



Student Senate Minutes
1 February 2007

I. Prayer/Minutes/Roll

1. All present
2. Today we are voting on 2 vacancies in the Senate. There are 4 candidates for 2 positions, Sophomore and Resident Senator. We will take a vote after speaking and will suspend minutes and camera at that time.
3. Dean McShea: I would like to make an amendment to the minutes. Amendment will be made to the last page.
4. Motion to approve minutes (French)
5. Second (Patro)
6. 30 November minutes approved

II. Executive Reports

A. President's Report (Vincent Solomeno)

1. The Heritage Calendar is on sale. There has been a positive response and covered expenses. Talk to people about them. The profits benefit international and domestic service trips. We will work with alumni to advertise.
2. We are working with residence life and physical plant on a sustainability initiative. There will be a competition on readings on meters, trash and recycling. We are developing programs with the goal to educate. We appreciate the help of R.A's with this.
3. Amy, Joe and the Appropriations Committee met over intersession to discuss the allocation process. They have made a good step forward to streamline the process and simplify it so it is easier to make decisions.
4. We met with Dean McShea and Attorney Jones about a forum to discuss Spring Break issues, as well as contractual issues.
5. Public Relations and Alumni asked for feedback about getting classes and students involved. We are forming an ad hoc committee on ways to promote class affinity. Colleen will be the chairperson.

B. Treasurer's Report (Amy McKiernan)

1. Thank you Rob Knight for being here tonight. A USBP representative will be at meetings which will offer helpful input.
2. Over Intersession we reviewed the allocation process. We discussed what we should fund. Please offer suggestions today. I made a new projection on club

spending and reevaluated dated events in the fall and roll back funds not spent. This is a tentative number. I will be distributing updated budgets.

3. On February 12, there is a club information session with Leadership Roundtable. We will hear the opinions of club leaders on the appropriations process and get feedback from them, and Kat and Rob.

4. Solomeno: Are these expenditures from last semester?

5. McKiernan: This is what is accounted for. Starting next week I will go back to the itemized format.

6. Congratulations to Rob who is the new Vice Chair of USPB.

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

1. There was a Sustainability Reception last week.

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

1. The newsletter was sent out. I'm looking for feedback.

2. The New Years Message was aired over Intersession. Should it be done again next year? I would like to see it happen again.

3. Calendars are on sale. We have raised about \$600 so far. The money is being donated to ISP. Ask me if you're interested.

4. I will be helping Amy publicize the club information session.

5. McKiernan: It will be February 12, at 5pm in the Eagen. It is not mandatory.

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

1. The newsletter was sent out in December. The second one will go out next week. Send content.

2. Senior week forum next week in Brennan 228, on Wednesday, 7pm.

III. Senate Standing Committees

A. Academic Affairs (Colleen Rengert)

1. We are setting up meetings for next week.

B. Appropriations (Christy Joswick)

1. Amy, Joe, and Frankie will present a bill tonight.

C. Ignatian Awareness (Chris Molitoris)

1. We haven't met.

2. We're working on a community service project in the Hill Section. Many students have been hit with fines for having beer cans in front of their house. We want to organize a clean up.

3. Talking to try to accomplish iTunesU.

4. We are continuing to work on the Freshman year experience, along with the University Council and Provost. We hope to have legislation at the appropriate time.

5. Justice issues for students. Review of honor code and judicial process.

6. Solomeno: judicial rights. Elaborate.

7. not how. Had conversations with administration regarding certain policies vs. other schools, honor code, statement of rights.

8. Meyer: The community service project is an initiative Frank and I talked about. We can team up.

D. Residence Life and Dining Services (Ali Bauer)

1. Didn't meet

2. We will meet Monday at 8 with SEL about meal swipes in Hyland.
3. Solomeno: Please bring the idea of meal plans up that have 3 meals a day at any time or 21 meals anytime.
4. We wanted to talk about roll over meals
5. Jones: Ted mentioned possibility to have 3 meals any time on the 3rd floor and that the possibility of rollover is too much cost to them.
6. Solomeno: We need to be proactive with this issue. Do it for 14 and 10. meal plans. It is what best benefits students.
7. 3 times any time?
8. Solomeno: Yes. We need a committee like yours to make this a priority.
9. We will set up a meeting with Ted and Joe.

