

# Student Senate Minutes

Wednesday, November 7, 2007

Campus Center 220

- I. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Minutes Corrected with Alyssa's correction.
  - b. Approved
- II. Treasurer's Report (Zaia Thombre)
  - a. Balance 13,400.01, to spend \$10,587.01
  - b. Finance Committee Report
  - c. Budget Requests
- III. Standing Committee Chair reports
  - a. Elections Chair -Whitney Buterbaugh-I would like to apologize for not having absentee ballots outside of Hoernemann
  - b. Publicity Chair -Keenan Jones-Names who need to send Bios-Luke, Whitney, Bif, Jake, Anita, Jordan, Ashley—Get Bios to Keenan by FRIDAY!
  - c. Liaison for Student Organizations Chair-K.B. Bryant –Received a recognition form for Colleges Against Cancer, my committee will be discussing it soon, and a new organization involving Ben King too.
  - d. Campus Concerns Chair- Corin Cieska-Icky Chicken Nuggets, they ran out and bought some because they ran out. They did not like them either. Speed on Internet-a couple weeks ago they increased bandwidth from 12 to 20, if it is still slow you should clean up your computer 2351, Thanksgiving Dinner is November 19<sup>th</sup>, Christmas December 4<sup>th</sup>, and Late Night Breakfast is Muskingum has more vegan options and Karen is looking into those options. If you want something mixed in with your pasta or a wrap you can take it over there. January meal-Super bowl meal? If you want a themed meal let Corin know. If you have recipes you want them to try to cook you can send them to Corin. Karen said she would be more than willing to experiment with recipes. If you are going to write letters can you have them be detailed or sign your name at the bottom?
    - i. Food Focus-Splenda in Rock Creek?
      1. Holly-I have heard several complaints about holds on accounts, in the past that meant no access to transcripts, that is a problem because you cannot access 5 week appraisals. They will not release unofficial transcripts but you can still pay \$3 and have them give an official.
      2. Alyssa-They will not give them to the student until they are off the hold.
      3. Are we getting a bigger clock in Hoernemann
      4. Shannon-The one woman would not put people's stuff in their pasta.
    - ii. What's Your Beef?
- IV. Special Committee Reports

- a. Task Forces
  - i. Faculty Committee Placement
  - ii. Constitution Review Committee
  - iii. Oversight-By next week we will have established a date and time to remove things from our office. I did not talk to Troha about what will happen to the office. We also need to decide during new business what week in the month we will be having office hours.
  - iv. Aramark Thank You-The card has been out in different buildings all week. There are many signatures, and it will go to other buildings the rest of the week.
  - v. Veterans day-she said they would take off \$1.20 per ID, I paid \$8 for the ribbons. I am passing them around can you each take one. Around \$150 was spent on the food.
  - vi. Dustin-They take the meal off of that day and time.
  - vii. KB- can someone find out how much each meal is costing the student per swipe, and what the difference is for? I want to know how much money I am wasting every time I choose to not eat in Hoernemann.
  - viii. Dustin-The difference is that they can only give you the profit they make that day for that meal because they still cannot plan for or make less for your one meal.
  - ix. Alyssa-He charged the programs were charged to the Student Senate account, and when I asked how much they were he said he did not know. I do not know why that happened.
  - x. Holly-Please send emails to Shannon about committees and charges ASAP!

#### Faculty Committee Reports (Vice President Luke Ahrens)

CRC-No Meeting? DC-No Meeting? EPC-we have talked about reorganizing the Media Prefix and we are revamping the Communications curriculum. The English department is going to have a greater separation between the literary concentration and the writing concentration and they are adding a ton of new classes. FDC-No Meeting? IRC-No meeting? RCL-Still not meeting?

#### V. Unresolved Business

- a. Congressman Gillmor Frame-Casie Scott-It has been turned in with a note. President Dottavio stopped Holly and thanked the Student Senate for the frame. He said he was very excited to give it to her. (RESOLVED)
- b. 5 Week Appraisals-Ben Schwarz-Has anyone heard anything about appraisals? Corin-I got a few beefs but I forwarded them to Ben. (TABLED)

#### VI. New Business

- a. Student Activity Fee-KB brought up that we need to discuss the idea of an increased activity fee. (HANDOUT) The handout shows a list of peer schools and how much money the program board gets, operational funds, and whether or not they have an activities fee or not. Heidelberg's information is a little confused. Keep the discussion limited to activity fee yes or no.

