

- I. 4:35PM Call to Order/Prayer/Introductions
- II. Executive Reports
  - A. President's Report (Vinny Solomeno)
    1. Welcome.
    2. Future televised broadcasts from the Royal Wave.
    3. Website - Joe Casabona
    4. Agenda Planning and Committee Chair Appointments
      - a. Academic Affairs (Rengert)
      - b. Appropriations (Sweeney)
      - c. Ignition Awareness (Hayden)
      - d. Residence Life and Dining Services (Clark)
      - e. Safety and Crime Prevention (Aughenbaugh)
    5. Executive Positions.
      - a. Director of Communications- Tessa Kelly
        - Motion for Approval (Aughenbaugh).
        - Second (Davis).
        - All 16 votes in favor
        - nomination granted
      - b. Secretary- Samantha Barrett
        - Motion for Approval (Hayden).
        - Second (Rengert).
        - All 16 votes in favor
        - nomination granted
      - c. Treasurer (tabled, because of change in bylaws)
- III. New Business
  - A. Introduction of Senbill 042.05 Resolution to Expand Eligibility for Appointed Office
    1. Solomeno: Presently, our bylaws only have guidelines for two offices. Tessa, technically could be an eighth grader. The class guidelines are for treasurer and secretary only. Rather than limiting people, we wish to open the guidelines to more qualified people. Bylaws are fluid. Enclosed are two definitions of bylaws, with the ability to be changed. The University of Scranton is the only Jesuit school in America to offer class guidelines for their officers. We read their constitution and their bylaws and found no wording regarding. Today we would like to appoint a Treasurer who is definitely qualified, definitely responsible. But what about the future? What about future senates? We are doing them a service. You as senators have a say on who this individual is, what this individual does.
    2. Aughenbaugh: This change in Bylaws is more inclusive. Class status does not make one more/less qualified.
    3. Davis: The Student Senate is reworked frequently.
    4. Hayden: Walter in office is capable, but I feel unequal to the president to introduce bills before office grandfather amendment. By grandfather, that is to say put it into affect for the 2006-2007 Senate.
    5. Solomeno: I appreciate your comments, and opinion, but may I ask the question, Are you aware that last year Dan Neilson and Chris Manyon changed the bylaws when they took office to add a Director of Communication to immediately serve their needs?
    6. Hayden: No I did not.
    7. Davis: This change won't directly benefit Vinny and Joe, rather the whole student body.
    8. Rengert: I feel that there probably is someone out there who is qualified without changing the bylaws. We are not limiting the number of people at all. Chances are, if you are in fact, qualified you'll have the opportunity to do it next year. I don't doubt that your qualified, but I do doubt that Walter is the only qualified person.
    9. Hayden: This is about setting a precedent. If ever year the president and vice president don't agree with something, I don't think it's fair to make immediate bylaw changes to appease them. If this law is for the betterment of the student body, I think it should be grandfathered in.
    10. Casey: Point of Clarification: Bylaws are debated by need and a quorum by vote.
    11. Aughenbaugh: Bylaws are not as concrete as the Constitution. Qualified students meet the need. Class status won't define qualification.
    12. Casey: Is there a motion on the floor to move to second reading?
      - Motion for a Second Reading (Meyer).
      - Second (Davis).
      - All 16 votes in favor.
      - Bill moves to second reading
    13. Clark: I'm opposed to Hayden's proposed grandfather change in the bylaws. Casey's clarification was immediate. Practically speaking, we need to consider people on the appropriate committee to support on

philosophical diversity to talk about exclusion regarding race, gender and age. Speaking both practically and philosophically, we need to approve this bill.

