

Student Senate Minutes

Wednesday January 9, 2008

Campus Center 220

Meeting began at 4:02pm

- I. Approval of the Minutes
 - a. Minutes Approved
- II. Treasurer's Report
 - a. Balance-\$10,935.22
 - i. Restricted funds-\$6561.13
 - ii. General funds- \$4374.09
 - b. We will be talking with LSO and Publicity about getting the word out about the budget resolution.
- III. Standing Committee Chair reports
 - a. Elections-Whitney Buterbaugh- I will be meeting with Dustin tomorrow about electing a new Junior Senator. Voting will start on Monday hopefully. Also we are working with APO and will be taking turns outside Hoernemann to do sign ups for absentee ballots, after we are done sitting out side Hoernemann and Rock Creek we will send a link so people can do it themselves.
 - b. Publicity-Keenan Jones-No report. But APO would like to partner to set up a competition with all organizations to get all members of the organization to register to vote then there would be a prize for the group with the highest percent.
 - c. LSO-Kristina Bryant-I am going to be emailing all organizations to find out about their leadership and members since most of them have probably changed. Also we will be recognizing a new organization next week-Berg LaCrosse.
 - d. Campus Concerns- Nothing
- IV. Special Committee reports
 - a. Task Forces
 - i. Faculty Committee Placement-Luke-I thought we already informally dissolved this committee.
 - ii. Constitutional Review-Ben Schwarz-Exec will look at two new amendments this week and we will be discussing them soon.
 - iii. Oversight-KB-I will be meting with Corin soon. Also the books issue has not been resolved they are still up there. I will take them to the Library.

Faculty Committee Reports

CRC-No one can go. Keenan I will do it. DC EPC FDC IRC RCL

- V. Unresolved Business
 - a. 5 week appraisals-Ben Schwarz
 - i. Do we have an update on the resolution?

- ii. Taskforce for this resolution needs to be informed, Shannon will email everyone.
- iii. Holly-I asked Dustin to get back to me regarding the results.

b. TShirts

- i. They are \$4 per shirt. Please bring the money next week.

VI. New Business

a. Activity Fee Resolution

- i. Holly-Megan Morris did vote in the way the resolution passed and therefore has the right to bring it back for discussion.
- ii. Megan-Move to reconsider the vote on the Activity Fee Resolution, 2nd by Anita -Motion Carries
- iii. Holly if there are no objections we will simply hear Megan's argument, KB and Shannon object.

1. Discussion

- 2. Megan-the discussion was handled the wrong way, it was biased and we need to be objective as student senators.
- 3. Discussion-KB, I do not feel that those of us who are also on BEC are bias because of that. Shannon-there is a difference between bias and experience. The senators that were also in BEC did not make any biased remarks and most the time were just giving counter arguments or clarifying.

4. Voting on the motion, Motion Carries.

iv. The Motion passed so now the Resolution is reopen for discussion.

1. Discussion

- a. Luke-sponsors are in BEC
- b. KB-we have new information since I just updated the form, however I still have to call almost 40 schools.
- c. Shannon-If someone else is willing to sponsor the resolution then do it so we don't have to listen to the same arguments over and over. Step up!
- d. KB-other senators a few years ago took this on and tried to do this, I stepped up to make it happen.
- e. Whitney-I will help in any way
- f. Ben-Put my name on it
- g. Jordan-Me too
- h. Jaimee-Me too
- i. Keenan-I would like to make a friendly amendment to line 50 to strike the \$35 and make it say an increase in tuition contribution. KB-I do not accept
- j. Whitney-If we already have to pay more why is it so bad?
- k. Luke-why \$35
- l. KB-it makes it double will eliminate BEC's funding requests from Senate. I don't see the problem. You

do not know where the money you pay for tuition each year goes. They could be spending \$100 on toilet seats. You know where this money will be going.