- i. Keenan-Are these all of the schools that you contacted, KB-yes these are the ones I was able to contact, A lot of the info is from Reetha. Keenan-It sounds like this is already in the works so should we find out where it stands before we discuss what should happen. KB-they are waiting on Senate. Their idea is to reallocate the money and the fees or to add money to the student activities fee which would be allocated to BEC. They do not want to wait very long, they are approving the tuition soon and they need to know. Dustin-definitely by the end of the semester, the board approves the budget in February but they have already decided and are waiting on approval, we can slip things in.
- ii. Luke-we expressed a strong interest in this last year but it got pushed aside because the budget was already approved. I feel very strongly about this. If each student pays a fee we will be able to increase the amount and quality of programming.
- iii. Holly-what is in the best interest of students?
- iv. Corin-who would the money be going to Senate, or BEC or what? KB-I think BEC is the impression I am getting but the money is to go to programming.
- v. Keenan-What is the fee right now? KB-Right now \$30 goes to activities fees- \$5 for BEC, \$10 to IRHC, \$15 to senate.
- vi. Luke-this is for KB/Dustin-I do not understand where all the money is coming from? It does not seem to equate. Dustin-I do not know the information or if you can know that information. I do not think KB's info is right.
- vii. Shannon-Lets do it. We need to be able to have more and better programs and that requires money.
- viii. Keenan-Is it true that Heidelberg is the lowest? Or is it just that we have only investigated certain schools. Also I think we need to investigate how our programs compare to others and if we are keeping up with a lower budget.
- ix. Luke-events are limited and BEC has to be very selective to have the number of events that are wanted. Also they cannot do weekend programming because they cannot spend money on events that are not being attended.
- x. KB-it is very painful to have to go with an artist that is less talented because they are cheaper. Also we do not want to ask Senate for money but we are struggling.
- xi. Keenan-How much does Senate give to BEC-1500 for Late Night breakfast and also 4000 for Battle of the Bands. I think new opinions would be very helpful.
- xii. Corie-I feel the same as KB because it is so hard to have the demands on us but we cannot meet them because we do not have the money. Raising more money would be so much better than saying no.
- xiii. Corin- I like the activities fee, at first I did not want all the new money to go to BEC but Keenan brings up a new point that if we have an additional \$7000 then we can use that for other organizations.

- xiv. Dustin-This is more than just about asking for more money, this is about whether your money is going to be taken away from you. IT is the opinion that you do not do a good job allocating your money. Two years ago Senate went 4000 into debt, the year before Senate had 14000 in surplus. This is something I feel you have overlooked, and needs to be discussed. Then you look at BEC who just won all these awards and you realize that BEC is doing a good job in spending their money. This is not just about whether BEC deserves more money it is about where the allocation should go and how much it should be.
- xv. Keenan-Dustin-regarding the two senates who mismanaged the money, did they turn down a lot of requests Dustin-they were selective (they nickel and dime). You guys do the same you look at the allocation and say I could do it cheaper. You guys are headed towards a surplus right now. It should be discussed in terms of value not where is the money going. Keenan-since we know what the solutions are and we should draft two resolutions one on each side and then we should have a formal debate about it.
- xvi. Luke-I know we have mismanaged but I feel like we are trapped. I do not think they should take away Senate's money but they should definitely increase BEC's money. I think if we were not expecting the huge requests from BEC we would be able to better allocate. I do not think we should be judged on giving money away yet.
- xvii. Dustin-I think part of what you are missing is that the way you allocate money might be the problem. You are not willing to take the blame. You are the only senate that allocates on a day to day basis they allocate at least a year in advance. They allocate in the spring for the fall. Most senates would control BEC's budget but we do not, but since we cannot expect senate to know BEC's budget that will not work. You have to understand that the way Senate manages the money is part of the problem.
- xviii. Luke-I feel like we are in the middle and are expected to budget for some small things and some big things, if we had a certain budget we could move towards that.
- xix. Andrew-I think Dustin you need to keep talking this is the only time I have ever agreed with you.
- xx. Anita-Why does our fee have to be jumped up to \$100 right away? I think it would be better to go up slowly not really fast. It needs to be paced up to \$100/
- xxi. Keenan-I have to agree with Dustin on this. This would be a chance to hold ourselves more accountable and other organizations accountable. This is the perfect opportunity to put into a resolution to govern ourselves.
- xxii. Holly-I have a question-If someone would want to entertain the idea of how Senate handles budget requests would that be up to Zaia or would we do it as a resolution and vote as a senate. The finance committee certainly should have some say in that. But if you want to have the committee change the way it does things then you need to have them vote.

