



7 September 2006
Student Senate Minutes

I. Prayer/Minutes/ Roll

- All present
- Motion to approve minutes (Rengert)
- Second (Joswick)
- All in favor, minutes approved

II. Executive Reports

A. President's Report (Solomeno)

- Welcome back I hope you all had a nice summer. We have had some changes over weeks, so I will get you up to speed
- Legal Assistance Program is up and running, and it is great. Our attorney Jones has been utilized by students for landlord tenant issues. Ian will talk to you about promoting the program.
- There will be an event with USPB and FIRE, called Camp Democracy, next Friday. It is to raise awareness about the election process. Amy McKiernan is the chair, and it is an opportunity to bring students together. We will camp out on the GLM patio, and watch V for Vendetta, and generate a discussion about politics. There will be club tents at 12:00, with a voter registration competition, followed by a barbeque at 2:30. At this time, we will tally the results and award the club with most people signed up to vote. I invite each of you.
- Elections for freshman Senators will be September 26th. The timeline and guidelines are in your packet, and the election commission is here to answer questions. Please encourage freshman on campus to run.
- As most of you probably know, our Treasurer, Walter Banta, resigned for personal reasons. He did a great job last year, and it is unfortunate to see him go. We have asked Amy McKiernan to take over for Walter. Amy possesses a lot of confidence and energy. I have worked already with her, and think she will be a great asset. With that said, I would like to offer Amy a nomination as Treasurer.
- Casey: We have a nomination on the floor, do we have a motion?
 - Motion to approve (Meyer)
 - Second – Valla
 - 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; Nomination approved.
- The Election commission is here tonight. They have already met about the elections. Pamela Doffont is the chair, but she is in class. Jeannine Delgado and Kevin Walsh are here tonight, and I would like to offer nominations.
- Nomination on the floor to appoint Pamela Doffont chair of the election commission.
- Motion to approve (Molitoris)
- Second (Hernandez)
- 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; Nomination approved
- Nomination on the floor to appoint Jeannine Delgado to the election commission.
- Motion to approve (Hayden)
- Second (Joswick)
- 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; Nomination approved
- Nomination on the floor to appoint Kevin Walsh to the election commission.
- Motion (Zelno)
- Second (French)

- 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; Nomination approved
- Solomeno: At this point I would like to turn it over to the election commission
- Delgado: The guidelines are the same as last year. The only change is that we added a line that says usage of the University phone system and voicemail is prohibited.
- Casey: Any questions? If not, I can seek a motion at any time.
- Motion to approve (Bauer)
- Second (Ferrise)
- 18 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; Election guidelines approved
- Solomeno: Some of you may be aware that this year is the last increase in the student activity fee. Keep that in mind because the pot is almost empty. We need to be more conservative, because we no longer have an increase.

B. Treasurer's Report (McKiernan)

- Thank you. I'm looking forward to working with you. There was a certain amount of money allocated last year. The allocation distribution was to USPB, and to clubs. Of the amount we had to allocate, we have \$4,050 left over for rest of the year. When we get back what was left from last year, we should have another \$2,000, so we have about \$6,000 left this year to use. As far as I'm concerned, this is a small number, and we have to be cautious. During the next 2 weeks, I will observe spending that took place from from June 1 – September 7.

C. Secretary's Report (O'Hagan)

- I would like to thank those of you who attended the Student Leadership Reception.
- In the packet, you will find the Senate Calendar for 2006 – 2007.

D. Direction of Communications's Report (Mullin)

- If you are wondering about the wires running through the room, the meetings are now being recorded and aired on the University T.V. station. This is sometime I have been working on for a year.
- On campus senators, see me after the meeting for posters.

E. Director of Technology's Report (Casabona)

- The website was updated, and has information about Camp Democracy and the timeline for the election. I need to collect bios from Senators, and tonight I will take a new senate picture for the website.

III. Senate Standing Committees

- Casey: At this time I'd like to inform you of who is on what committee
- Safety and Crime Prevention: Tim, Kevin, Mario, Jess
- Appropriations: Christy, Frank, Matt
- Jesuit Identity: Chris, Allen, Brian
- Residence Life and Dining Services: Ali, Dan, Katie, Greg
- Academic Affairs: Colleen, Billy, John, Mike

IV. University Wide Committees

- There is a President's Cabinet meeting Friday
- Solomeno: The representatives for University Council will be myself, Joe, Ali, Allen, Frank, Tim, and a Freshman Senator. The representatives for the Board of Trustees are me, Joe, Colleen, Chris, Tim, and Jess. I do not have the list in front of me for the others.

