

Student Senate Minutes

Wednesday, November 14, 2007

Campus Center 220

4:04pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. No additions or corrections.
 - b. Approved*
- II. Treasurer's Report (Zaia Thombre)
 - a. Balance-we have about 13,000
 - b. Finance Committee Report
 - c. Budget Requests-none
- III. Standing Committee Chair reports
 - a. Elections Chair -Whitney Buterbaugh-nothing
 - b. Publicity Chair -Keenan Jones-Did not meet this week, however we sent Dustin the Bio sheet and five of you still have not sent in your bios. My own personal opinion is that it would look terrible to not have a bio for some senators. Bif, Jordan, Jake, Ashley and Anita.
 - c. Liaison for Student Organizations Chair-K.B. Bryant -I talked to Bonnie Shawberry and she was relieved, Psi Chi is willing to take on the chair massage event. It is going to be \$240 for the chair massages and they also want to do stress relief packages. Also, next week we will be approving colleges against cancer.
 - d. Campus Concerns Chair- Corin Cieska
 - i. Splenda will be back in Rock Creek, there will be American Cheese at the Omelette bar, as for the bacon and the clock and the eggs-tell them to use the eggs, no bigger clock will be bought. Use your cell phones.
 - ii. Food Focus
 - iii. What's Your Beef?
- IV. Special Committee Reports(Vice President Luke Ahrens)
 - a. Task Forces
 - i. Faculty Committee Placement-Luke
 - ii. Constitution Review-Ben We will come with a list next week of things we think need to be amended and we will come in front. There is one thing we need to amend right away and Exec will be discussing that next week.
 - iii. Oversight-KB-I apologize, we do need to have a meeting time, meet me afterwards so we can establish a meeting time.
 - iv. Aramark Thank You-Kimberly-Who am I giving this to? (Dennis) It needs to be touched up on the front because it went through some rain and other misfortunes. We will do it by Friday.
 - v. Veteran's Day-Alyssa-It is complete I guess. Do not laugh at Alyssa please! The committee as a whole was not able to get tapps players but there was a 21 gun salute and they also read a list of Alumni that were killed in WW2. Then there was a reception with HOT cider and cookies

and coffee. Thanks to Dr. Bing's Class and to those who did come. Bif-TJ says he wants to do this again next year. Alyssa-The programs were \$4.50.

Faculty Committee Reports

CRC-We are just going over the internship handbook and they defined internship right now. DC EPC-Andrew-We have done all the same things as last week. We passed the English Proposal and we are discussing COM changes. FDC-Meet Tomorrow IRC RCL

V. Unresolved Business

- a. 5 Week Appraisals-Ben Schwarz-I will send out the questions to senate so you can look at it, they are approved so we can go ahead with that.

VI. New Business

- a. Student Activity Fee Resolution Presentations-KB Bryant, Keenan Jones
- b. There will be 3 minute presentations then there will be question sessions and then we will split into smaller groups to look into questions that may be left unresolved by these resolutions.
- c. KB-Hello, Just to explain a little bit, the white sheet shows the amount of money BEC has to program. The other sheet has the break down of money spent on each event we did so far this semester. The basic idea is to add a separate fee of \$25 per year. That would be \$17.50 per semester. This would raise the budget to \$60,000. It is not a resolution yet, it is very simple and condensed. It shows our ideas and what we would include in the resolution.
 - i. Comments or Concerns: Ben-Clarification-this is saying that you want to increase a student activities fee or for BEC? KB-the two share a budget. If it says student activities I mean (BEC). Obviously such a huge increase what would the planned use be? We see that we have planned programs what is BEC going to do with the money. KB-I think we would try to do bigger events, and events now at a better quality. Hopefully an increase in events, bigger better events as well as better quality events. We can try and get an idea of what a semester would look like with this increase. Ben-I think that would be important.
 - ii. Keenan-I have a concern about the prize expenses on the budget handout, how does the money come from? KB-Some comes from the Budget but some comes from the other expenses and the programming budget. It is confusing but this paper just shows the lines but we do not have to take it from the prize area some prizes are out of programming. Shannon-Clarification the amount for supplies is for T-Shirts, handout cards, and also the large posters.
- d. Keenan's Resolution-We believed that tuition should not increase, that is why we investigated the change of the allocation of money right now. We suggested moving \$5 from Senate to BEC. This would take BEC to about 40,000. We believe that Senate would not suffer from this given the discussion last week about Senate's use of money. We believe that BEC could better use this money.