- xxiii. KB-I do not want this to get lost. We need to do this soon, I am willing to write a resolution to introduce the idea of a new student activities fee.
- xxiv. Holly-Ok lets create a task force, KB and Keenan would you be willing to head this up?
- xxv. Keenan-I would request that my own task force handle this situation. A task force that I would write a resolution and we would be investigating the reallocation of the funds. Katie, Anita, Casie, Shannon
- xxvi. KB-I request to investigate having a new activities fee: ON this task force are Jaimee, Luke, Corie
- xxvii. Keenan-I suggest that the task forces bring back results next week.
- xxviii. KB-I move that each task force have a proposal by next week Keenan 2nds, with a friendly amendment that the proposal be a resolution. KB accepts.

1. Motion passes creating two task forces that are charged with having a resolution by next meeting.

- b. Faculty Meeting Report-Currently Andrew and I attend the Faculty meeting, however I want to open this up to all of you. The meeting meets the first Tuesday of every month at 11am. If you are interested you can email Holly and she will put together a schedule.
  - i. Things that were discussed-Dr. Weininger talked about getting subscriptions to the New York Times or USA today for the college that would be paid for by the college. The administration is looking into that.
  - ii. Keenan-Most of those papers are in the lobby.
  - iii. Holly- I think it is so that every student would get one.
  - iv. There were several large motions and issues that were passed, we need to give Kudos to Amy for passing the Environmental Science major that has just been passed.
  - v. They also passed an additional hour for CTA 150 which is history of theatre I.
  - vi. Also there was a course passed that is now NDI 90 which will be mandatory for all students on academic probation to take. The class deals with how to be successful in college.
  - vii. There were results discussed from the 5-week appraisals and we discussed adding adequate to the appraisals. They did a faculty poll regarding 5-week appraisals. Corin-what was the result of that poll? Amy-most prefer them to midterm grades. The concern is that you cannot view them with a hold and also that comments were not available to students.

## VII. Comments and Suggestions

- a. Does anyone know Emily Nagle? I have her flash drive. Taken Care of.
- b. Keenan-If you signed up for Keenan's task force please stay after, also APO's pumpkin smashing is taking
- c. Walter-Can food senior auction is tonight. COME!
- d. KB-there are applications to be an RA in the ResLife office. Also BEC Exec. If you are on my task force I will be emailing you. There is a Powder-puff game tomorrow at the soccer field. Deal or No Deal is next week if you are interested in being a suitcase person contact KB.

- e. Keenan-Greek Life is sponsoring a photo scavenger hunt on Friday. And publicity committee needs weekly princes.
- f. The Weekly Prince
  - i. Corin for meeting with the people at Hoernemann and dealing with all of that tactfully.
  - ii. Kimberly and her task force for the Thank You card. It was very prompt.

VIII. Advisors' Remarks

- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger-I thought about this after the last meeting, I have been extremely impressed with your dialogue at the meetings. This is my fifth senate and probably not the most productive in showing things they have done but that is maybe a good thing but very productive on important things. I do not want you to feel like you have not accomplished a lot but remember it took Amy 2 years to approve a new major. I am very impressed with your discussions, the only criticism I have is that I have been asked several times where the resolution for safety is, I have told those people to ask Senate. Think about how you communicate a resolution to the proper people. I am your advisor not your Administrative liaison.
- b. Dr. Amy Berger-congratulations on running a more organized meeting than the faculty.

IX. President's Remarks- Please task forces I do not want you to turn into those in the past. I need those timelines from you guys so that we can get them resolved. Get me the charges, the timelines, and your meeting times. We do not want to let things go. Exec after meeting.

X. Adjournment

Corin, 2<sup>nd</sup> by KB