

Student Government Minutes
6 October 2005

I. Prayer/Introduction of new senators/Call to Order 11:43

- Motion to approve minutes (Clark)
- Second (Davis)

II. Executive Reports

A. Presidents Report (Solomeno)

1. Change of time showed excellent turnout.
2. Memo sent out about the Legal Assistance Program.
3. Continued efforts to hurricane Katrina in progress.
4. Campus Center Project underway.

B. Treasurer's Report (Banta)

- A. Allocated total is roughly around \$94,000. We really only use 44%.
 1. Clark: To clear things up, can we overspend?
 2. Banta: Even if clubs spend 79% they are still ok.

III. Senate Standing Committees

- A. Academic Affairs (Rengert) Course evaluation research is underway.
- B. Appropriations (Sweeney) Today's bills update the present budget.
- C. Ignation Awareness (Hayen) Met with Sister Bernadette who advised that much is already going on in terms of promoting Holy Days of Obligation.
- D. Residence Life and Dining Services (Clark) Met twice. Once as a committee and once with dining services. Consensus that mal plan isn't going to change dramatically, with plans for the new student center. However, we did make the suggestion about using 4 meals one day in order to better use the meals they pay for. They are willing to consider our recommendations.
- E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Aughenbaugh) Nothing new.

III. University Wide Committees – None met

IV. Old Business

A. Senbill 052.05 Resolution Regarding Resident Student Swipe Access.

1. Webby: Number six, and section four, explain that Gavigan has a full kitchen, whereas Redington residents have nothing. All students should have equal access to equal facilities.
2. Davis: Why just focus on sophomores?
3. Webby: I can't answer that, as I didn't draft the bill.
4. French: I think the reason is step by step, sophomores get access, and then we can go from there.
5. Rengert: Discussion about safety concerns are a real problem. Do you know anything about that?
6. Webby: Not for the trial period.
7. Solomeno: Do we know ResLife's opinion on the issue?
8. Dean McShea: We met with Kevin about the bill. The issues with the buildings gets very complicated. Residence Life has big concerns with total swipe access.
 - Motion to approve (Webby)
 - Second (Aughenbaugh)
 - 15 votes in favor, 2 opposed, 1 abstention, bill passes.

B. Senbill062.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriations Policy

1. Clark: The basic philosophy behind this is to ensure that clubs are spending what they are allocated. As previously by Walter, clubs only spend about 44% of the money allocated to them. Then the clubs die out, or projects don't come together and give us a huge roll over.
2. Aughenbaugh: I look at this resolution as a way to make us more physically responsible. Give recent examples like the hockey team situation, I feel this is necessary.

3. Solomeno: I think it would be wise for the senators to adopt an amendment that states this policy will go in effect after the October sixth meeting.
4. Webby: What about the clubs that ask for more money at the beginning?
5. Clark: We want to encourage new clubs, but we don't know if the club will last. This policy gives us a small guarantee.
6. Aughenbaugh: If the club won't be able to function without \$1,000, then an exception I think should be made, referring to the occasion.
7. Davis: Say we charter a club at the end of the semester, they would still be able to apply for funds at the start of the new semester. Wouldn't this be rewarding late clubs?
8. Aughenbaugh: I realize it's not ideal, but this policy is a lot better than the one we have now.
 - Motion to approve (Webby)
 - Second (Davis)
 - 16 votes in favor, 0 opposed, no abstentions, bill passes, as amended.

C. Petition for Charter – International Language/Business Club

1. **Richie**: International Language is a major of CAS not of KSOM (like International Business). We're not as involved as we should be, and would really like to start a club.
2. Aughenbaugh: Why won't this club function within the International Business Club? The goals seem to be the same.
3. Richie: Our primary goal is Language with an emphasis in Business. We have to take two languages, with only a few business classes.
4. Davis: Is a club charter going to make you more involved? Why is it necessary?
5. Richie: We would like to have speakers geared to our major, as well as those open to the entire university community.
6. Solomeno: Thank you for coming this evening. I would like to remind senators that we have in the past sponsored clubs geared toward specific majors such as accounting and finance. A major is enough justification for a club.
 - Motion to approve (Clark)
 - Second (McManus)
 - All votes in favor, charter granted
7. Solomeno: Before you leave today, I suggest you contact Dan Akerman (the President of the International Business Club), one of our senators and talk about possibly collaboration between your clubs.

