



Student Senate Minutes
16 November 2006

I. Prayer / Minutes / Roll

II. Executive Reports

a. President's Report (Vincent Solomeno)

- We were successful in receiving additional funding from the reserve account into the allocated account. This frees up a good deal of money. This is good news have money to fund.
- Joe will chair a review of the allocation process. feedback from appropriations – clubs coming to us – hard after initial request
- We are meeting with Attorney Jones regarding programs. We hope to start these by the beginning of next semester. We would like to have a forum before Christmas. You can make appointments free of charge with Attorney Jones by calling Mary Alice at x7860.
- Commencement changes have been announced. This decision was made with the help from Senate from our discussions regarding the Senior Speaker. The graduate and undergraduate ceremonies will be separate.

b. Treasurer's Report (Amy McKiernan)

- Please note the revised total in the Student Government Expense Account as per our meeting with Dr. Carilli and his approval of the transfer. Dr. Carilli transferred \$36,500.00 from the Student Government Reserve Account to the Student Government Expense Account on November 10, 2006.
- Also, as per our meeting and request, Dr. Carilli transferred \$4,500.00 from the Student Government Reserve Account to the Student Government Operating Account on November 10, 2006.
- Next, Joe, the Appropriations Committee, and I will begin to revise the allocation process for spring 2006. We will discuss this further in Senate Forum.
- We, as the Executives, will begin to plan a Club Week for the second week of February. During this week we will demonstrate our appreciation for clubs, and offer information sessions. Also, we intend to cover the revised allocation process in detail.

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

- Our Christmas party is December 7th, at 5:30 p.m. Our end of the year Mass and dinner will be on May 6th.

d. Director of Communication's Report

- The newsletter will be going out on December 1st. If you have any content, get it to us quickly.
- Heritage calendars are on sale. They cost \$10.
- Solomeno: Ian is the chair of the Heritage Committee. Last year, calendar sales raised \$4,000 for International and Domestic Service Trips.

III. Senate Standing Committees

a. Academic Affairs (Colleen Rengert)

- We have a bill tonight about Dead Week.

- b. Appropriations (Christy Joswick)
 - We met Tuesday for two and a half hours. We have a bunch of bills on the agenda tonight. We need Senate help with the Equestrian Club's request.
- c. Ignatian Awareness
 - We met last Thursday and discussed the Freshman experience. Chris e-mailed Dr. Baillie. We also talked about Study Abroad. Brian is working on the honesty policy.
 - Solomeno: Fr. Pilarz outlined the parameters for the study. I have them written down and have resources.
- d. Residence Life and Dining Services (Ali Bauer)
 - We met last Thursday and went over the surveys from Dining Services night. We're pursuing meal swipes in Hyland and so is SEL II. We have received good feedback and will talk to Joe Medscar, who was the first to work on getting food in Hyland.
 - Rengert: I received a complaint at lunch that you can no longer get a grilled cheese mae at the grill.
 - Solomeno: How far is SEL I in the process?
 - G. Jones: We're in deep. We have done research with numbers and stats and presented a PowerPoint to the administration.
 - Solomeno: Make sure our committee involved in the process. Ali has a relationship with people who can help.
 - G. Jones: It will be a good mix with Student Government and SEL working together.
 - Bauer: It is good to have SEL with us.
 - Solomeno: There are safety issues in Leahy. Ali, could you speak with Marty Langan regarding Leahy? I read a letter in the Aquinas by a student named Steven Friedman. I do not know this individual, but it's apparent there are concerns. I encourage Leahy residents to come with us with their concerns.
- e. Safety and Crime Prevention (Tim Hayden)
 - Tomorrow from 10:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., Mario and I will patrol with Public Safety. We are gathering information for a table on the commons.

IV. University Wide Committees

- The President's Cabinet met. Fr. Pilarz outlined parameters for Freshman Experience Study.
- We discussed the status of the new Campus Center. It is ahead of schedule and should be completed by November 15th of next year.