- m. Whitney can I make a friendly amendment to Keenan's unfriendly amendment? Ben I guess.
 - n. Whitney-I would like to add no less than before the \$35
 - o. Keenan-I do not accept.
 - p. Ben-Call to Order
 - q. Keenan-I decline
 - r. Andrew-What is wrong with \$35? Our job is to say what we think.
 - s. Keenan-striking \$35 will get my vote.
 - t. Ben-we need to vote, all opinions have been presented if you have something new then please express it.
 - u. Whitney-why the language at the end saying that a task force will meet with the administration until an acceptable compromise is reached.
 - v. KB-is is just in case
 - w. Shannon-it says we want to be part of the process
2. Vote on the amendment, does not pass.
- a. Whitney- I would like to make a friendly amendment, to add "no less than" in front of \$35. KB accepts.
 - b. I don't know how necessary it is to remove us I don't think the administration will see it as not strong, I don't feel it needs to be changed.
 - c. Anita-I am hesitant with the number as well. Why not \$25 so that it would be an easy number to figure?
 - d. Keenan-I don't think the resolution becomes weaker but I have a problem voting for this resolution
 - e. Shannon-it should not matter that we are the sponsors, by voting for it as senators it says SENATE supports it.
 - f. Ben-in many other fields the people that know the information or have the most interest in the subject bring it forward.
 - g. KB-\$25 amount would be only a \$15 increase which would not even make a dent. Also BEC members and Exec are not benefiting from this money, the students benefit not BEC.
 - h. Megan-I brought this up because I thought the \$ would go to programs that may not work.

- i. KB-if I want to wait with this resolution until I have the rest of the numbers could I? Ben yes we could table it.
 - j. Shannon-There is no reason to wait because we have enough information. Clarify now and lets get this done, we have to have this done soon if we want it to matter.
 - k. Anita- I would like to table it and see the updated information.
 - l. Keenan-I move to table
 - m. Anita, 2nd *Motion failed
 - n. Luke-Will the table be included with the resolution
 - o. Jake-the sooner the better, if 2005 is the most recent then those facts hold true.
 - p. Shannon-If we were the lowest in 2005 unless another school has significantly lowered its budget we are still the lowest.
 - q. Keenan-we need correct and up to date information
 - r. Katie-Dustin kept saying we need to get this done
 - s. Whitney-should we include that the information is form 2005?
 - t. Andrew-we cannot change the language in a whereas clause can we?
 - u. Ben-NO we cannot change a whereas
 - v. Shannon-this is to benefit students and it should not matter exactly where we stand if we think this is something that is needed then we should do it.
 - w. Luke-We know it WAS the lowest but we should not lie if that is not true.
 - x. Whitney-I move to change the whereas clause that says
 - i. Cant change a whereas
 - y. KB-can the sponsors change a where as?
 - z. Ben-in the interest of time I think it is ok
 - aa. Shannon and KB-change to “was the lowest (see table) in 2005 and the budget has remained unchanged”.
 - bb. Keenan-That still implies that we are the lowest.
 - cc. KB-NO it just reads like it is. I don’t care what you think it implies but it simply says what it says.
 - dd. Megan-It is clear and reads the way it is.
 - ee. Vote on Resolution-activity fee 2 *Resolution accepted
- b. Senate Get away
- i. Holly-We need to have a regrouping, look for an email from me. If you have any ideas email me.

- c. Keenan-I move that senate cosponsors a competition with APO and helps to provide a prize for the winning group. 2nd by KB
 - i. Luke- what if 100% of all groups or more than one are registered?
 - ii. Shannon-could it be the first to 100%?
 - iii. Keenan-that may not work because some may be registered already
 - iv. Jingjing-What about WSU? Not all students can vote, ie international students.
 - v. Luke-what about a yay for voting pizza party for those that register
 - vi. Keenan-I withdraw my motion. LSO will assist publicity and APO in getting the word out to organizations.
- VII. Comments and Suggestions
 - a. The Weekly Prince
 - i. Keenan-to Megan for being willing to step up.
 - b. Comments
 - i. Corin-Saturday is the Relay for life Kickoff
 - ii. Ben-wow it is great to see parliamentary procedure, also just remember to use “a senator” instead of names, feelings are at stake.
 - iii. Megan-I think that we can take a lot out of this meeting and we learned many things today.
- VIII. Advisor’s Remarks
 - a. Dean Dustin Brentlinger-Absent
 - b. Amy Berger-Nothing
- IX. Presidents Remarks
 - a. Holly Romelfanger
 - i. I have a few concerns. People are not listening, please be respectful of others, do not talk while others are talking and cut the side chatter. Also people work hard on these resolutions so keep that in mind. In terms of Bias and conflict of interest, we have to keep these things in mind, we have to realize that its not how it actually is but how it will appear, appearances are big. Finally when I am trying to figure out parliamentary procedure, please do not all answer. I will look to Ben and if Ben is unsure then I would love to hear your input, but Ben is parliamentarian.
- X. Adjournment
 - a. Motion to Adjourn by Corin, 2nd by Whitney, meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.