

University of Scranton Student Senate
Minutes
22 September 2005

- I. 4:34 Call to Order/Roll
- Motion to Approve Minutes (Clark)
 - Second (Davis)
 - All 16 votes in favor
 - Minutes approved
- II. Executive Reports
- A. President's Report (Solomeno)
1. Freshmen Elections. A debate for the 3 tickets (6 candidates) will be televised at 8PM on Monday on the RNN. Elections will take place on Tuesday.
 2. Hurricane Relief Effort. Colin Flannery and the Programming Board are going to combine the President's Ball with the Dance-A-Thon set for November, with proceeds going to the effort. Tim Hayden is organizing a benefit basketball tournament with the help of Colleen Rengert and Jackie Tarantola.
 3. College Night Out. Tonight is the event downtown. Please encourage your friends to attend.
 4. Legal Assistance Program. With assistance from Abigail Byman, Dean Yusinski and Dr. Carilli, the program is in the grassroots phase. It would cost less than \$5,000. An attorney would appear on-campus twice monthly. They would be paid on an hourly basis to discuss issues such as Landlord/Tenant Issues, Insurance, and Drug and Alcohol Issues.
- B. Treasurer's Report (Banta)
1. Club allocations presently \$77,914.00. Last night's Club Officer's Info Session went smoothly.
 2. Club allocation funds remaining \$76,091.50
- III. Senate Standing Committees
- A. Academic Affairs (Rengert) We are still working on research regarding Online Teacher Evaluations.
 - B. Appropriations (Sweeney) Committee met Monday regarding club allocations
 - C. Ignation Awareness (Hayen not present) Searles: Nothing new in committee news.
 - D. Residence Life and Dining Services (Clark) We met with Public Safety regarding Kevin's increased swipe access bill, and we came to the consensus that we should suggest a trial period. We will meet with Anitra after her honeymoon before we proceed with further action.
 - E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Aughenbaugh) We would like to have Steve Clark and Kevin meet with Chief Pomager about helping Public Safety with safety and compliance.
- IV. University Wide Committees (Casey) The President's Cabinet met recently and ate lunch with Fr. Pilarz. Not much accomplished, but there will be in the future.
- Solomeno: 2 New University-Wide Appointments. Chris Molotoris to the Strategic Planning Board and Joe Casabona to the Information Resources Committee.
- V. No Old Business.
- VI. New Business
- A. Senbill 059.05 Appropriation of Funds to the Finance Club
1. Webby: They have lots of events planned for the year. The Vice President, Catalina is here.
 2. Akerman: What company costs \$800?
 3. Catalina: We are sharing the bus with the Business Club, and they gave us that figure.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Clark)
 - Second (McManus)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 4. Solomeno: It's a good idea to share costs. I appreciate that. More clubs should follow your example.
 5. Rengert: Do we have \$76,00 left to appropriate?
 6. Casey: \$76,000 stays in the account for the clubs. What we have left to appropriate is \$15,736.00
 7. Solomeno: That's part of the projection. We had a substantial roll over. That's different because it's in our reserve. We can have that released.
 8. Sweeney: Would you suggest us coming close?
 9. Solomeno: We can release money from the roll-over account as suggested by Dr. Carrilli.
 10. Davis: What do you do to recruit members?