14. Molitoris: Opening government to more students creates a greater pool of talent, creates new possibilities.
15. Meyer: Was there more qualified interest? Was Walter the only person who approached you?
16. Solomeono: Appointments were chosen on qualification and interest. The same as used by our predecessors. Tessa, I had known from several organizations on campus. Sam, from Ireland, had expressed interest and she was the only one who expressed interest in that position. Then for the Treasurer, Walter was the only person who approached us and frankly, we had no idea that a rising sophomore couldn't run for treasurer. But to answer your question, yes. Walter was the only person who was interested in serving as treasurer.
17. Rengert: A concern of mine is if a sophomore has ability. From what I know of you, you can handle yourself well, but people who don't know you, I don't think would necessarily give you the respect you deserve to do a good job because you don't meet the class requirements.
18. Solomeno: I would like to cite a personal example regarding Liva arts and their appropriations in the last senate. I happened to walk into the office the other day and Walter was speaking with Emily Kocis, the president of Liva Arts company and she asked me why do we have to follow all of this. And he adequately was able to make Emily understand the way the appropriations works and he did an excellent job at that. Yes, I think a rising sophomore could do a good job to be outspoken and to deal with clubs.
19. Olechna: If rising juniors can become president and vice president and have the consensus of the student body, a sophomore should be allowed to be a treasurer.
20. Hayden: If bylaws are constantly changing what is the point of having bylaws?
21. Solomeno: See the definition in your packet.
22. Meyer: Would it be appropriate for Walter to speak?
23. Dean Yusinski: I agree with the premise, but I think you may be a step ahead of the game. As your moderator, I feel that you need to deal with the bill on the floor.
24. Webby: I think that the concern about whether a sophomore will have a command over what they are doing, and I think that's been proven.
25. Molitoris: I think we need to address the bill, rather than Walter's qualifications.
26. Rengert: To base the bill on Walter's qualifications goes against our task at hand. I don't think it's valid to base this bill just on Walter.
27. Solomeno: I agree, disregard Walter. However, he is qualified. He prepared the appropriations packet.
  - Motion to vote on SenBill042.05 (Davis)
  - Second (Molitoris)
  - a. Vote on SenBill 042.05
    - i. 10 In favor
    - ii. 4 oppositions
    - iii. 1 abstention
  - Motion to reconsider (Searles)
  - Second (Davis)
28. Davis: Walter will be nominated if the bill passes. If the bill doesn't pass he won't be able to serve. Let's deal with the bill at hand for the moment. Vote for the Bill first.
29. Dean Yusinski: You have a motion on the floor whether or not you want to revote. Only deal with one motion at a time.
30. Searles: I would like elaborate on my motion to reconsider because I agree that anything specific about Walter is irrelevant.
  - Motion to Approve SenBill 042.05 (Meade)
  - Second (Davis)
  - a. Vote o SenBill 042.05
    - i. 13 in favor
    - ii. 2 oppositions
    - iii. 1 abstention

## II. Executive Reports (untabled)

### A. President's Report (continued)

#### c. Treasurer- Walter T. Banta

1. Meyer: Could Walter tell us a little bit about himself and his qualifications?
2. Banta: I'm a math major. I've always been comfortable with numbers and all that sort of business. I was interested in the position because I really wanted to get involved in Student Government. I want to be a part of this.
3. Molitoris: Do you feel that your social standing will affect your position?
4. Banta: I don't think so at all. I met with numerous club presidents over the past week. Their allocation requisitions are coming in, and I've been very effective so far in working with them.
  - Motion to approve the nomination of Treasurer (Davis).
  - Second (Joswick).

- All 16 votes in favor
- Nomination granted

- IV. Senate Standing Committees Appointments. (Casey)
- A. Academic Affairs-Colleen Rengert, Chair
    - Lindsey Webby
    - Rob Olechna
  - B. Appropriations-Joe Sweeny, Chair
    - Drew Davis
    - Christy Joswick
  - C. Ignatian Awareness- Tim Hayden, Chair
    - Mark Searles
    - Brian Patchcoski
  - D. Residence Life and Dining Services-Steve Clark, Chair
    - Dan French
    - Lindsey Meade
    - Kevin Meyer
  - E. Safety and Crime Prevention- Greg Aughenbaugh, Chair
    - Dan Akerman
    - Kim McMannus
    - Chris Molitoris
  - F. University Wide Committees- will be made at a later date