- i. Holly-We will split into groups and discuss the two. Look at things you want to change, and comments and concerns. Make comments on things you want to add or change. It is easier to bounce ideas off of each other in a small group, also think big picture, should there be clauses in each resolution to discuss the goal of our resolutions. Why are we increasing the budget? Get students to stay here, more campus student life? Why? We need to make sure that our resolutions support our goal, we need ot have a methodical way of going about our goals.
- ii. Ben-Keenan, you mentioned that you had amendments can we hear them first?
- iii. Lines 21&22 we would insert full time before Heidelberg student, lines 57-58 the same, and line 64 these ideas would be replaced with the ideas in this resolution, and a would be replaced with an in line 65.
- iv. Can I have everyone in the task forces not join other groups. That way it would be more objective.
- v. Keenan-Is the point for it to develop opinions or to ask questions?
- vi. Holly-the reasoning for the small group is to develop questions, opinions and have questions answered. If by looking at the resolution someone feels there is something missing then it needs to be discussed.
- vii. Keenan-according to our request we have 9,000 to spend with no requests.
- viii. Zaia-keep in mind that the spring semester is full of high budgeted requests.
- ix. OK lets split, reconvening at 4:57pm, unless we come to a standstill first. Go get Holly if you need her.
- x. OK lets start up again! If one person could be designated from each group to put forth your ideas and concerns to Keenan and KB.
- xi. Ben's group-Ben-Our group talked for a long time we went back and forth, but in the end we went toward increasing the activities fee and not reallocating senate's money. We need to do something we set out to do in the beginning and help smaller organizations. If we are not doing that we are missing out on one of our goals. Also, that would add an additional 6 or 7 thousand dollars to work with as Senate. Megan-with budgeting, if in the beginning of the year we just wna tto alloacate certain amounts to groups which would help both us and the small groups. Ben-so in the end if we reallocate the money we could be hurting some of the small organizations on campus.
- xii. Whitney-question for Keenan-we talked about how we allocate 6 or 7 would that still be allocated to BEC? Keenan-NO I want to add that to the resolution.
- xiii. Corie's group-I think we came to the consensus that we are in favor of raising the fee because we felt like it was not taking away from as much. We talked about everything Ben said, we want bigger better programs, and keeping people on campus. Question-What would be done with IRHC's budget but Keenan cleaned up and said it would stay the same.
- xiv. Casie's group-Andrew-The goal encompasses both resolutions: to boost BEC's budget in the hopes of improving the quality and quantity of

programming, which would increase retention rates and attract students to Heidelberg College. One thing we did not have a problem with raising the fee, but Andrew brought up the point there is a catch 22 with it, When I looked at them I was undecided, I would like assurances from each, from Keenan-I want assurance that it is not going to be reallocated again, as far as KB's I want assurance that Student Senate would not have to pay additional funds. Casie-I think we definitely need a fee so that we can have better quality of events. I think it will be a moving forward kind of thing.

- xv. Ben-This is totally off topic a little bit, can we rename them, can we call them resolution A-salmon sheet, and White sheet is B. That way it is not personal.
- xvi. Zaia's group- we strongly support Resolution A for these reasons, 1-for the past two years other than last year, we were in a deficit, last year we were forced to have a surplus because we were told we could lose some money if we did not. 2-organizations are growing, and we would not be able to give to these organizations the money that they need, why have LSO if we are not going to have enough money for the allocations. 3-we are the voice of the students, it sends a bad message if Student Senate says that entertainment is more important than student voice, 4-BEC does not do charity events and that is not necessarily a bad thing, but the Charity events are also important. WE do not think that \$40 would be a big deal because the money would go towards student loans anyways; the fee is a compromise between students. The reason why we feel like for example: a lot of organizations will ask for more money because they want that money, Republicans asked for \$500 and they spent \$500.39. We do need the money that is why we are selective.
- xvii. Holly-are there any suggestions for ways to balance the resolutions?
- xviii. Casie-what we said in A BEC would not ask senate for money, that should be a clause in there, they would have to rely on their own budget.
- xix. Zaia-question, where did you get the idea that BEC asks for \$7,000 a year. The information is from KB, it is my personal records of money we asked for in the past. Zaia I was only able to find 4500, KB-we did not ask for Late Night Breakfast.
- xx. Keenan-I am very big into semantics, I think that it is a problem that we call the Student Senate money our money, it is the colleges that we give to organizations. We handle the money as if it is ours, that is why we are so selective. The fact that we went into a deficit a few years ago, was not because they need the money but because they want the money. You make a good point Zaia that we allocated \$500 to Republicans and they got by with it. I am very opposed to increasing what students have to pay to come hear because of what senate wants and because we do not want to give up our allocated money. I forgot a major point-I would like to point out that resolution A is going to include the budget of BEC doubling and I think that is a huge risk, I would be willing to include something in my resolution that would talk about a continual increase if BEC handles their

money well. We know BEC is winning awards but are they winning awards because they are good at budget programming or because they are good at using their budget, so I would like to see a minimal increase to see if they can handle it.