11. Catalina: The Club is open to all students and faculty. We try to encourage participation from all students,
 - Motion to approve (Searles)
 - Second (Webby)
 - All 17 votes in favor
 - Bill passes
- B. Resolution Regarding the Need for a JV Hockey Team
1. Molitoris: There's currently a hockey club that needs funding to play at the club level. The only problem is that the University already has a hockey team, funded through the Athletic Department. The Student Government, to my knowledge has never funded a club version of a sport the university funds. This is to recommend a JV club be established.
 2. Colin Flannery, hockey club member: Regarding Point 5, I don't know how many students could afford to pay more than \$1,000. Our original budget requests were from last year.
 3. Meyer: You are looking for this simple resolution, no funding?
 4. Flannery: If this is passed, it goes to Dr. Carilli as a suggestion. If it doesn't get pushed though by Dr. Carilli, we will be back to ask for funding.
 5. Solomeno: This presents a unique set of circumstances. We've received a petition for charter for a soccer club. There is both a soccer team and intramural club. We can't afford to do this for every sport.
 6. Meyer: If the Athletic Board refuses to start a JV team, will their allocation requests be taken from our budget?
 7. Casey: Not without approval from us.
 8. Aughenbaugh: Has the Athletic Team been approached? I know that there aren't JV teams for most sports?
 9. Meyer: If this goes through, is your next course of action to ask for funding?
 10. Flannery: Yes.
 11. Clark: I feel this is the only course of action we can go through with at this time. In the future, I would support a stipulation saying that sports already being supported by the University can't be funded.
 12. Solomeno: This is Pandora's Box.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
 - Second (Meyer)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (Meyer)
 - Second (Davis)
 - 16 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Molitoris)
- C. Senbill 057.05 Appropriation of Funds to Live Arts Company
1. Casey: Basically, Liva is a non-profit Theatre Arts company. They have many projects including their upcoming fall review.
 2. Sobrero: Our fall review is a 4-knight show is for the audience.
 3. Rengert: Do you charge admission?
 4. Joe Sorbera: Yes we do charge admission, but our profit goes toward supplies and infrastructure, and the rights of our next production.
 5. Rengert: How much do you make from a show?
 6. Solomeno: The goal for them to be self-sustaining. Eventually we will not be responsible for funding them.
 7. Meade: What about the appropriations problem from last year?
 8. Banta: I spoke with Emily Kocis. The \$5,800 in their account that was kind of secretive was cleared up and fully explainable.
 9. Joswick: I was wondering if we could get a list of where that money went?
 10. Joe Sorbera: We could get that.
 11. Davis: Why is Liva different from the McDade center?
 12. Joe Sorbera: We are collaborating with players on some shows. On of the main differences is that we offer musicals, whereas they are theatrical.
 13. Meyer: One of the principle reasons for the separation is equipment and set usage. Often rehearsal times clash. It makes it easier having two facilities.
 14. Clark: My only issue is water and fruit costing \$250.

15. Sorbera: That is so necessary. It's for fruit and water for our actors.
 16. Solomono: According to Club Policy and Procedures, we do not fund food for meetings of any of our organizations.
 17. Olechna: Out of curiosity, what is the cost of admission to one of your shows?
 18. Sorbera: I'm not sure.
 19. Sweeney: When the Appropriations committee met, we thought that fruit and water was for the audience.
 20. Rengert: Would it be possible for us to fund the Fall Review and then have you use your proceeds for the Spring Review?
 21. Sorbera: Our rights go to the next production, but I'm not sure if we'd be ready to support ourselves.
 22. Clark: So do we want to allow the funding for fruit and water and propose a change from \$2820 to \$3000, changing the bill to \$6,500.
 23. Davis: Does that all add up?
 24. Casey: No it doesn't.
 25. Rengert: Maybe we should consider allocating them the fall money and then wait for the spring?
 26. Olechna: Should we put the whole thing on hold to see the proceeds?
 - Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
 - Second (Meade)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 27. Clark: I would like to propose an amendment. Under the fall review, I would like to reduce the funding by \$680, eliminating the catering. So it will be reduced to \$3250.
 28. Rengert: I think we should take Steve's suggestion, and allocate the spring funds after the fall review.
 29. Casey: So Liva arts will get \$3250, total for the fall review.
 - Motion to approve (Olechna)
 - Second (Meyer)
 - 16 votes in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention (Davis)
 - bill passes, as amended
- D. Senbill 058.05 Appropriation of Funds to the Track Club
1. Clark: The Track was started last year, and had issues regarding funding. They are back this year and looking for some help. They have done their research, and I think this will be a worthwhile organization.
 2. Yoder: First, I would thank you for reviewing our request. We are a newly-formed organization. The President, John Mercuri and myself carefully went through all our fund requests. The estimates are from personal and professional experience. We've also decided to use the lowest van price possible. Race entry fees are all around \$120. The race fee for outdoor tournaments is less, because there are generally more teams.
 3. Davis: Do you have a coach?
 4. Yoder: Coach Burke, from Scranton Prep and Coach Dafney, also from Scranton Prep have agreed to be our coaches.
 5. Rengert: Why do we not have a track team?
 6. Yoder: Toby and Kevin suggested we form a club first to generate interest. This is standard procedure for University Athletics.
 7. Aughenbaugh: Good job.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (McManus)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 8. Dempsey: Is this a track and field team?
 9. Yoder: Not yet, we are hoping we can get this started with time.
 10. Davis: Do you charge dues? What kind of equipment do you need?
 11. Yoder: We do not charge dues. As far as equipment, our budget expense includes starting blocks. Not too many expenses at this phase.
 12. Solomono: For your information senators, the club-sponsored Rugby and Lacross teams both charge dues.
 13. Clark: Seeing as all other club sports charge dues, I think you should look into it in the future
 - Motion to approve (Olechna)
 - Second (French)