V. No Old Business

VI. New Business

- Dan Navins and Emily Koucis are here from Liva Arts to request their budget for the year.

- Dan Navins: I am the new treasurer of Liva. We need money to purchase the rights to our fall show. We will be doing a review of Cole Porter, called "Red Hot and Cole."
- Casey: Any questions?
- Hayden: You make your own money. How much do you take in?
- Navins: last year we made \$1,700 in the fall, and \$1,500 in the spring.
- Rengert: Last year we were under impression that you were going to be starting to support yourself.
- Navins: There was an agreement made with the former treasurer. We used last year's profits to buy lights and sound equipment so we would not need to rent it. That's why this years request is less than in the past.
- Hayden: What do you do with profits?
- Navins: They go into the fall and spring accounts. Last year's went to purchase equipment.
- Joswick: You have never been obligated to put profits towards reinvesting. Do you have anything to show how that has defrayed.
- Koucis: There has been a decrease in our budget request every year. We purchased sound and light, which is a step forward towards becoming self-sufficient. In the past our requests were closer to \$8,000.
- Christy: Will it be \$2,000 less each year?
- Solomeno: We were under the impression that this would be the last year we had to fund Liva.
- Koucis: It will be under that too. We need to spend \$750 less on music. We're that much closer.
- Hernandez: Amy, obviously we don't have the amount requested in account. In previous years clubs did not spend allocating funds?
- McKiernan: Yes
- Hernandez: I suggest we table this bill until we have an idea of how much funding we have.
- Bauer: What is the total amount collected in dues.
- Navins: The deadline is September 13. There is an increase to \$10/member this year. 30 showed up for the 1st meeting, and all filled out forms, but so far only 6 have paid.
- Solomeno: What will be your profit this fall?
- Koucis: It is hard to tell.
- Solomeno: What was it last year?
- Koucis: \$700, which was below average. We will try to increase this through fundraisers, advertising, a website, and business management.
- Solomeno: We really don't have the money. We anticipated half this number. I recommend approving the fall revue and having you fundraise for the spring.
- Hayden: Change the amount to \$3,200 on the bill.
- Rengert: That is still giving away more than half of our remaining funds. We need to be cautious. It's the 1st week of school.
- Navis: I ask the student senate to just approve \$1500 for production rights. Without rights, we have no show. We feel comfortable with that. I had no idea of your financial situation. Just get us started.
- Casey: Just fall?
- Navins: Just fall?
- Meyer: Even if we use up our funding, we are broke this year until next year.
- Solomeno: The projections measure if we allocate 8,000 and they spend 4,000, it is only 50%. We need to go over past years and calculate. Last year, Walter gave a generous amount and we will need to be more conservative.
- McKiernan: In the spring, especially May, spending increases. We will evaluate our situation during the fall and then reassess in January.
- Joswick: I understand and appreciate this. My one concern is that we are approving you for just fall. Will there be enough funding to purchase the rights in spring, or will you be back?
- Hayden: Can you ask the University to pay for the Fire Marshall?
- Koucis: This is done through public safety.
- Hayden: Is it possible for public safety to pay? What about the fundraising we do?
- Solomeno: These funds went to domestic and international service trips

- Dean McShea: The Fire Marshall is arranged via public safety, and they do not have it in their budget to pay.
- Navins: Last year we had other competition on the same weekends. Today we went over activities to see that we're not taking from each other. We average \$2,000 a semester. We were under last year.
- Greg: Will this increase this year?
- Navins: I hope
- Koucis: Guys and Dolls made \$5,000.
- Greg: If a show is more well known, is there an increase production rights?
- French: If we just give you money for the license, will you be coming back this semester?
- Navins: no
- Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
- Second (Joswick)
- Rengert: Can you raise money to get spring rights?
- Navins: I hope
- Molitoris: I'm hearing a lot of "I think." Do you have a projection of estimated costs so we're better informed of what you might make?
- Joswick: When we started on appropriating, there was promise. Most of us won't be here, so you need to pass the promise of self sufficiency to whoever follows.
- Rengert: Amy. do you feel comfortable allocating \$1,500?
- McKiernan: Yes
- Motion to vote (Hayden)
- Second (Patro)
- Molitoris: Point of order: amendment affects IV.2. Amend to \$1500
- Motion (Hernandez)
- Second (Rengert) (
 - 17 in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions; approved