V. Old Business (Legislation on Second Reading)

- No old business

VI. New Business (Legislation on First Reading)

- a. Senbill.029.06- Appropriation of Funds to the Roller Hockey Club
 - Thanks for having us. Roller Hockey is an expensive sport. We pay \$500 dues per person. Half of that covers registration fees. We pay \$4500 in fees. \$1,700 is due by January 14th. If you could allocate us anything, we would appreciate it so we could free up some money we collect in dues.
 - Joswick: I would like to give the opinion of the Appropriations Committee. In light of dues collected, and their patience and willingness to work with us, I completely support and agree with this funding.
 - Rengert: This is definitely reasonable considering the dues that they pay.
 - Motion to move to second (Rengert)
 - Second (French)

- Solomeno: You have 16 people and each pay \$500. Thank you for taking a forward approach. It makes it easy for us when club members foot money.
 - Motion to vote (Rengert)
 - Second (Patro)
 - 19 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions
- b. Senbill.030.06- Appropriation of Funds to the Equestrian Team
- We cut out a lot from our first request. Our club fee is \$10, but this will go up. Equestrian is an expensive sport. There is a lot of traveling and entry fees for one ride, and some have more than one ride each show. Thank you for having us here.
 - Hayden: I have a few problems. You need to pay more. I can't approve this figure. This lists a \$2,000 coach's fee. We don't pay for coaches. If you have 13 members and each pay \$500, you will have \$6,500. This figure almost covers your expenses, as opposed to \$130. You need to step back and reconsider this.
 - Out of 13 members, only 5 or 6 go to shows. Everyone does pay a fee. I think we will have to make fees that vary.
 - McKiernan: I would like to recap the history of Royal Riders. They were allocated \$3000 last year and their request was \$9,371. We gave \$3,000 for a year. At the moment, the only thing we can do is allocate money for the spring semester. We can subtract the coach's fee.
 - Joswick: We can deduct the coach fee, collect \$250 per member for dues, and take out entry fees, we can get a more reasonable request. This can't pass with these numbers.
 - If we look at shows that are just in the spring, entry fees are cut half. Zones and regions are the same.
 - Rengert: This is a lot of money for 6 students. I'm uncomfortable giving this to 6 students when bigger clubs have so much less.
 - G. Jones: For regions and zones, do you have to qualify?
 - As of now, one of riders will pretty much definitely be riding.
 - Patro: How do you qualify?
 - Add up points from placements in shows.
 - Solomeno: My goal is to allow you to compete and that we're responsible with tuition dollars. My first issue is dues. Other clubs ask a lot less because dues. Athletic clubs usually vary between \$100 and \$200. We obviously have a desire to fund you, but it is a challenge. In the spring, we allocated to rugby and crew. If we had this in the spring, those figures might have decreased. It's hard because it's not in the initial process.
 - Our captains last year graduated, and did not submit request.
 - Solomeno: I know you were left with a nightmare from last year.
 - The only records we have are from 1999.
 - Solomeno: Last year Walter Banta worked with the horse show. Walter was told that there wouldn't be a need to fund this year.
 - You never can tell. Our coach said possibly.
 - Solomeno: How many horses and people are riding?
 - 5 or 6 per show and 5 to 6 shows.
 - Solomeno: Can you function with funds from horse show and some to bring it down? How did the club function with \$3,000? Do you have money in a reserve account?
 - Used about \$900
 - Hayden: In lieu of discussion, I think they need to talk with the Treasurer.
 - Motion to table (Hayden)
 - Second (Konzman)
 - Solomeno: I would advise against putting off discussion and withdraw the motion.
 - McKiernan: Please don't table this. We can modify the bill and discuss the total and breakdown.
 - Hayden: My concern is getting exact numbers without dues.
 - Joswick: We can ask them to collect a certain amount of dues and then we can work it out.
 - Hayden: I withdraw my motion.