V. Old Business (none).

IV. New Business

A. Resolution to Recommend Improvements in Dining Services Senbill043.05

1. Solomeno: Very briefly, this bill came out of a conversation we had with a previous senate about our meal plan and the actual flex dollars. As you can see in the Res Life menu, there is a big difference between the price of the meal plan, and the actual service that is delivered. We aren't faulting dining services, but as a University we are attempting to increase the amount of flex dollars, and we are recommending they construct another franchise on the second floor. Chick fillet requires too much space on the second floor, so after that conversation we ruled out that option. They require 250 square feet, which we don't have. We've been looking for other franchise options.
2. Hayden: I definitely see a need to improve.
  - ◆ Point of Clarification: The email sent to you, the numbers were wrong. But the numbers that you have in front of you are correct. (Casey)
3. Rengert: This is just to clarify, this is just a suggestion to dining services, right?
4. Solomeno: What it is, Colleen, is a resolution. When the student senate passes a resolution or a bill with their recommendation we pass that message on to the department that handles that issue. Joe and I met with Dr. Carrilli as well as Anitra to express our concerns for issues, that way when they meet with those responsible for carrying out the change they can say, 'We really do need this, as was expressed in a passed bill from the Student Senate, essentially is the voice of the student body.' When this is passed, it will be a recommendation to Dr. Carrilli to use at his meetings regarding the Student Body's opinion.
5. Rengert: So...If this is just our recommendation, would it be possible to add or change this resolution, not that I don't think it's a great idea! Would it be applicable to change the meal plan for those off campus instead of just putting money on your royal card, or to option not to have a meal plan at all when living on campus?
6. Solomeno: I would say, yes. Senators have that option. Senators can amend any bill that comes before them that has language to reflect what they want. The only thing procedurally wise, is that you would have to submit that change in writing. You should do it before the meeting, but you could do it during the meeting, for example right now. Senators could do that. But to address the actual substance of your question at this time, I agree with you. The meal plan should cost less. In addition to that, we have people who are forced to purchase a meal plan that they don't use. The values do not add up. The senators have the ability to table this issue until September. It's up to the senators to decide that.
7. Clark: Regarding amending the bill, could the chair write it down in order to facilitate the action. I've seen in the past a friendly amendment passed to be used immediately. I would like to propose doing this now, as to put this bill into effect.
8. Solomeno: I would have to say that that is a different style. That final call on that will have to be made by Joe. One of the things that Joe and I sat down and talked about was to change that practice with clear, individual senators to see what they are voting on, as opposed to the intent we were voting on. If for example, Steve wanted to suggest an amendment, Sam is here and she could write that amendment

and put it together for each individual senator. What I would try to say is that before we actually vote on anything, senators have to have something physical on paper to actually voting on.

9. Casey: Due to time constraints, I would like to remind the senators that the bill is still on first reading.
  - Motion to move to second reading (Aughenbaugh).
  - Second (Joswick).
  - All 16 votes in favor.
  - Bill moves to second reading.
1. Rengert: I'm trying to write an addition in, but I wasn't given enough time.
2. Casey: That's fine. The floor is now open for discussion....Ok, what we are going to do now is to table the bill, due to time constraints. We'll move on to the next bill and return to this bill when we are done. We forgot the Treasurer's Report. Why don't we do that now?

V. Treasurer's Report

1. Banta: There's a slight change from the last Treasurer's report. Regarding the Martial Arts Club, their request did not go through, so the totals have changed.
2. Clark: So is the number we have in front of us the total allocated?
3. Solomeno: That's too early to tell. We can't know for a fact the campaign expenditures yet, but the numbers to date are approximate.

IV. New Business (continued)

A. Senbill.044.05. Resolution to Approve 2005-2006 Club Allocations.

1. Sweeney: We went through each club and came up with this figures to the best of our ability.
2. Dean Yusinski: What was decided regarding Liva Arts company?
3. Solomeno: I had a really great conversation with Emily Kocis, the President of Liva Arts Company. She is working as well as the other students to bring Liva arts back in line. But we didn't feel it would be appropriate to give them money at this time, not knowing how much money is in their hidden account. We told Emily, we would be more than happy to appropriate the money, if the criteria was met, at the first meeting in September.
  - Motion to move to second reading (Davis).
  - Second (Meyer).
  - All 16 votes in favor.
  - Bill moves to second reading.
1. Dean Yusinski: What are the plans regarding clubs mandatory community service? If a club doesn't meet its service requirement, will the numbers in this bill change?
2. Sweeney: Yes. We didn't have the physical documentation when it came time to put this packet together, but we have emailed them and are waiting for a response.
3. Casey: I believe you may need to clarify.
4. Dean Yusinski: My question was, if certain clubs did not meet their require service, would there appropriated funds change, and if so, how?
5. Sweeney: If they haven't met their service requirement, we can not allocate funds.
6. Clark: A few changes which I feel need to be made. Regarding line 37 and the Justice club, a number needs to be added to the number of clubs.
7. Casey: Steve, that change will be noted and changed, Thank you.
8. Meyer: Will those clubs who have not completed their mandatory community service be completely illuminated, or will the funding be reduced by the amount of service completed?
9. Solomeno: Implementing this, we followed Dan Nielson and his recommendations with the allocation packets this year, we went by three. These clubs are really only required to do simply three service projects. There were some clubs who we have no record of that. We have been in touch of that through Walter. From my understanding of it, it's up to the Senate if they want to appropriate some money or all of it, but our recommendation was—Joe will be able to speak more of this that—we should make things easier to be completed. If clubs don't complete three, I don't see why they should get funding at all.
  - Motion for Approval (Meyer)
  - Second (Davis)
  - Motion failed
10. Flannery: As a member of the Ice Hockey Club, I was just curious as to why they were denied funding?
11. Solomeno: Joe and I wouldn't be able to speak of that, because we did not sit on that committee, but I do know that the Ice Hockey Club was never chartered, so we could not allocate funds to a club that wasn't chartered.
  - Motion to Approve (Davis)
  - Second (Meyer)
  - All 16 votes in favor
  - Bill passes

