



Student Government Minutes
17 November 2005

- I. Prayer/ Call to Order 4:37
 - Motion to approve minutes (Meade)
 - Second (Zelno)
- II. Executive Reports
 - A. No Presidents Report (Solomeno absent)
 - B. Treasurer's Report (Banta)
 - A. This is the first treasurer's report where we see a negative number under the total category. I put in an extensive explanation right underneath it, I've included club expenses from the last senate meeting and the budget projection.
 1. Sweeny: Is this number what the programming board has spent in the past week?
 2. Banta: no this big box is just the appropriations we made after the initial appropriation period
- III. Senate Standing Committees
 - A. Academic Affairs (Rengert): I have a meeting on Monday with Dr. Baillie and Don Drasba about sending letters out to professors regarding the importance of having book orders in by the deadline.
 - B. Appropriations (Sweeney) for the first time we have the omnibus bill. Good job Joe Casey.
 - C. Ignatian Awareness (Hadyen) Nothing new.
 - D. Residence Life and Dining Services (Clark) Nothing.
 - E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Akerman) Greg and I accompanied Public Safety officers on Saturday nights of November 5, 12. We saw their interaction with students and felt they acted very fair and professionally. Public Safety also mentioned their concern about the bad reputation they have with students. They pointed out that 90% of the time that people get cited is when RA's call, in which they have to respond to, and then they get blamed in the end. They feel that students are afraid to approach them and they want us to know they are on our side. In my own view, I saw that students got in more trouble than they should have because of their own misbehavior, and were clearly violating the University policy.
 1. Rengert: Is Public Safety doing anything about the recent attack on Saturday?
 2. Akerman: I haven't heard anything about that, and I was with Public Safety that night.
 2. Dean McShea: Regarding citations, Public Safety officers are very good about recording good and cooperative behavior when a citation does occur. This is apparent to me in the summary that I receive and it makes the process easier when the student acknowledges and is aware that they violated a policy.
- IV. University Wide Committees – None met
- V. Old Business – None
- VI. New Business.
 - A. Senbill 082.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to Four Additional Clubs
 1. Clark: What ever happened to the outcome of the calendar
 2. Searles: Vinny explains in the packet that we have a seven day spring break, as well as a four day Easter break.
 3. Casey: the floor is now open to discuss the bill.
 4. Patchcoski: why is COLA's numbers cut down so much?
 5. Banta: Cola originally asked for \$5,936.75 for their budget this year. Their intended trips didn't serve an educational purpose, so that's \$2,000 cut right there. They also asked for food money for a COLA retreat to Chapman Lake, so since Student

Government doesn't provide funding for food another \$500 was deducted. An additional \$200 was also asked for but they were unable to break down and explain the reason for funding.

- Motion to move to second reading (Molitoris)
- Second (Rengert)
- Bill moves to second reading

6. Clark: couldn't club officers just go to appropriation meetings instead of senate meetings and could the omnibus bill be done at every meeting instead of just once a month?

7. Casey: Our idea of making one meeting for allocations and one meeting for charter was to hurry up the process and Dr. Carilli agreed, so this is something that, if the senators wanted to do, we could consider it. It is a large process for the appropriations committee to meet with the club officers before hand., but its up to all of you and we can certainly talk about it.

- Motion to approve (Searles)
- Second (Meade)
- All votes in favor (16), bill passes

VII. Senate Forum (Items for Discussion)

1. Bauer: Do you think there could be an explanation for those who are not at the appropriations meeting so that everyone is aware why certain funding cuts are made?

2. Casey: That's a good point, but the reason that the bills are submitted at the appropriations meetings is so we don't have to spend time elaborating on the details of why certain club funding is cut.

3. Clark: speaking of that, I'm not sure which way would be better to do it once a month or at every meeting. Regardless, something should be done about making the transfer between club officers a more smooth process so that the new officers are more informed.

4. Myers: I know that in the beginning of the year Walter went over the club procedures with officers, and that maybe the same thing should be done so that the old and new officers come together and attend one of the informational meetings to prevent confusion and establish a better understanding. Maybe having the meetings biannually and making them mandatory for both to attend.

5. Olechna: If we strongly disagree with one of the appropriation committee decisions, can we submit an amendment?

6. Casey: Yes absolutely.

7. Rengert: Do you know if our website ever going to be updated because I really want to do our message board and I need the link in order to tell people where to go for it.

8. Casey: I know Joe Casabona is working very hard on it to make the necessary changes and updates.

9. Kelley: There have been some changes made, the bios are up, and there have been pictures added. As far as the message board goes, you may want to check in with him about that.

10. Rengert: He set it up for me, I'm just not aware of the specific link.

11. Kelley: Okay, I'll talk to you afterward about it.

12. Searles: I contacted Dr. Homer about the faculty senate meeting in two weeks about amending the non discriminatory policy regarding sexual orientation but I have not heard anything further about it.

13. Hayden: The reason that nothing has been said yet is because Fr. Pilarz took the initiative to address the issue.

14. Myers: I think he felt that it was a more professional approach to take this to the Board of Trustees himself.

Clark: Congratulations to Kim and her volleyball team for winning the MAC championship. She and her sister are first team All-Conference as well.

15. McManus: Thanks

16. Casey: It may not be a bad idea to do this at every meeting, but is there anyone who has a strong aversion towards this and towards having it at every other meeting.

17. Webby: It does seem that this is a lot of work, but it may be easier for them to meet with club officers over a longer span of time.

18. Sweeny: I see it beneficial to meet every two weeks so that we are not filled up with as many clubs, but either way I personally don't have a problem with meeting before every meeting.

19. Casey: if you look at the past two agendas, and we compiled them together, that's at least 10 clubs asking for money so that maybe wouldn't be a bad idea, but it does depend on what you all want to do.

20. Clark: I think that maybe another approach would be to see what the club's money time frames are and when they need specific funding by.

21. Hayden: I think we should leave this decision up to Joe and the committee but since we are so far into the year, we may not be seeing as much of a build up in appropriations as there has been so far and that those clubs that do come to us for funding can wait those two weeks.

22. Casey: It is ultimately up to the appropriations committee but there will always be a petition to charter and there is always going to be requests for money. Also, clubs continue to come back to us because they fell short of their budget.

Molitoris: What is the status on that online bill?

Casey: the Senbill 081.05, Student Senate Resolution Regarding the Appropriation of Funds for a Donation to *Strake Jesuit College Preparatory* High School, passed unanimously by vote, so Strake will be receiving \$1,500.

Dean McShea: I just wanted mention that I now have drop in hours for students to stop in and talk about issues.

- Motion to adjourn (Olechna)
- Second (Molitoris)
- All agree, meeting adjourned at 5:11PM.