B. Senbill0.18.06 – Ultimate Frisbee

- Chris Rosett: I was recently elected as manager. Last year I met about funding two times, once at appropriations and one with Walter and Christy. I settled on \$4,100 for the semester. I can tell you why we need this money. This is an intense intercollegiate team. This sport is played in many countries. Tournaments cost \$100, and almost \$500 for the weekend. In 2003-04, we went to 2 tournaments, and had 20 on our roster, and ended with record of .500. We asked for \$1,300. Last year we went to 11 tournaments, with a roster of 30. We held our 2nd annual tournament with 11 teams. We practice everyday. Tournament fees last year were \$1600. Our club will spend 8000 this year. We signed 75 students, and 35 came to info meeting and will have at least 40 members. We fundraise a lot and raise \$3,200 and we do service, but we need help. In our meeting last year, we discussed this and made promises. We need more funds. We doubled our dues, and put together financial plan to raise 4,000. We do our part.
- Hayden: I'm a member of the swim team and we go on training trip which we pay \$1200 each. We pay for sweatshirts, and food. When we go to MACs, we pay gas. If school doesn't pay for varsity, why should we pay?
- Chris: We're a club. We're not here to be varsity athletes. You are supposed to pay for these things for club, according to charter.
- Hayden: I understand but with our limit we can't.
- Rosett: We did last year what we could last year. Our dues were \$30 and kids paid for stuff. We doubled our dues and now we have to tell them to pay for their own food. The \$4,000 is really for tournaments and gas.
- Solomono: I agree great you are great representatives for the University. Yes, in our club policies and procedures, it says that we will pay for these things, but we just don't have the resources. We faced with weighing money that all clubs want. HPO is an organization with double the members, and has half that budget. We understand, but we just don't have the funds.

- Rosett: I understand the concept of budget. The amount needed tends on the nature of the club. I did research and talked about it with other clubs. The nature of the sport needs more money. More than \$4,000 is needed.
- Solomeno: The crew club was here in spring with paperwork and was allocated accordingly. Our pot is empty. This is not part of the regular allocation process.
- Rosett: Crew put in financial application and so did we. We turned in \$7,000. We asked for \$6,000 and got \$2,000. We did everything we could and we were told it would get signed out on. We asked for it. All I know is that we did everything.
- Joswick: I apologize. We did meet, but I don't recall ever promising those funds. We went through the requests and we said we could ask. The way appropriations works is that we can look at what you're allowed, but we could never just approve it. We need to turn it to senate for approval. There is no way could we have done that. The old budget was approved by Senate.
- Rosett: I understand now. We asked and you said basically we had it.
- McKiernan: We do not want to undervalue a formality. In the club handbook it is clear that the Senate must approve any decision of the Appropriations Committee. We have great clubs on campus that doing a lot. We have great things happening on campus. We don't have a lot of money, and this year there will be a lot of great things that will need our help.
- Hayden: If you doubled dues, what happened with the extra money?
- Rosett: After we did that, we needed \$4,000 rather than \$6,000. We had \$2,000 and had to pull out of tournaments.
- Hayden: Even after you raised dues, you still have kids coming out for the club.
- Rosett: Yes, but Student Government is supposed to pay. We're doing things. We survived on that budget with 30 kids, but this year we have 40.
- Malloy: It is great that you increased, but has fundraising increased? Can you become self sufficient?
- Chris: We sell Frisbees, order t-shirts, Yankee Candles, and sell other trinkets that ultimate players like. It has definitely increased. We project between \$4,000 and \$4,500 profit.
- Molitoris: It says here that you have 30 people.
- Rosett: That is another \$600. We need an extra car, and extra hotel room.
- Ferrise: Where do you practice?
- Rosett: Wilkes Barre, or Nay Aug Park.
- Ferrise: You have enough gas on here to go to the Poconos. How big is the field? Can you use the Founders Green? McDade Park?
- Rosett: We don't practice at McDade. The conditions aren't right. It's too windy.
- Ferrise: You list \$20 worth of gas/car each week. I don't use that much, and I commute and I drive a lot.
- Rosett: Each car needs half a tank per week.
- Solomeno: We're already working for field for rugby. Maybe we can combine your efforts with them. We are going to the city to ask for a pocket park. There are pocket parks throughout city. They don't have money for gas. Maybe we can kill 2 birds with one stone.
- Rengert: The reality is that we don't have money. In a perfect world, yes, but we don't have it. You saw Liva. We can't give money. There are other options. You can walk to Nay Aug, or use McDade. You entered 11 tournaments. That is equivalent to a varsity sport. Cut back. I'm in the psychology club, and want to do more but we can't. You need to work with the budget.
- Rosett: You say I need to give a little, take a little. I wish I attached our original budget. We asked for 30% more. We sat down and made concessions and a lot of reductions. We reduced original planned from \$12,000. We're not more or less important.
- Motion to move to Second reading (Rengert)
- Second (Ferrise)
- Jones: Do you have a budget summary for the total break down?
- Rosett: We thought and expected we would have cuts.
- Bauer: Do you play other colleges?
- Rosett: yes
- Bauer: If you play other colleges, and there is such an interest, can it be made a varsity sport?