- All 17 votes in favor, bill passes
- E. Sen Bill 059.05 Appropriation of Funds to the International Business Club
1. Akerman: We tried to get members from students interested in the International field. Last year we went to BBC America to visit an alum. This fall, we would like to take a trip to the United Nations. The \$750 we are asking for includes both the bus and the entrance fee. In the spring, we would like to go to the Federal Reserve. IN addition, we are planning a dinner with a speaker about cross-border business.
 2. Dempsey: Do you collect dues?
 3. Akerman: \$10.
 4. Rengert: Did you look into sharing a bus?
 5. Olechna: Check with the Royal Historical Society, they may be interested.
 6. Akerman: We are in negotiations with the International Politics club. With them, the bus may be full. We will only need half the bus.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Clark)
 - Second (Joswick)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (Searles)
 - All 17 votes in favor, bill passes
- F. Senbill 061.05 Appropriation of Funds to Ranger Challenge Club
1. Sweeney: This is a 3-day, competitive event, loosely associated with the ROTC.
 2. Rengert: If I'm reading this right, we're paying for their entry fee for race for a cure?
 3. Clark: I was wondering the same thing. If a club is setting up a service project, I would offer a friendly amendment that we strike the \$120 for the Race for a Cure. Changing the total to \$510.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Meyer)
 - Second (Rengert)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 4. Dempsey: Specifically, what is the \$510 for?
 5. Sweeney: Registration and uniforms?
 6. Banta: They are requesting uniforms only.
 7. Solomono: Just for the record, this isn't under the ROTC in the spring. This is open to all students. The training runs from August-October, with the competition in October.
 - Motion to approve (Akerman)
 - Second (Patcoski)
 - All 17 votes in favor, bill passes as amended.
- K. Petition for Charter - Royal Historical Society
1. Caitlin Rodler: This is one of the oldest organizations on campus, even though we haven't been recognized. We have about 40 interested members. Our goal is to learn about Scranton and the surrounding areas. We plan on touring the McDade Park and Coal Mining Tour to learn more about Scranton. We have a love of history and want to spread that.
 2. Davis: This is not recognized by the University?
 3. Rodler: Not recognized by Student Activities.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Searles)
 - Second (Rengert)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (French)
 - Second (Meyer)
 - All 17 votes in favor, charter granted
- L. Senbill 062.05 – Resolution Regarding Appropriations Policy
1. Clark: We have so many new clubs that we need to start limiting the funding to new clubs. We are suggesting a limit on first semester allocations.
 2. Casey: I suggest we add a date and time as of now.
 3. Solomono: I don't think its fair to change it midway, especially with so many new petitions on the docket this evening.
 4. Sweeney: Many organizations have expensive start-up costs. Do you feel that would be singling them out?

5. Solomeno: The problem is we are getting so many organizations, that eventually we won't be able to sponsor them. This is just to ensure the money gets used wisely.
6. Meyer: I agree. If clubs know what to expect, maybe they will be better informed to fundraising techniques and increased activity from their end.
7. Joswick: Maybe we should include a line about they could ask for more money if it was an extreme case.
8. Solomeno: We aren't forever limiting funds, just temporarily.
9. Aughenbaugh: We need a clause that says if a club can demonstrate an immediate need for funds, which shall be considered by the University of Scranton Student Senate.
10. Dempsey: I don't think we need this- it's only a semester.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
 - Second (Davis)
11. French: I think this is a good idea. Like the Historical Society, which was active and then faded, being chartered for a semester would then demonstrate activity.
12. Aughenbaugh: I motion we table this bill
 - Bill tabled

M. Petition for Charter – The International Language/Business Club

1. Aughenbaugh: We already have an International Business Club, it seems frivolous to have a club with essentially the same objectives.
2. Akerman: I've read their mission statement, and it appears to have the same objectives as the International Business Club.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (Davis)
3. Solomeno: The International Business is a major. So is International Language/Business. If we are sponsoring clubs for some majors and not others, I feel that would be favoritism.
4. Dempsey: I feel this should be tabled until we have a representative to describe the intentions of the club.
 - Charter Tabled

N. Petition for Charter – Society of Accounting Students

1. Casey: This existed in the past, and they just want to get it going again.
2. Davis: Aren't academic departments given a budget to sponsor student academic organizations?
 - Lindsey Webby and Greg Aughenbaugh leave at 6:15
3. Solomeno: In most cases, the academic budget is lacking .
 - Motion to move to second reading (Joswick)
 - Second (Davis)
 - Rob Olechna leaves 6:20 PM.
 - Motion to approve
 - Second (Molitoris)
 - All 15 votes in favor, charter granted