B. Senbill 045.05- Resolution to Approve 2005-2006 USPB Allocations.

1. Flannery: I don't really have anything to say, but I'd be happy to answer any questions or clarify anything if there's something you don't understand.
  2. Joswick: I just had a question regarding the difference in funding between the Fall Ball and Spring Ball, why the enormous difference in funds?
  3. Flannery: We have come to the decision that we would like to make the Spring Ball something much bigger, with a nice venue, a little bit more formal than the previous balls on campus. That additional money would pretty much go to something like that.
  4. Rengert: So you guys requested, I think \$60,000 for a concert. Would it be an option to maybe combine with Marywood and getting some funding from them?
  5. Flannery: The problem with that is the next concert bracket is substantially more.
  6. Solomeno: If I could please, just speak briefly about the Spring Ball. First of all, this is the first Programming Board Budget in a number of years that has been an increase from Student Government. This is made possible from an increase in the projected student activities fee. So I mean, we're trying to create an atmosphere where students get the best quality atmosphere for their money. Colin is trying to make that happen with the help of his board, and his vice chairs. If anyone has any suggestions, please make them now.
  7. Rengert: I have an idea, maybe. I think that a lot of our athletes have a lot of talent, for example girls basketball, soccer, volleyball. I don't think we really do a very good job of advertising. Would it be possible to have a bond fire or maybe do a "March Madness" sort of deal?
  8. Casey: May I tell you that you have to amend the budget to do that?
  9. Rengert: Do I have to put that into writing, too?
  10. Flannery: If she wants to add to the budget—that's great. But I can't guarantee if you throw more money at us that we will plan these events. I can't speak without consulting my board. We can look into it, but I can't commit at this time.
  11. Casey: Can we recommend you look into that?
  12. Flannery: Yes.
    - Motion to move to second reading (Meyer)
    - Second (McMannus)
    - All 16 in favor.
    - Bill moves to second reading
1. Clark: I think that this bill has been thoroughly researched and I respect the opinion of the Programming Board.
  2. Casey: I recommend the Senior Senators meet with Colin at some time regarding senior week. As many of you know, Senior Week was depending on Senior service this year.
    - Motion for Approval (Clark)
    - Second (Davis)
    - All 16 votes in favor
    - Bill passes
- C. Senbill 046.05 Resolution to Approve a Student Bill of Rights and Responsibility Creed
1. Casey: We're only looking for a first reading here today, to forward it to a committee and table it for the time being. Please take a look at the bill. The floor is now open for discussion.
  2. Aughenbaugh: I would like to take this bill of rights and have it looked at more thoroughly. I know public safety is in communication with the students, but to get an expert opinion on this before we pass it would make more sense.
  3. Hayden: I think this is an interesting idea. I think it could work out, but I do believe we are walking a tight line here due to the fact this is a private university. I think a lot needs to be looked at with careful scrutiny of the wording.
  4. Solomeno: I completely agree with you. I have met with Abigail Byman of the University's legal council on these specific issues. My recommendation is to form a committee and have it look at this.
  5. Are there any volunteers to sit on this committee? Tim, Greg, Colleen, Kevin, Steve, Chris. I would ask for a chair. Tim would you like to chair that?
  6. Hayden: Sure.
  7. Casey: If you guys could meet at sometime concerning this bill. You have until the next meeting to meet. Moving on, this bill is now tabled.
- D. Senbill 043.05. Resolution to Recommend Improvements in Dining Services (untabled)
1. Rengert: I would like to amend that we add that, "The University lower the price of the meal plan to more accurately correspond with the cash equivalency of the meal swipe that they advertise. The University allow the option of the abstaining from purchasing a meal plan for all rising sophomores, juniors and seniors living on campus."
    - Motion to Approve (Clark).
    - Second (Meyer).
    - All 16 votes in favor.
    - Bill passes

