



I. Prayer/Minutes/Roll

- Prayer (Colleen Rengert)
- Motion to approve minutes (Lindsey Meade)
- Second (Christy Joswick)

II. Executive Reports

A. President's Report (Vincent Solomeno)

- Joseph Casey: Vinny is not present tonight, and you will see his report in the packet. I do want to mention a few points. There are a lot of new faces here tonight as we are joined by our newly elected Senators. Congratulations. I look forward to working with you. For those of you who won't be back, I would like to say thank you. Please stay involved with us and let us know if you need anything. Since we do not all know each other, let's go around the room and introduce ourselves.
- Casey: We recently lost our friend, Brendan Giblin. I would like to open the floor to anyone who would want to say anything. I knew Brendan because I went to school with him during high school and again in college. He really lived according to the man for others motto. When I was a senior in high school, I came up here for a Royal Night visit. The person I was staying with had a lot of work to do, and so Brendan took me under his wing, and helped me to really enjoy the visit. He was truly a man for others and will be truly missed. Please keep him and his family in your prayers. Feel free to share your thoughts.
- Rengert: My best friend from home is on the swim team. I knew Brendan through her. He always made me feel included. He was the type of person who always made everyone comfortable and welcome.
- Casey: He truly will be missed.
- Casey: At this time, Noreen will pass out slips of paper to the current Senators. Please vote for the Senator who you feel deserves to be the Senator of the Year.

B. Treasurer's Report (Walter Banta)

- Nothing to report.

C. Secretary's Report (Noreen O'Hagan)

- Just a reminder that the dinner is Sunday, April 30th. You all should have received invitations. Please RSVP to me if you have not already done so.
- Joe Sweeney: Are our parents invited?
- O'Hagan: Yes.

D. Director of Communication's Report (Ian Mullin)

- I have nothing report. Good luck to the Seniors.

E. Director of Technology's Report (Joseph Casabona)

- I have nothing to report except that I had a really good spring break.
- Chris Molitoris: What did you do?
- Casabona: Not much. That's why it was really good.

III. Senate Standing Committees:

A. Academic Affairs (Rengert): Nothing to report.

B. Appropriations (Sweeney): I was not around so I will forward this to Drew Davis.

- Drew Davis: Nothing to report.

C. Ignatian Awareness: Nothing to report.

D. Dining Services and Residence Life (Steve Clark):

- We're working on our report so you can look for it next week.

- On another note, about Brendan. I don't know what to say. He was a great kid. My brother was down there with him that night, and he said that he was buying everyone drinks and making sure everyone had a great time. He always tried to bring people together, like having swim team parties. He was a great kid. I hope everyone will come to the memorial service. He was a great royal.

E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Greg Aughenbaugh): Nothing to report.

F. Ad Hoc Committee on Representation (Molitoris): Nothing to report.

- Molitoris: In the area of University Wide Committees, I attended a meeting for Middle States. It was an opportunity for the Middle States representative to see what students like and don't like. Some issues were parking, diversity. A few other Senators were there. Lindsey and Walter, do you have anything to add?
- Lindsey Webby and Walter Banta: nothing to add.

IV. Old Business (No old business).

V. New business

A. Petition for Charter - FIRE (Amy McKiernan and Dan Ostermayer)

- McKiernan: We received the e-mail from Dr. Baillie about Ignatian College, and thought it was a great idea. Many of us will leave college without meeting students from other colleges at the university. FIRE is a student group for collaboration and interdisciplinary work. We met with Dr. Baillie and Dr. Steele and this group will be more student active than administrative. You can read this in our mission statement. We decided to leave the Ignatian College aside and went a different route.
- Ostermayer: We have listed our mission statement and objectives. In CPS, nursing majors will meet with education and counseling majors. There is a lack of communication across disciplines.
- Davis: How can a club make this happen?
- Ostermayer: We will work with Dr. Steele as our moderator. We want to plan retreats and activities.
- McKiernan: I have worked at Women's Center for 3 years, so I know how to plan event.
- Joswick: This is a good idea. Anything that brings students together benefits our school.
- Ostermayer: I'm in CAS, and you have little interaction with students in other majors. There is a big void unless you are part of a special honors program.
- McKiernan: This runs the risk of changing people's minds. We want you to change your own mind. I am lucky enough to have a group of friends from variety of majors, but many people will leave this university without meeting people with other views.
- Sweeney: In terms of appropriations, will you be looking for funding.
- Ostermayer: I attended Walter's meeting and there is a budget deadline Friday.
- Dempsey: Walt, it was great meeting. I was there representing a club.
- Banta: Thanks.
- Motion to approve (Davis)
- Second (Meyer)
- Vote in Favor: 19, Votes Against: 0, Abstentions: 0
- Charter Granted to FIRE

B. Senbill.013.06

- Clark: I had a conversation with Anitra after I wrote this legislation, and she informed me that the administration does not actively check facebook and myspace, which is something I was not sure of. I appreciate that information. It seems to me that the use of pictures from a long time ago or for friends to see are used to incriminate people. I hear of these incriminating and getting people in trouble. Asking students to avoid taking pictures is hard. I know an RA who resigned because of facebook. Sometimes friends post pictures that you don't even take or know about. There are probably pictures that make me look drunk on facebook.
- Hayden: Regardless if they look for pictures or not, I think it's a good idea. It says at least they shouldn't.