E. Safety and Crime Prevention (Tim Hayden)

1. Didn't meet.

New Senator Appointments

1. Casey: At this time I would like to address the vacancies. Please withdraw the resume of Peter Koar. We will let each of the nominees speak. The candidates are all sophomores so we would like to keep vacancies open to all four.
2. Solomeno: clarify. Goal. We would just allow other 3 to...
3. Molitoris: If we open everything for everyone Sophomores all have 2 chances and Melissa only has one.
4. Hernandez: If we do an election, that style is unfair.
5. Meyer: We should go with the letter of intent.
6. Solomeno: Melissa is only one for Resident Senator
7. Casey: We will vote about how to choose.
8. Hayden: We all said what we would run for ahead of time.
9. Jones: Only Melissa specified. Every possible way, there is always a sophomore. The 2 best will be chosen. Whoever is a sophomore will take the sophomore senator position.
10. Dean McShea: that is not true. The other three said they are running for Sophomore Senator on the cover letter.
11. Solomeno: Each of other 3 said they are seeking Matt's seat.
12. Casey: We will vote. There are 2 options, a and b. Choice (a.) is the 2 vacancies are open to all and choice (b.) is 3 candidates for sophomores and 1 for residents.
13. Vote: (a) 1, (b) 17.
14. Melissa Miguens: I'm a Junior. Thank you for having me here. I'm a Marketing and Spanish major and with a history minor. I planned to go abroad this semester. I am involved on campus. I am a fan of the University community. This is an amazing chance. I have lived on campus for 3 years. I have communication skills and personality, and think I will do a good job because I'm dedicated.
15. Ryan: Good evening. Now is the time to seize this moment. I want to be a voice for students who don't have voice. I was the treasurer for my high school. Would be great addition.
16. Molitoris: What is your involvement at the University?
17. Ryan: Tried intramurals, but our team was forced to forfeit. I have focused on academic because I have a learning disability. This will help me become more involved.

18. Patricia O'Leary: I am a sophomore nursing major. I'm hardworking and have experience. I helped Greg with campaigning. I Felt I could show enthusiasm. Scranton made me determined to help others. The essence of leadership is to have a vision. I discussed issues with my peers and some concerns students share are about Dead Week, library hours, Smart Ride. I am Involved in student nurses association, I'm becoming orientation assistant, I'm member of SEL and will move on to SEL II, and I'm part of a proposal team for nursing service trips. I know people, easy to talk to, care about school, friends, and commitments. I need to be the best, and make Scranton best.
19. Molitoris: What are your issues to address?
20. O'Leary: Safety is a major concern with off campus theme housing. The Smart ride stops at 10 and there are no lights on Vine. I spoke to others from different colleges about their Dead Week policies.
21. Rengert: You seem qualified. Do you have enough time for this?
22. O'Leary: I think I do. Academics comes first. I will make the time.
23. Mary Beth: I'm a counseling, philosophy and Spanish major. I'm an active member of community outreach, crew, and university concert band. I recently came to appreciate student government's role. Without this core, I couldn't be involved in anything. I had 4 years student Council experience in high school and was the Senior class president. I have appreciation for the position and its potential. It is important to publicize availability of government to other students and get students involved. My experience has been enriched by involvement. I see importance of advocacy. The sense of feeling welcome is so important. We can foster a sense of pride and help students feel at home and follow our Jesuit mission. We can't deny that Scranton is special.. I would be honored as servant leader.
24. Molitoris: What causes would you advocate?
25. Mary Beth: I would go out and hear what students say. I would survey students about housing, safety, dining services, and everyday issues.
26. Solomeno: I would like to go down the line and ask questions. Melissa, as resident senator. What would you change about the housing lottery?
27. Miguens: The problem is a lot of juniors and sophomores don't have a fair chance for apartments. There is a problem with holding spots and dropping out later. I would start with details like that.
28. Solomeno: Ryan, we are looking into the freshman year experience. One thing discussed is the effectiveness of General education requirement. We have heard positive and negative feedback.
29. Ryan: I think public speaking and composition effective. Computer literacy is not essential. It is 2007 and we have all had some exposure to computers. There are some good things like learning Access, but learning the history of computers is not as interesting or effective. My teacher for Public speaking was a local DJ. He helped develop my skills.
30. Solomeno: Patty, you mentioned Dead week. I Agree. Colleen has worked on that issue. You mentioned study days. The challenge is if we added days, we would take days off spring and Easter break.
31. Patty: There are other ways. We could cut Dead week out or end class on Friday and have a long weekend to study.
32. Solomeno: If students got off would they study or have fun?