- xxi. Ben-can we refer to everyone else's comments as "a comment made by a senator"
- xxii. Corie-It's alright boo!
- xxiii. KB-Address the senator's concerns I think that their concern is valid and I would be very weary about putting that in the resolution that would say a student organization cannot come to senate. In general I do not think that Senate's overall idea about the money is to give the money to organizations is a positive attitude and it should not be looked at negatively, and the raising of BEC's budget would allow Student Senate more money to give to those groups.
- xxiv. Holly-look for us to be voting on those resolutions next meeting.
- e. Budget Resolution-Andrew Sather, last week our advisor said that the way we allocate our money and I agreed, so I went back to my residence hall and wrote this resolution. It is a trial resolution that would basically be a new way of allocating the money. So we do not meet again for two weeks so if you can all read it and let me know if you have any suggestions or changes to it. Basically what it does is that it is a trial and that we follow it for one semester and if we do not like it we get rid of it if we do then we can reestablish it. It says that we keep a general fund for a case by case basis but the rest would be allocated on a budgetary basis before the semester. I spoke with Zaia, and she at least in principal agrees. Just read it.
 - i. Ben-so this is just a resolution saying this is how Senate will do things next semester, not an amendment. As long as the Finance Committee is in cohorts with this resolution then it is fine.
 - ii. Corin-is that your real email account on the paper, Andrew yes!
- f. Meghan-would Senate like to purchase a table at the Aids Banquet, it is \$75 for 8 seats, they also put the group in the program as they did buy a table so it is a little recognition.
 - i. Shannon, I move that we allocate \$75 for the purchase of a table at the AIDS banquet. 2nd-KB PASSES
- g. Keenan-it is not appropriate for student senate to allocate money for this purpose. In our constitution, it says that we can only give money to student organizations
- h. Corin-can 8 people go? If not there is no purpose.
- i. Wednesday the 28th at 6pm, Allyson, Jordan, Jake, Shannon, Holly, Kimberly can go, not 8 people.
- j. Corin-The money should be by the group. We did not allocate money for this purpose.
- k. Dustin-in the past you have done this so that students that do not have a group to go with can still go. Second, I look good in these shoes.
- l. Biff-Call to question.

VII. Comments and Suggestions

- a. Casie-Aids Banquet, I will be singing at it and performing a monologue and you should come.
- b. Corie-I would like to invite people to come on the Alternative Spring Break Trip, if you are interested see Corie. There is a \$75 commitment down payment.
- c. Keenan-Greek life is sponsoring an alternative Friday night in Seiberling, it is an oldschool recess night, 8pm-12am
- d. The Weekly Prince
 - i. Keenan-Resolutions
 - ii. KB-Resolutions
 - iii. Andrew-Resolutions
 - iv. Ben to his committee for their work on the constitution, also to my group that went into the game room because we had a very good input from all people.
 - v. Corin-for all the work she does with campus concerns.

VIII. Advisors' Remarks

- a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger-Amy apologized for leaving early, there is no spanking of senate this week. I do not think I am allowed to give a weekly prince but I am allowed to give some praise and that goes to Holly for taking the resolutions and handling motions on things that are earth shattering to the administration right now, congratulations Holly for handling that well. The cookies need to make it to me!
- b. Dr. Amy Berger-Had to leave early

IX. President's Remarks

- a. The side chatter has got to stop, people cannot understand what is going on, it is very rude and we owe it to every person in this room to give them the attention to each person. Also Shannon has a hard time taking minutes when there are comments coming from everywhere.
- b. In Exec we discussed task forces a little bit, we like the way it is working but from now on I will not be establishing them, there will be a motion and in the motion there will be a dissolution date. There will therefore have to be another vote to extend the resolution. Holly will also never be sitting on any task forces.
- c. Also I talked to Dustin about the possibility of the President of Student Senate getting an email address, currently we do not have one, that way if things needed to be sent out they could be sent out by that email.
- d. Finally, a quick reminder of attendance policies. There is a gap in communication we think. You only get two each semester before you must go into exec and explain yourself, we do not want to be the attendance gustapo but it is important, if you cannot attend you have to email SHANNON at least 4 hours in advance, also please understand that we hear the absences on a case by case basis, but automatically you must have submitted something to Shannon. Shannon will begin sending out notices to you whether or not your absence was excused.

X. Adjournment Corin, 2nd by KB, at 5:43pm