

Student Senate
Minutes
20 October 2005

- I. Prayer/Call to Order 4:38 PM
 - Motion to approve minutes (Searles)
 - Second (Davis)
 - Minutes Pass, 21 present
- II. Executive Reports.
 - A. President's Report. (Solomeno)
 1. Get out the vote week successful.
 2. Hill meetings are starting to come together for off-campus residents.
 3. Heritage week in the planning stage.
 4. Small changes to Legal Assistance Program with Dean McShea.
 - B. Treasurer's Report. (Banta) Updated Budget.
- III. University Committees
 - Appointments
 - Ali Bauer – Residence Life and Dining Services
 - Mario Ferrise – Ignation Awareness
 - Jessyca Pacheco – Public Safety and Crime Prevention
 - Allen Zelno – Academic Affairs
 - A. Academic Affairs (Rengert) Working on reminding professors about bookstore book orders, to keep prices down.
 - B. Appropriations (Sweeney) Didn't meet.
 - C. Ignation Awareness (Hayden) Didn't meet.
 - D. Residence Life and Dining Service (Clark) Didn't meet. Lindsey Meade did meet with some of the frustrated residents of the Linden Apartments.
 - E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Aughenbaugh) Planned meeting with Chief Pomager about the ride-along.
- IV. University Wide Committees.
 - A. Board of Regents – Met and discussed the School's Strategic Plan.
 - B. Leadership Roundtable - Met in Redington, planned activities for March.
 - C. University Council – Discussed the Academic Calendar
- V. Senate Forum Speaker (Helen Stager) discussed problems and solutions to the 2006-2007 Academic Calendar.
 - A. Vote to Move the Calendar a week earlier in the summer.
 - 6 in favor, 10 opposed
 - B. Vote to eliminate the extra Tuesday before Spring Break
 - All 21 votes in favor
- VI. Old Business.
 - A. Senbill 067.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to the Exercise Science Club.
 1. Clark: The reason for the reduction in allocated funds to \$750 was to reduce the amount of people going to the national conference in Denver.
 2. Sweeney: So our new total is \$1,125.
 3. Julie Gamble: Do you have our numbers from last year? I know that the money we requested is even less than what it actually costs.
 4. Davis: Student government, like everyone across the board is taking a hit this year, and the reduction was a reflection of that. I saw the Body World exhibit, it was cool. But regretfully, we can't pay for everything.
 5. Clark: If you think it's going to be more, we could remove it for a more exact number.
 6. Solomeno: This bill has been tabled twice already. How much do you anticipate it will cost?
 7. Julie Gamble: I don't know.

8. Sweeney: Not many clubs get to send so many people. Ten people is a lot. Usually, like five is a good number to bring back info to the club.
9. Davis: Basically, this bill doesn't reflect what she's telling us. We looked at this same sort of thing last year with the nursing club.
10. Solomeno: My main concern is to limit it to bare bones. We want to support your organization, but as of today, we have \$2,000, but we have hit a ceiling. I wouldn't be opposed to only funding the immediate Body Exhibit.
11. Clark: I'll accept a friendly amendment. Section III, Number 1 is struck. And the total changes to \$375.
 - Motion to approve (Davis)
 - Second (Dempsey)
 - All 21 votes in favor, bill passes as amended.

B. Senbill 068.05 Resolution Establishing the Legal Assistance Program

1. Solomeno: Some minor language changes at the suggestion of Doctor Carilli and Anitra.
2. Hayden: I think your changes are fabulous. I personally know a lot of people who don't know the law and have troubles with their landlords.
3. Davis: We still haven't found anything specific in terms of funding. Will this come from the student activity fee?
4. Solomeno: If we were to put a price tag on this now, it may harm the University's bargaining ability.
5. Joswick: I really liked the idea, but what's a ballpark figure?
6. Solomeno: About as much as a club would. Such as...well I don't have anything in front of me that I can compare it to.
7. Clark: Another use of the attorney would be assisting student government with making an opinion on the calendar.
 - Motion to approve (Davis)
 - Second (Meyer)
 - All 21 votes in favor, bill passes

VII. New Business.

A. Senbill 070.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to SECUS

1. Anne Bonner: We are an education club that does its best to prepare Education majors for their career as teachers.
2. Joswick: I like SECUS – it's important
3. McManus: Regarding your request for mock interviews, doesn't Career Services provide this service for free?
4. Anne Bonner: Our interviews are focused on Education.
5. Dempsey: This is just food for thought, but we don't normally pay for students to do service or Relay For Life entrance fees, so I think maybe we should strike the \$100.
6. Joswick: I accept that.
7. Casey: So we strike Article 3, letter b.
8. Sweeney: It seems like the interviews could be done on campus, why are we paying for hotel rooms?
9. Anne Bonner: Out of state educators come in Late on Wednesday night, and stay over.
10. Solomeno: We have funded this sort of thing in the past.
 - Motion to Move to Second Reading (Olechna)
 - Second (Davis)
 - Bill moves to second reading.
 - Motion to approve (McManus)
 - Second (Meade)
 - All 21 votes in favor.
 - Bill passes, as amended