33. Patty: I would study. This is a Jesuit University. I think students would use it to study.
34. Solomeno: Mary Beth, have you interacted with funding through any clubs?
35. Mary Beth: A little with the Justice Club,
36. Solomeno: We are given about a half million dollars and we give it to clubs. Under the present system clubs can come back. Our recommendation is to change to 1 chance to request funds in spring and a chance to appeal. What do you think?
37. Mary Beth: Once is adequate. Clubs generally have a rough idea of what will go on.
38. Casey: Mary Beth ran for this positive last spring. Have any others run before?
39. Ryan: I was planning on running for off campus next year.
40. Patty: Haven't in the past
41. Miguens: no.
42. Motion to reconsider a hasty action (G. Jones)
43. Votes in favor 8, Against 12, Abstentions: 0
44. Vote- Resident Senator, 18, 0, 1; Melissa Miguens
45. Vote – Sophomore Senator, 11 to 10 (Mary Beth Schluckebier)

IV. University Wide Committees

1. University council meets tomorrow

V. Old Business (Legislation of Second Reading)

1. No old business

VI. New Business (Legislation of First Reading)

A. Senbill.001.07: Resolution Regarding A Change in the Club Allocation Process

1. Casey: We met regarding this over Intersession. I only want to have a first reading of the bill tonight. This will be a significant change.
2. Hayden: This takes away a little from clubs and gives more power to appropriations.
3. Casey: It doesn't take away from clubs. It just limits appropriations to one time. Appropriations is only 1/5 of what we do, but we spend a lot of time on it.
4. Hernandez: Under section 1.i.can we add ii, in event one can't go.
5. Rengert: We should include something about clubs that start during year.
6. Casey: We talked to Dr. Carilli about this and agreed clubs can wait until spring.
7. Solomeno: There is already a resolution that when a club is chartered they are eligible for certain amount. We can add extraordinary circumstance.
8. McKiernan: We discussed new clubs and thought we should wait until April. Proposal for new initiative. Leave some money as cushion in account. We already made a Reserve.
9. Meyer: Include wording for specific circumstances. Include that an initiative must fit certain specifications to leave us open to decide what fits.
10. Solomeno: We could say if we see it hits our mission, or upwards of 6% of population or is community outreach.

11. Joswick: I would like to hear feedback. Should we only 1 allocation time? If a really great club comes along, should they have to wait? We could say they could get stuff in by November and Appropriations can look at the request.
12. McKiernan: We have a clear problem with people coming every other meeting. This will make clubs take registration and Spring allocation serious.
13. Hayden: a new club is ok. If a club failed in spring, they are out of luck.
14. McKiernan: I like that.
15. Salinis: My concern is for freshman. You can't punish them because they weren't here. Set 2nd allocation date in November or February.
16. Molitoris: We need emergency request and appeals for club. Sets forward a timeline. President would already have budget before elected. If club failed to register how long is it active?
17. McKiernan: It is in policies and procedures. Every club can fundraise.
18. Meyer: If we allow clubs to come under emergency situations we will fall back into same pattern. We need to be very stern and careful.
19. Solomeno: This is something I'm concerned with. New club can still apply because of another resolution. We don't have to set up different times.
20. Meyer: Force clubs to fundraise.
21. Solomeno: Amy brought that up. We may give preference to clubs that fundraise, collaborate and reach out.
22. McKiernan: Student government will fund those who work together..
23. Hernandez: Make sure any candidate brings with them an idea of a budget.
24. Ferrise: Clubs appropriated have service requirement. Can we make a fundraise requirement?
25. G. Jones: Make a percentage of proposed amount fundraised.
26. Patro: Making more work mandated.
27. Casey: Only makes more for Treasurer.
28. Rengert: New clubs have one opportunity after they are chartered, and then after that same as other clubs. Some clause for emergency situation, for example a bus for basketball game, if in interest of university spirit and Jesuit ideals.
29. Joswick: I agree with John. Don't step out of jurisdiction. Not for us to do. We talked about percentage of money going to sports vs number of students. Should we address this here?
30. McKiernan: That was in my recommendation. We can open it up. Think about the process now.
31. Solomeno: I hear what John says. Elections already determined by policies and procedures.
32. Motion to move to second reading (Hayden)
33. Second (Rengert)
34. Casey: Table bill.

VII. Senate Forum (Items for discussion)

1. Anyone interesting in getting involved with class affinity, please see Colleen. Get students involved.
2. Committee chairs please forward your schedule and location. Our office hours will be posted on Monday.
3. Thanks for participating during the meeting.

VIII. Adjournment

1. Motion to adjourn (Meyer)
2. Second (French)