D. Petition for Charter – S.A.G.E.

1. Rengert: Is your organization affiliated with the Jane Kopas Women's Center?
2. Anna Quinlivan: It is only presently connected because we have a government grant from Scranton tomorrow and our advisor is Dr. Liz Randol, so presently it's our natural home.
3. Rengert: So if we were to support your organization, we wouldn't be supporting Jane Kopas, I understand.
4. Solomeno: Anna, thanks for coming. The garden looks beautiful. Are you chartering S.A.G.E. to continue your work after the grant runs out?
5. Anna Quinlivan: Yes. Our grant will run out in a year.
6. Clark: I feel like this is a worthwhile organization. From my knowledge it's the first of their kind. Having you here to clear up the Jane Kopas connection, really helps.
7. Davis: Yes. We were really confused about funding, but I think now we're ok.
 - Motion to Approve (Davis)
 - Second (Joswick)
 - All votes in favor, charter granted

V. New Business.

A. Senbill 063.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to Marketing Club

1. Geoff McKinney: The administration of the Marketing Club last year neglected to document community service.
 2. Davis: We as an Appropriations Committee met last week and made adjustments. It's acceptable to us. We urge you to look it over to approve it.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Searles)
 - Second (McManus)
 - Bill moves to second reading
 - Motion to approve (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (Meade)
 - All votes in favor, bill passes
- B. Senbill 065.05 Resolution Regarding Appropriation of Funds to Circle K
1. Caitlin Demarest: Circle K is an International Community Service Organization, this year our campaign is juvenile diabetes. Many other clubs get funding, and we would like to have some support as well.
 2. Joswick: I like the idea of the club and think it really fits in with our Ignation values.
 3. Molitoris: Where is the money for the talent show going?
 4. Demherst: Supplies, for the planning of the show.
 5. Akerman: So you'd charge admission and then donate the profits to your cause?
 6. Caitlin Demarest: yes.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (Davis)
 7. Clark: So it's a kind of Captain Planet – We've given money before to service, and this is totally service based.
 - Motion to approve (Searles)
 - Second (Molitoris)
 - All 17 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, bill passes
- C. Senbill 066.05 Resolution Regarding Funds to the Dance Team
1. Colleen _____ This year in comparison to last year, more members equates to more funding. We've talked with Toby about possibly getting two sets of uniforms this year to mix up our routines a bit more. Many people don't even know we exist. We would like to continue to promote school spirit and get more people involved.
 2. Casey: We need a breakdown of funds for the costumes.
 3. Amy Smith: Are you asking for the requisition form?
 4. Sweeney: Should I motion to table this, seeing as though our committee never went over it?
 5. Solomeno: If it was received before the deadline, it has every right to be on our docket today.
 6. Aughenbaugh: How pressing is the need for this funding?
 7. Smith: The only issue at this point would be ordering costumes.
 8. Casey: For Halloween? If this came in before the deadline, the senate will be able to vote on this today, but maybe we could allow to continue on with the day's business while the girls complete the necessary paperwork.
- D. Senbill 067.05 Resolution Regarding Funds to the Exercise Science Club
1. Clark: I think this is pretty self-explanatory.
 2. Sweeney: We looked at this, and made a few corrections.
 3. Rengert: Can we even pass this with our new law?
 - Motion to table (Davis)
 - All 18 in favor, bill tabled.
- E. Senbill 064.05 Resolution Regarding Window Air Conditioners in Linden Apt.
1. Meade: The Linden Apartments, unlike the other Class A housing it is categorized with has no central air and prohibits air conditioners.
 2. Hayden: What about the rise in insurance costs?
 3. Rengert: Will students be expected to pay the extra electric costs? Will the people put them in themselves?