B. Senbill 071.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to the Students for Life Club

1. Irene Alfred: We're requesting more funds for our speakers during the Respect Life Week.

2. Searles: Like Irene just said, they are planning two main speakers, and that's all they are asking from us today.
3. Solomeno: Do you intend to have more speakers regarding the death penalty?
4. Irene Alfred: I don't know. I think we could.
5. Solomeno: A similar promise was addressed to us last year. The senate majority funded the "Respect Life Week," and we heard nothing on the death penalty.
6. Irene Alfred: I didn't know that was the case, because I wasn't in charge last year.
7. Solomeno: You have already been approved funding? (nod) Your service is up to date (nod). You still have no speaker against the Death Penalty. While I understand where you're coming from, I will veto this bill unless there's wording about the death penalty.
8. Irene Alfred: I could ask our speaker to focus on the death penalty, if that's what the senate wants.
9. Davis: I'm weary of this.
10. Irene Alfred: Could a speaker focus on the death penalty?
11. Clark: I agree that Pro-Life Week needs more information, but who are we to tell them what to focus on. If the Bio Club wants to study the leg and the not arm, they can do that. That's within their club's agenda. Irene, is showing us how fiscally responsible she is, and I believe her to be kind and honest.
12. Joswick: I don't think we should condemn Irene for the false promise of her predecessor.
13. Solomeno: No one is condemning anyone. Irene, it's not your fault. My concern is that all angles of the Students' For Life Week won't be proven. I think we should have wording in this bill regarding the specifications of the Students' For Life Week.
14. Aughenbaugh: To please everyone, it wouldn't cost anything. Would you commit to a roundtable discussion on the death penalty?
15. Irene Alfred: yes.
16. Aughenbaugh: Would you have any problem if we amended this bill to have language relating to that?
17. Irene Alfred: No.
18. McManus: We shouldn't argue about the subject matter. We should focus on allocated money.
19. Solomeno: We should have every right. The subject of the club affects us. When there's a banner waving from the commons declaring it Students' For Life Week with the University's approval, I think all aspects of the issue should be looked at.
20. Rengert: What about euthanasia? Why is this topic so focussed on abortion and the death penalty?
21. McManus: Her club has agreed to hear our suggestions. I think we should approve this bill.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
 - Second (Webby)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (Molitoris)
 - Second (Hayden)
 - 17 votes in favor, 2 opposed (Davis and French), 2 abstentions (Sweeney and Searles)
 - bill passes
22. Hayden: Can we override your veto?
23. Solomeno: Yes, at the next senate meeting.
24. McManus: Maybe Student Government could do something on the death penalty.
25. Solomeno: I take Irene's word that something will be done. Personally, I am Pro-Life. However, I am very offended that you refused language regarding the death penalty. Is this the message you want to send to the University community?
26. Molitoris: To be fair, I don't see any language about abortion, either.
27. Searles: That's right, all she does say is that there will be two speakers with two different issues.

28. Hayden: Nowhere does this bill say anything whatsoever about abortion. They go along with Jesuit Ideals. Irene, on behalf of her club understands our view.
29. Clark: If you need more money for a death penalty speaker, stop by the student government office.
30. Irene Alfred: We had enough to cover everything else, I was just worried about asking for more money. I thank you all for your concerns.

C. Petition for Charter – Mountain Sports Association (Hike and Ski)

1. Thaddeus Snyder: Basically our club is an outdoors club that we will hopefully be able to split, but for now would like to work together.
2. Casey: We actually do have a ski club, but it's not active.
3. Solomeno: It was chartered over intercession.
4. Searles: Thaddeus is enthusiastic, energetic, and eagle scout with a love for the outdoors, this is his cup of tea and I think he'll do a good job.
5. Clark: Is there a liability issue with insurance?
6. Thaddeus Snyder: We have a waiver of liability, and we are now looking into the specifics for that.
7. Solomeno: I would suggest you see Shannon Sennefelder, our secretary and talk to her.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Olechna)
 - Second (Rengert)
 - Petition moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (Meade)
 - Second (French)
 - All 21 votes in favor

VIII. Senate Forum.

1. Solomeono: At the faculty senate meeting last week, a discussion was held about amending the University's Non-Discrimination policy regarding sexual orientation. Kevin brought up this issue last year.
2. Davis: That's not passed to us?
3. Solomeno: Presently, it's a faculty senate resolution. If you wanted to be part of this policy, it could happen. Perhaps this is something Ignation Awareness should look at.
4. Hayden: You got it buddy! (Thumbs up sign)
5. Rengert: I may just be naïve, but is this a huge problem presently?
6. Solomeno: I don't know, but Kevin may.
7. Meyer: The student gay and lesbian communities are making progress.
8. Solomeno: I just want remind you about Thursday night's dinner in 5th floor Brennan at 7pm.
 - Motion to adjourn (Davis)
 - Second (Dempsey)