O. Petition for Charter – S.A.G.E.

1. Solomeno: I'm sad to say we don't have a representative here from SAGE.
2. Meade: They seem to be doing this all on their own.
3. Clark: This isn't really a club. It seems like more of a project.
4. Rengert: I think we need more information on this. It says it is a project of the Jane Kopas Women's Center. If this is the case, I'm not totally sure why they are looking for a charter.
5. Sweeney: Can we table this and email our questions to the representative?
 - Motion to table (Meyer)
 - Second (Davis)
 - 12 votes in favor, 3 opposed (Rengert, Dempsey, Akerman)
 - 1 abstention (McManus)

VII. Senate Forum

1. Solomeno: First of all, Dean Yusinski's wedding is Saturday at 2:00PM at St. Peter's downtown. Joe Casabona will retake our pictures for the website at 4:15 the date of our next meeting. Also, please get your bios to Joe Casabona as soon as possible. Joe's new title will be 'Director of Technology.' I wanted to also mention the violence on campus has been excessive this year. 2 Students have been hospitalized from drinking; there has even been a sexual assault.

2. Kent Drake Deese: Actually, it wasn't 2 students hospitalized, it was 8 and sadly, that's about average at this point in the semester.
3. Clark: Kristen Smith is running the "60% of Scranton students" campaign. She's a great person and I know she'll do a good job.
4. Molitoris: I also think that we need to keep promoting alternative activities that don't include alcohol.
5. Solomeno: This is my third year on campus, and the present attitude seems to almost accept fighting. Scranton is a community. Violence will not be tolerated. People decided to come to Scranton for a reason. It stands for values and morals. Let's let our actions reflect our words.
6. McManus: In Fall of 2003, there was a Violence Forum where faculty spoke about issues and offered suggestions. Maybe something like that would be good to do now.
7. Rengert: I think that's a possibility, but a lot of kids aren't going to participate in the violence forum.
8. McManus: If we were to have it on the Gunster patio, where no one could miss it, I think then people would have to listen.
9. Kent Drake Deese- From our perspective, we are considering a third shift for RAs. The number of people going to and from the residence halls at 3-6 is astonishing. We did a surveyed in Hafey Hall where 46 people lived between the hours of 2-4 AM. 45 people accessed their royal card during this time. Everyone but one person.
10. Meyer: I think we need to document more of this kind of thing.
11. Casey: Steve and Kevin, please look into this.
12. Christian Oehm: We're here on behalf of the Men's Soccer Club. I've heard that because there is a varsity sport and an intramural sport, you won't fund our club. But their isn't an intramural league in the winter.
13. Casey: I nearly fell out of my chair when I saw that the men's hockey club had asked for \$50,000. We can't afford that. If every sport were to come to us for a club, we would be broke.
14. Solomeno: If the men's soccer club had come to us a week ago, the same result would have happened.
15. Oehm: This is an indoor club. All three of us played for the team, but because of injury can't stand the rigors of the competition. We still want to play. We have the people, we have the interest, why can't we be chartered?
16. Solomeo: What would you have us say to a Baseball club that wanted to be formed? We don't have the budget to facilitate all of these clubs.
17. Davis: I was the senator who dropped it off. I didn't realize our limit of funds. I agree with the Executive's reasoning not to put it on the docket this week.
18. Christian: We are only asking for \$500. That isn't like the hockey team's \$50,000.
19. Solomeno: This is indoor?
 - Dan French and Rob Olechna leave at 6:50
20. Christian: yes
21. Rengert: If this is as you say it is an indoor league, and you somehow facilitate it so that women are able to join as well, I will help write a bill to the senate.
22. Solomeno: Ok, so you can meet with Colleen to assure you meet all of the requirements including the community service requirements. Moving on, I know everyone wants to get out of here, but I wanted to mention the progress with the Legal Assistance program. What are your thoughts on the program?
23. Davis: I'm really impressed how much this idea has evolved into a more sound program. The cheap lawyer thing sounds great. Good job.
24. Clark: I also think it's a really good idea.
25. Rengert: I just wanted everyone to know Joe Casabona has been great about doing a class website, and if you wanted to do one for your class, its really no problem at all.
 - Motion to adjourn (Dempsey0)
 - Second (Davis)
 - All votes in favor
 - Meeting is adjourned