4. Meade: That would be up to the school. I would prefer they provide them and install them for the students.
5. Aughenbaugh: What would be the turn-off policy, with snow accumulation?
6. Meade: Presently air conditioners are only allowed with a doctor's note requesting air conditioners for medicinal purposes, and they are left in all year, and snow accumulation isn't a huge problem.
7. Molitoris: Who would sell them?
8. Meade: Maintenance and Res Life.
9. Searles: 4B- I think we should strike that sentence.
10. Meade: That's fine, I accept that.
11. Dean McShea: From an administrative perspective, we wouldn't allow this. For safety purposes, the Physical plant would have to install them.
12. Davis: How necessary is this resolution? I'm a senior and I've live in University housing for four years without air-conditioning.
13. Joe Gerlach: Very necessary.
14. Davis: Maybe we should suggest a drop in Housing Class from A to B?
15. Clark: I talked to Lindsey about this and I think we should talk to ResLife. In a few weeks, this won't even be necessary. Maybe the air conditioner suggestion is too complicated at this phase, maybe what we are really looking at is a drop in class.
16. Solomeno: I agree. I think this is more of a Class A issue, and more applicable in the spring.
17. Hayden: Watch the weather channel, and you'll see and abnormally hot fall season. But the real question will the University be willing to pay the increased electric bill?
18. Rengert: I think there are a lot of components to this that haven't been addressed. Would there be an installation fee? How available would the physical plant be to install these air conditioners?
19. Meade: Maybe this is a smaller scale comparison, but if you want your beds bunked, you have to call the physical plant for that.
20. Joe Gerlach: It's a five minute job, I know I illegally put one in.
21. French: If the school is going to drop the housing class, I think we should pass this.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Joswick)
 - Second (Rengert)
 - Bill moves to second reading.
22. Hayden: I know it is easy to install an air conditioner, but for insurance reasons, security reasons, we can't really pass this bill at this time.
23. Solomeno: I disagree. The students didn't decide what they pay. The Lottery Time determines this.
24. Sarah Werther: I'm a resident of Linden. To live on campus for one month, it costs approximately \$764/month. There's the disadvantage of no swipe, and a key that can easily be duplicated.
25. McManus: I agree with Vinny. I lived in Linden last year and it was totally due to my housing time, not my choice to live there.
26. Solomeno: I think it would give this bill more teeth to add the drop in class.
 - Motion to approve (Searles)
 - Second (French)
 - 8 in favor, 8 opposed, 1 abstention, bill fails.

C. Senbill 066.05 (continued)

1. Smith: Breakdown: 5 programs, annual trip to the Broadway Dance Center at \$18/per girl, per class, with two classes, that totals \$648. The Parking Garages make our total about \$120 more, Competitions not finalized but the average competition is \$504 for the entry fee, transportation and accommodation. We also though about nationals, but nothing has been decided yet. Out 2 costumes total \$877.15. We also talked about having a dance teacher come in and teaching a class, having a dance clinic and providing t-shirts, and other ideas, but our total now stands at \$2,300.

2. Clark: Because appropriations haven't got a chance to look at this yet, I motion that we only appropriate the cost of costumes of \$817.18 at this point.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Davis)
 - Second (Aughenbaugh)
 - Motion to approve \$817.18 (Molitoris)
 - Second (Davis)
 - All 18 votes in favor, bill passes.
- F. Senbill 068.05 Resolution Regarding Establishment of the Legal Assistance Program
1. Solomeno: I know we all want to adjourn, but I'm looking for specific questions and feedback. Dr. Carilli has to go to the admissions conference and I'd like to get some more opinions on the issue.
 2. Clark: I see the way this program has really developed and come about into a sound program. We don't really have time to talk about it now, but I think we as senators should talk about it in the future.
 3. Davis: I don't see an estimated price. But I know the figures mentioned are significantly less what we originally budgeted.
 - Motion to adjourn (Aughenbaugh)
 - Second (Davis)
 - All agree, meeting adjourned at 1:00PM.