we were hear last time, but since then we brought a committee together and took all the input we gained, asking several groups, and created a design that was turned down. The architects didn't appropriately bring in the student union feel to the Wellness center. So, here is the problem, we have finite resources to create a facility that meets these standards. What we

want to know is: ok, we have all this stuff (referring to a diagram) in here, what is missing? What will make it a student union for you all?

Meghan: I like that you have incorporated the extra activities room, what I can't tell is how well you have incorporated the HPE students?

Stork: <pointed out area where this is incorporated>

Holly: You mentioned meeting rooms/office space somewhere in this building?

Troha: The only office space in there is already existing offices.

Holly: I know that when this was created, we were worried that it would take away from the student union feel...

Corin: What will Seiberling be used for?

Troha: Nothing will be changed.

Corin: One concern, if you will put a restaurant in there, I don't want to be working out and smelling that grease.

Troha: Right, those concerns have been addressed in an attempt to make it its own entity.

Aaron: We had a report the week before spring break, and they put in the ideal Recreation Center a Health bar, so maybe that healthy type food would be better.

Eric: There are so many ways to avoid the grease issue by avoiding fried foods, like maybe you would just do special nights for things such as wings and that is it. Also, I think having lounging area will help to give it more of a student union feel.

Troha: What about mailboxes? I think you all want to have a place where you can do it all in here. Having computers, lounge area, a restaurant and athletics. We want to make an un-athletic person feel comfortable there.

Aaron: I think that the mailboxes are a good idea if they move Rock Creek.

Troha: It is also more along the path.

Carol: Did Troha's committee receive a copy of that (referring to what Weaver had) because we put what we need in this building. My biggest thing is that I feel like we are trying to cram everything into one place accept academics. Are we trying to put too much in one building?

Troha: We know we have classroom capacity elsewhere that is why we aren't putting those there. Our main focus is balancing the student center and Recreation Center. And, we haven't gotten it right yet.

Brian: One issue is concert/programming space for things.

Troha: I would say you would have plenty of room here (referring to the diagram areas where it will work)

Beth: You are afraid that no non athletes will go over there, but as long as the restaurant is there they will go there because it is a place to go that they don't have yet.

Keenan: I would like to stress the benefits for the radio station being in this building. It really shows student involvement and participation right there in that building as well as broadcasting things in that building.

Troha: Here is the only issue, the radio station has a lot of dead time, and if you give space here for this from 8am to 2pm, then we need to make it so

that it will be filled through out the day. How will it be structured within the communication department? There have been arguments for and against it. I think we can work through it, but it will take some thought.

Luke: I don't think there is that much changing we need, I would say if you are going to put a ton of money into it, use some of it for programming. But, if you don't do anything with it then it will be a skeleton. If this isn't done in a timely manner, the things we are talking about now will be irrelevant because you can think this will be great but it won't affect me. So, I hate delaying this, but that is my issue.

Troha: That is a great point because we haven't discussed the extra staffing and programming space. The problem with doing it quickly is that we don't want to build a facility that won't meet our competition. I don't want to spend 15 instead of 20 million and get something we aren't happy with. I should also point out that because we are trying to do this in 20 million dollar range we may have to do this in pieces. Which one do we want first?

Meghan: The all purpose is important for bringing in recruits.

Whitney: I agree with Meghan.

Sara: Most students felt that they would prefer a student union area before an athletic facility.

Luke: I would say student union because the Y does have some facility to suffice for now.

Eric: I have trouble going against it because I saw it and have a vision of what it will be but at the same time. If you are trying to distance yourself from other schools then maybe some of those more extreme/expansive things may help. Further, you can renovate this building now to suffice.

Holly: I wanted to return to Carol's comment about the fact that we are trying to do so much with this building, and I think that it will detract from the goal. I feel as though instead of looking at the specialty items, maybe focus more on commonalities like lounge space and the restaurant, but if we try to pack to much in, we won't have the resources and it will prolong the time for getting this done.