- Joswick: If we go detail by detail, we can initially cut out \$2800 in horse fees.
 - Meyer: What happens with the registration fee for other teams at your show?
 - They pay it to IHSA.
 - Meyer: IHSA help fund?
 - Bauer: We can cut the total horse shows in half, and gas cut in half which will subtract \$32.40.
 - Rengert: If we put this together and estimate \$300 in dues and deductions, we can subtract \$8240.
 - Casey: In the meeting with appropriations, you settled on \$7,500?
 - McKiernan: We dropped it to \$7502, and then a 30% deduction because it is submitted in the fall. We should look at what to fund and then deduct 30%. Let's work with their original figure.
 - Joswick: So subtract our deductions?
 - Casey: Yes, and take 30% off that.
 - Ferrise: What about the money for ambulance donation?
 - That is getting taken out.
 - Rengert: The figure should be \$2,477.32.
 - Solomeno: What is the breakdown of funds?
 - Joswick: We will fund ribbons, the facility, judges, porta-john, half of the entries, and half of the gas. We are not funding coaches and they will have dues.
 - Solomeno: Is this acceptable? Can you function with this?
 - Yes, it is fine.
 - Solomeno: Do you have a plan to recover money?
 - We will have a fee increase, fundraising, and have \$400 in our club account.
 - Joswick: The final number is \$1,734.12.
 - Solomeno: How? $1,734 + 400 = 2,100$ and only 6 members pay.
 - Joswick: There are 13 members.
 - Solomeno: Not all pay the same.
 - Hayden: Can we take the average of those paying flat rate fees? Hockey pays \$500 to get by. I think we can ask them to pay \$200 to \$250
 - Motion to move to second reading (Rengert)
 - Second (Patro)
 - McKiernan: The horse show happening in the spring is required. They need to host to compete. I recommend we deduct the ambulance donation and coach fee and allocate \$4,439.32 for show for the show. These girls are freshman, which is great, and this is less than half of their request.
 - Solomeno: I understand Amy's point. We should not set a precedent of not deducting 30% for late requests.
 - G. Jones: The total comes to \$3,114.30. I would like to offer this as an amendment.
 - Joswick: I accept the amendment.
 - Konzman: I feel uncomfortable voting. I understand they have been patient. Could we have an e-mail vote?
 - McKiernan: There has been a lot of brainstorming here, which I like. This is how it should be. We talked about 1 event only, which is the horse show and we showed what we are deducting.
 - French: If you increase fees, can you still maintain members?
 - I think we could, just not enter as many shows.
 - French: Thank you for being patient.
 - Motion to approve (French)
 - Second (Valla)
 - 16 votes in favor, 1 against, 2 abstentions
 - Solomeno: Stop in and see us in case of any challenges.
- c. Senbill.031.06- Appropriation of Funds to C.O.L.A
- C.O.L.A.'s mission is to mix commuters and residents. We host events that are open to all. The majority of attendance is from residents. We need cash to fund these.
 - Patro: Welcome. You listed open mic nights. Have you considered collaborating? USPB does host these. You should look into that. USPB has money in their budget for coffee houses.

- Lecours: There used to be open mic nights at Aroma Café that were well attended. When it closed, many students lost their niche. I would advocate these events for those students.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Konzman)
 - Second (Valla)
 - Joswick: Is it feasible to possibly collaborate?
 - At this point I don't know.
 - Solomeno: How many attend your events?
 - It's hard to say. Last year I attended one that was packed.
 - Solomeno: USPB has a substantial budget and committee for this. I encourage you to join open mic night. It would be easy for them to pay for this. This eliminates \$260. Try to work with them for the event and use their publicity to help with residents and commuters.
 - That would be excellent.
 - Solomeno: Your club needs to make it happen. Get in touch with USPB. If it doesn't work out, we'll try to help you work it out.
 - Casey: Any opposition to this?
 - No
 - Joswick: We can subtract \$264 from 500 and deduct 30% and change the request to \$350.
 - Meyer: You should contact Sean Cosgrove and Nick Bernal to point you in the right direction.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Lecours)
 - Second (Joswick)
 - Motion to approve (Valla)
 - Second (Patro)
 - 19 votes in favor, 0 against, 0 abstentions
- d. Senbill.032.06- Appropriation of Funds to the Psychology Club
- Our request is for \$300 for a Christmas dinner. This dinner is for all of campus. Catering costs are \$359. We increased dues to pay for the rest and for a conference.
 - McKiernan: This is an appeal. They were denied funding for this in the spring. The way it was worded, it sounded like it would be closed to the club. This is an appeal, it's not just asking 3 weeks before the event.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Joswick)
 - Second (Malloy)
 - Motion to approve (Zelno)
 - Second (Hayden)
 - 17 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 1 abstention
- e. Senbill.034.06- Appropriation of Funds to the International Business Club
- We talked earlier about allocation of funds. We are aware of the 30% charge because last year's officers did not request funding. We would like to have a trip to the United Nations in March or April. This trip will be with International Language club. We requested \$1000, but cut it in half by sharing a bus with other clubs, so we ask for \$500 instead. Our other main expense is Chinese New Year in January. We request the total sponsored by club for items from last year. The of total \$500 was split evenly between candy, tangerines, egg rolls, and guest speakers. Gifts for speakers are not included, but lunch for them is. The final number is \$1,533. It would have been higher without the deduction.
 - McKiernan: Just a point of clarification: on page 2 of, 3 is a bus trip. They collaborated with another club.
 - IMF and World Bank free tickets for schools and universities on particular days which also cut the funding.
 - Solomeno: I encourage you to get in touch with International Politics Club as well. By having a packed bus, we can save money and help the environment.
 - Hayden: I like that idea. This is good.
 - Joswick: Amy and Appropriations Committee were impressed with the collaboration.