- Rosett: It's an interesting game. There are world games, and they are trying to make it an Olympic sport, but it has never been made varsity sport.
- Bauer: It was just an alternative suggestion.
- Motion to Vote (Hayden)
- Second (French)
- 1 votes in favor, 13 votes against, 3 abstentions; Senbill does not pass
- Solomeno: In an ideal world we would fund it but we can't. I think you're doing a great job, but we can't.

C. Kirkheimer Improv

- Casey: I like that in your mission statement it states that you don't need funding.
- Jamie: we don't need funding and won't need it. I'm grad student here. I went to Penn State where I took improve class and formed a club. We didn't need funds. We had about 20 kids and put on 1 show. Then we would perform once a month for organizations. There is nothing here like this. I have 10 signatures, and 14-15 kids at a meeting. We plan to meet once a week, and practice. Just like acting, there are rules to be successful. I did this for 2 years at Penn State.
- Motion to approve (Zelno)
- Second (Konzman)
- 16 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions; Charter granted
- Solomeno: You should contact USPB to perform at events.

VII. Senate Forum

- Solomeno: We are waiting until freshman are elected to have our training at the end of September/beginning of October. Let us know dates that you are not available. It is not a weekend away, but a series of evening seminars and a barbeque. Please e-mail Noreen conflicts, and email class schedules by next week.
- A discussion has started about budget 2007- 2008. Anyone interested, let me know.
- Can I speak to chairs of committees after meeting?
- Parking for sophomores – I'm having a meeting with public safety. What do you think?
- Lecours: My friend's car was keyed. I emailed the Chief and they are "in fact ordering cameras and working on security." There are lots of issues.
- Patro: What security measures in place now?
- Dean McShea: There is fencing, lights, blue lights, and phones. There is no gate. Other than that, better they have patrol people walking in that area. I do ask that you encourage people to use the escort service.
- Jones: The main issue is with security. The lot is very nice, and the blue lights are great. We noticed that with the height of cars, it is hard to see some of the lights. The walk down is bad and long though, with no call box. When we went down, it had rained and there were big puddles on the stairs and that will be ice in the winter.
- Hayden: Dean McShea, what is the possibility of a shuttle service?
- Dean McShea: A shuttle service has issues such as cost, and timing. Would it run in 5 or 10 minute intervals? At that point, if you miss the shuttle, you probably would not wait for it. I don't think they will have one, but if student feel it's important, you can bring it up.
- Bauer: The sophomores are working out times to meet. Our main concern is that there are numerous spots on Clay and Linden open in front of Gavigan and Redington, and we can't park there.
- Solomeno: Can we be present at that meeting?
- Bauer: Yes and Tim can come as well.
- Rengert: I was just wondering why there was no Mass last Sunday. Does the Ignatian Awareness Committee know anything about this? I thought it was weird.
- Molitoris: I was in same situation.
- Solomeno: We were notified by city that they will be going around to check houses. Let anyone who lives off-campus know that the city is looking out.

- Dean McShea: The city is looking at ordinances, such as the number of non-related individuals in a house. Talk to your landlord and find out what your house is zoned for. Be prepared, because they are cracking down, and be aware of what is going on. You can talk to our Legal Assistance Attorney Jones about any questions you might have.
- Patro: I used the Legal Assistance Program this summer, and I still am. Attorney Jones is very helpful, and it is a great resource.
- Mullin: On-campus Senators see me after the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn (Molitoris)
- Second (French)
- Meeting adjourned (6:12 pm)