- Rengert: We should look into publicizing that you can check a box and your profile will become private and only your friends can see.
- Dean McShea: I can't speak about personnel in question. The university does not monitor any online communities. There are however legal implications. We have something known as duty to care. If I have knowledge of an event, such as a party being advertised on facebook, and the administration sees this and does nothing and something tragic happens, we failed our duty to care. We do not want people to monitor these sites, however if a student submits something that is a concerned behavior or threat, we will address it in an educational conversation. We will talk to students about their behavior. What you need to understand is it is public. Employers look at this. If you do not want people to see something, do not put it on the internet. If an employer is looking at two candidates with the same credentials they may look at it to choose. Many use these websites for social purposes, but there are other implications. We will address behavior issues, specifically for student leaders, especially if they were in this role when the situation occurred. There are consequences for your actions. You might be in a picture that you don't know about, but it is the behavioral issue we will address. Do you see the difference? We should do some education about this at orientation and think more intently about it.
- Aughenbaugh: What is process you would go through, for example with an RA, if you are shown an incriminating photo?
- Dean McShea: It depends on the behavior in question. We hold high expectations for those students.
- Hayden: Last year as a joke my quadmates and I posted on facebook that we were having a party in our dorm room. We wrote that we were having three kegs in Redington. As it got closer we started getting nervous when the moderator for the RAs replied that he would be there. It was a joke, but that night RAs showed up at our door.
- Dean McShea: That was when facebook was still new. It was Ed Wahesh. He had his own facebook group. We've had conversations to tell faculty and staff not to go looking.
- Meyer: As a user of both sites, I realized that we are adults and need to understand self-disclosure. You need to choose what to put out there on internet as adults about to enter the professional world. I actually talked to 40 elementary students today about internet safety.
- Dean McShea: There is a safety issue as well. People are putting that they are going to class at this place and time. Anyone can see that. It's scary. The main point of these sites is positive but it is something new to talk about.
- Clark: Safety was the idea when writing this bill. I know when you see 40 kegs at a certain house and you see potential danger, you have to do something. My issue is if you are taking pictures and ideas from past. Yes, these are public but it is in the past, even if they may be inappropriate. There was recently a document in Philly about priests with criminal past and some did not get into trouble because it was year or 2 ago. If something that serious does not get into trouble, why can student get trouble for stealing chips in the past?
- Dean McShea: If you have an employer, potential or current, they look at your behavior. What you do a year ago comes along down the line. Employers check references and previous work experience. What you do your entire life effects you down the road. We'll be fair, but we're talking about university policy breaking. Even education students have to think about things they did in the past.
- Hayden: Is this bill a misunderstanding? It seems that there are two different things going on. It is either unnecessary or different.
- Zelno: There is a facebook option for privacy. I was going to second, but we can continue to discuss this.
- Clark: Can we include language of active looking and using pictures for incrimination? I wouldn't mind using both in it.
- Hayden: If this is a law, it's a law and we're just the student Senate.
- Dean McShea: This is not belittling the importance of the bill. Just keep in mind when writing resolutions, you need to do homework. You need to realize that if this goes before Dr. Carilli and is inaccurate, it is a poor reflection. We are not monitoring, but if something comes to attention we will address it, especially if it's serious.

- Davis: Sorry Steve, but I think we should scratch this bill and change it to a call for the administration to educate students about this issue. It should be more of a town hall discussion with students and faculty about how to move forward and take action about issues on internet.
- Meyer: I agree. We need to have a correct understanding of legal student rights and responsibilities. We should look at the liability agreements on facebook and myspace and rewrite this bill after seeing what they say. Motion to scratch.
- Clark: I will withdraw but I hope we can still talk about this. Drew, Chris and Mark are great guys who are RAs. If things like this keep being used, people who are good might stop using them.
- Dean McShea: The big question for RAs and student leader is what is my behavior? Instead of compartmentalizing the way you act, think about what is your behavior all of the time. You can't separate your behavior. You know that we have high expectations of you. What is the responsibility of the student's behavior, rather the administration's response? That is the larger question. Question you behavior if it is something you wouldn't do walking down the commons.
- Hayden: Instead of using the word scares, it filters out those who shouldn't be there.
- Meade: I know we need those positive leaders, but we have to realize that we are students and make mistakes.
- Casey: Any other comments?
- Clark: I will withdraw this bill.
- Casey: This bill has been withdrawn. Keep these ideas in mind.

VI. Senate Forum

- Searles: I was at the University Council meeting. The issue of course evaluations came up. We told them that we passed the bill.
- Casey: The bill will be forwarded to Dr. Homer.
- Hayden: Thank you seniors. It has been a pleasure working with you. You laid down good footsteps to follow.
- Casabona: I want to do something to inform students about cyber-stalking. I have read a lot about this topic, and I want to have information session. I'm trying to work with ACM. I'd like to start next year if anyone is interested.
- Dean McShea: We embrace all opportunities to educate and help students down the road. We're not out to get you.

VII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn (Clark)
- Clark: Just a note that the Senior class gift will be a fire place in honor of Brendan Giblin. Please tell seniors to sign up for the campaign. It will be nice for his family.
- Second (Hayden)
- Meeting adjourned at 6:13