- Motion to approve (Joswick)
 - Second (G. Jones)
 - 19 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 0 abstentions
- f. Senbill.035.06- Resolution Regarding the Dead Week Policy
- This bill is vague what to include. It asks for a publicized standard procedure for violations. If you have any suggestions, let me know. Most things included are from past discussions or from policies of other universities.
 - Malloy: We looked at Academic Affairs and there is not a written policy. This is an important protection for students. It is hard to protect rights if we don't have this.
 - Solomeno: Thank you Colleen and the Academic Affairs committee. I did not report about University Council, but this came up. The bill in front of us is great and practical. It is not asking too much, but asserts student rights and is much needed. The Provost will receive copy. This will not necessarily change it, but recommend a change.
 - Rengert: If this is passed, notify your constituents that if they feel they have experienced a violation this year to notify a Dean or Academic Affairs.
 - Solomeno: The Registrar will treat this anonymously and it won't affect a class. Papers that are assigned in the syllabus are ok, but not exams.
 - Rengert: Practicum for pre-med students is a violation.
 - G. Jones: Is this in newsletter?
 - Motion to move to second reading (Valla)
 - Second (French)
 - Motion to approve (Hayden)
 - Second (Malloy)
 - 16 votes in favor, 0 votes against, 2 abstentions
- g. Senbill.036.06- Resolution Regarding Reduction of Tuition
- Joswick: Many students have to have internships for credits and pay CAS flat tuition. They pay \$1,800 towards credits. I propose that instead of \$1,800, students with internships will pay 1/3 of that. This is modeled after a class that takes place in Guadalajara for Political Science and Spanish credits. This course is a good idea because it is affordable. Dean Drysbec encouraged this. Dr. Champney said it passed in the Faculty Senate.
 - Patro: I agree. I'm an OT major. I have to take 15 credits internship over intersession and summer. It adds up.
 - Malloy: What is the justification of the price?
 - Joswick: It just follows the flat tuition rate.
 - Motion to move to second reading (Zelno)
 - Second (Rengert)
 - Rengert: Dean Drysbec and Dr. Parsons on Faculty Senate said the bill passed without any hesitation and the Provost was in attendance.
 - Joswick: It was positive. The faculty agreed. They already had a bill, and now we do, which gives us a better chance.
 - Solomeno: Can we amend this to say the Faculty Senate approved it?
 - Casey: It would be under letter B: concern on issue that the faculty Senate unanimously passed a similar bill.
 - Rengert: Is this the same rate as KSOM and CPS? Is the cost Universal?
 - Solomeno: My concern is that it is missing important information. My recommendation is to table this and have the cost for the 3 colleges and cite from faculty resolution.
 - Casey: include the faculty's language makes it stronger.
 - Joswick: The faculty recommends reduced tuition during intersession.
 - Bill withdrawn (Joswick)

VII. Senate Forum (Items for discussion)

- Konzman: The majority of the University Council meeting was about next year's academic calendar. The 2008 intersession/spring calendar was approved. Also, it was recommended to keep intersession.
- Solomeno: New course evaluations are out, and library exam hours have been announced. They are expanded to 8:00am until 2:00am Dead Week and finals. This is a step back from 24 hours, but that was too much of a strain on staff. We are looking into alternative options for studying. We had success in expanding dead week. Dean Kratz is responsible for course evaluations for the coming semester. Is shorter acceptable?
- Malloy: I like please comment after each item.
- G. Jones: Wasn't there talk about having course evaluations that students can see?
- Rengert: The bill was passed, but nothing happened as a result.
- Solomeno: We had a conversation with Dr. Carilli who the read minutes and said it would probably go nowhere. This year, we have had good success, but in the case the faculty is involved. If this is important to you, please pursue it. As of now, results confidential except for faculty and chairpersons.
- McKiernan: Is there a chance of having critiques and comments on service learning components of classes?
- Rengert: The library hours are good opening earlier at 8:00am.
- Mullin: It opens 7:00 am finals week.
- McKiernan: I have coupons for Red Robin tonight to support Liva Arts.
- Solomeno: Please attend the Royal Ball at 8:00 pm in the Byron.

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn (Zelno)
- Second (Hayden)