Heather: I was wondering what you have done for those students who don't have the ability to run on a treadmill or around a track. Do you have something to make up for those with handicaps that are low impact?

Stork: There are ellipticals, I would consider those low impact.

Heather: Is there anything else? (senate saying something about a pool) What I would prefer is a pool, but I know that that is not feasible. So, what I am asking is if there is something to make up for the fact you don't have that weightless type of exercise?

Storke: Pointed out aerobic rooms where they will have programming.

Carol: To answer you questions about what we want, one thing is giving Greek life a place to go.

Phil: We had a committee meeting that met, and we listed everything ideal in a Recreation and Student Center. What we would have to have, just so you know.

Aaron: Maybe, Phils' committee can meet with you a couple times.
Stork: It's a challenge to get this into one building, and to raise all the money for it.

V. Special Committee Reports

- a. Task Forces – Eric: We are in crunch time, so why don't we work on making some of our final pushes to get things done and get them into a detailed report, in writing to administration. It will make what we are doing more substantial. So, please get together this week and get this written out in detail. If I could get at least a draft I would appreciate it.
 - i. Academics: Keenan, Maryann, Zaia, Heather, Shannon –
 - ii. Technology: Brett P., Eric, Luke, Alyssa, Carol –
 - iii. Student Involvement: Ben, Sara, Phil, Beth –
 - iv. Campus Center Improvements: Brian, Corin, Todd, Meghan, Khusi –
 - v. Residence Halls/ Buildings on Campus: Whitney, Tito, Ali, Michelle, KB –.

b. Faculty Committee Reports

CRC DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

IRC

Eric: They met right before break, and Ali wrote me a report. However, she will have to step down from IRC, so could someone replace her at 12:15 pm on Tuesdays?

Shannon: I will.

Eric: Thank you. They are dealing with pretty simple stuff right now, so it shouldn't be too hard to step in.

EPC:

Zaia: We put creative writing as an arts requirement.

Sara: As we left, they were debating about whether all 3 and 4 hundred courses needed to be taken at Heidelberg.

VI. Old Business

- a. Survey – Eric: It is done, we came into technical problems, and you all should be receiving an e-mail this evening from Dustin saying it is up and running.
- b. TU Survey – Corin: It is done, could everyone pass them out at their classes to make this go more quickly, and could someone help me read them all on Sunday?
Mumbling of helpers.
- c. Relay for Life
Meghan: We are going to work on a budget request for next week, and we are looking into finishing things up.

VII. New Business

a. Nominations

Luke: I will read off the qualifications for positions.

<<See Constitution>>

Nominated for president: KB and Holly accepted

Alyssa, Ben, and Beth declined

Nominated for Vice President: Heather, Holly, KB, Shannon, Luke accepted

Ben, Beth, Keenan declined

Nominated for Treasurer: Todd, Sara, Holly, Zaia accepted

Nominated for Secretary: Heather, Sara, Shannon, Whitney accepted

Brian, Corin and Todd declined

Nomination for Parliamentarian: Ben, Tito, Sara accepted

Todd declined

Nomination for LSO: Beth, Whitney, Shannon, Sara, KB accepted

Corin declined

Nomination for Elections: Luke, Tito, Keenan accepted

Nominations for Publicity Chair: Corin, Whitney, Zaia, Keenan, KB accepted

Brian, Michelle, Sara declined

Nominations for Concerns: Brett, Corin, Michelle, Luke, Holly, Zaia, Tito,

Brian, Ben accepted

Beth, Heather declined

Aaron: President and Vice President will give speeches, every other position will not be able to, but if you would like to campaign for qualities, e-mail your fellow senators, otherwise you can only answer Qs.

b. Zaia – In academic task force we decided we wanted more languages at Heidelberg, so I took it to EPC and the response we received from the Dean and some of the other professors was ridiculous because we were basically dismissed.

Sara: We both left the meeting really discouraged, and I took it to Dustin and he suggested that we write a letter to them saying that we feel we were treated inappropriately. And, some of the comments made were rude, and they would not even listen to us.