- E. Senbill047.05. Resolution Regarding the Appropriations of Funds for Senator Business Cards
1. Davis: We are asking to appropriate funds for the official University Card with our names, titles and contact information on them. They make our appearance more attractive.
  2. Meyer: Just out of curiosity, would we submit our information for you to put on them? Meaning, would it be possible to change the phone number from the housing number to the cell phone number?
  3. Davis: Absolutely.
  4. Aughenbaugh: We just need to make sure the information on the card is correct before we give them out.
    - Motion to move to second reading (Clark).
    - Second (Joswick).
    - All in favor
    - Motion for approval (Rengert)
    - Second (Searles).
    - All in Favor, none opposed, bill passes.
- F. Senbill 048.05 Resolution Regarding the appropriation of fund to the International Service Program
1. Clark: We want to move away from having the individual student having to fundraise. We think the University should support it. We think we should, as a university let the student focus more on the experience, the work and the overall goal of the service than the fundraising capacity.
  2. Joswick: As a member of team Kenya, I obviously really agree with this. For Kenya alone, we had to fundraise \$4,000. I think what these trips are doing, is being overlooked a lot of the time. These are fantastic programs, and I think as we progress and realize this in the future, students shouldn't have to pay these out of pocket expenses.
  3. Davis: What is the cost of the shots?
  4. Clark: I'm not exactly sure how this funding works. But I think we should be involved.
  5. Casey: I do know one component, shots will not be funded unless every service member reaches their goal. Furthermore, this money is not going to chaperones.
    - Motion to Move to Second Reading (Rengert)
    - Second (Davis)
    - Motion for approval (Davis)
    - Second (McManus)
    - All 16 votes in favor.
    - Bill passes
- G. Senbill 049.05 Resolution Regarding 2005/2006 Spring Break Scheduling
1. Clark: I feel that the present schedule is ridiculous because it doesn't respect the needs of students during spring break. In the future, I recommend we pass legislation to prohibit the University from scheduling such an odd spring break.
  2. Solomeno: I just wanted to say that I think this is a great bill. People really need a break, in addition to those scheduling problems with service trips, athletic training and other programs. Joe and I have met with Dr. Bailey, he expressed his desire to excuse absences based on service work or sports trips. But please keep in mind that even if this bill passes, faculty members can not be held to it. It would only be a recommendation.
  3. Hayden: I'm trying to look at it from a School Board's perspective, I don't believe that the total faculty will agree with this.
    - Motion to move to second reading (Davis)
    - Second (Meyer)
    - All in favor of moving to second reading
    - Bill is on second reading
    - Motion to approve (Meyer)
    - Second (Davis)
    - All 16 in favor, bill passes
- H. Petition for Charter- University of Scranton Chapter of the American Cancer Society's Colleges Against Cancer.
1. Clark: I'm not sure how this club knew me to come to me, but they aren't asking for money and I think it's a good cause.
    - Motion to Move to Second Reading (Sweeney)
    - Second (Davis)
    - All 16 votes in favor
    - Bill Moves to Second Reading
    - Motion to approve (Davis)
    - Second (Meyer)
    - All 16 votes in favor
    - Charter approved
- I. Petition for Charter- Student Advocates for Multicultural Education

1. Webby: This is a good organization, I don't really see why you should attack it.
2. Meyer: Another component of this is the multicultural education sanction, which I feel would increase awareness of that.
  - Motion to move to second reading (Joswick).
  - Second (Meyer).
  - All 16 votes in favor,
  - Bill moves to second reading
  - Motion to Approve (Webby).
  - Second (Rengert).
  - All 16 votes in favor
  - Charter approved

VI. Senate Forum

1. Davis: Colleen's proposed ideas to the USPB board were really good. As a member of the Athletic Advisory Committee, I will bring this information up with the athletic department.
2. Dean Yusinski: I am very pleased and impressed with the success of the first senate.
3. Solomeno: I was just going to say diddo.

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn (Clark).
- Second (Davis).
- All 16 votes in favor
- Meet adjourned