Meghan: I think it is a great idea to get more languages here, I think it helps improve with diversity learning.

Aaron: I think the question was whether we should write the letter.

Sara: It is both, we were going to look at that next, so either opinion is good

Holly: What are some of the comments you received?

Sara: One thing occurred when we were talking about Latin. If I talk to those with law degrees, I was interrupted and told that isn't your job it is mine by Dr Wieninger.

Zaia: It just seemed like everything he said...it was like if the students want more languages, then they should get it right, and he was like well that is an argument.

Holly: I just wanted to know if it was constructive criticism, or not...

Zaia: Other professors in that meeting felt Dave was stating inappropriate things as well.

Carol: If you want to do it, you do it, because if you want something you need to write the letter and get it taken care of.

Beth: I was wondering if you had talked to him one on one. I am sure this letter would be strong coming from Senate, but have you tried just talking to him?

Sara: We have not, just because of the upset we felt.

Eric: I would be willing to help with the drafting.

Luke: It would help other groups too.

Keenan: I would suggest going to him individually before Student Senate. Let yourselves cool off, and take a mediator. If he's still a jerk, then write the letter.

Holly: I give 100% approval to Keenan.

Michelle: I agree, and take a faculty member.

Brian: Do we just write it to him?

I do not know what happened here.

Luke: Definitely pursue the foreign languages.

Sara: Academics came up with a list. We wanted French minor, Latin courses, and sign language courses.

Beth: I am worried because if we do write a letter, then its from student senate, and we all have to agree.

Carol: Did you ask "is this what we want? Now, you have info for them how it will benefit?"

Eric: Take them the facts, take them the letter with your ideas, your reasonings and facts. Take them to them, so it becomes a presentation. Senate will proof read it.

Sara: Have we decided to draft it then? We've already started the research and stuff. So, should we go to the committee or should we go to Dave? Do you want it from Sara and Zaia or from Student Senate?

Aaron: Lets take a vote.

Sara: I move that we write a letter to Dave, from student Senate about being disrespectful.

Keenan: The vote will be different if you have a formal meeting.

Eric: I would like to make a motion that Student Senate draft a letter regarding foreign languages.

Aaron: A committee would do that.

Zaia: Second.

Luke: Why would we be writing a letter about this, we should write a resolution instead of a random letter. We should try and contact him individually not in a big group.

Beth: As Luke said, it's a more personal issue, if we want this idea about Latin and French, then it holds up more than if we just say we want this.

Eric: I meant a resolution.

Holly: I think this is a good thing. I think academic task force should put together the resolution.

Beth: I make a friendly amendment that we make a presentation.

Phil: I make friendly amendment that academics do this.

Carol: Dean Troha had a very funny expression on his face. You probably have his support.

VIII. Comments and Suggestions

Beth: Happy Birthday Todd.

Beth: Corin has been amazing in Hoerneman this week.

Ben: Phil did a good job with the list, and the Recreation center.

Eric: Zaia is still doing the mascot thing, good job.

Phil: Can I meet my group in the corner. Sorry about being late.

Ben: Consitution group meet.

Sara: Can I see my task force please.

IX. Advisor's Remarks

a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger – Not in Attendance

b. Dr. Amy Berger – Not in Attendance

Eric Hauff- A lot of people were nominated for several positions, and accepted those positions. If you don't feel you can handle it, please withdraw your name, and please send letters to senate.

Luke: There's no speeches except for President and Vice President.

Phil: If you don't want a position, take your name off it.

X. President's Remarks

Aaron: If you are on a committee that's dealing with an issue, and you have an objective that you have not reached yet, please raise your hand.<<Just about everyone here is on a committee that needs stuff done.>> Any issues that need to be taken to the board, have it done in the next week. So, do your thing. Also, you have 5 days to be add/drop from the list of nominations. We might have a special meeting. Next weeks meeting will Probably last 2 hours.

XI. Adjournment

Tito: Motion

Brett: Second.