

Student Senate Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2007
Meeting in session 1:00 pm

1. Prayer/Roll
 - 1.1. Not present, Brian Kelly.
2. Executive Report
 - 2.1. President's Report (Christopher Molitoris)
 - 2.1.1. Thank you for coming to the retreat This is a great place to start our year, at Chapman Lake to renew, reflect, and collect ourselves at the start of a new year. Hopefully we will get a lot of work done for this year. I can tell there are a lot of good ideas out there. I look forward to working with all of you.
 - 2.1.2. I also just want to update you. The DeNaples center is almost complete. In November we will be formally moving over there. The building won't be fully operational until Intersession or Spring. There was a suggestion by the architects to give us a tour of the building. We will get the senate and student representatives from campus to have tours of the new building. Either Dr. Carilli or the architects will show us where things are going and see the tremendous effort that has been put forth into this building.
 - 2.1.3. Julie from Alumni Affairs is looking for representatives from senate to work on a committee for class affinity. This will be an official committee under Student Governmen. Senate members interested: R. Molitoris, Muth, Mooney, O'Leary, Hayden
 - 2.1.4. Another thing is that Father Pilarz and other staff members are looking to promote Ignation Heritage week in April. Student Government is in charge of planning a day on Friday of Ignatian Heritage Week in honor of the students. We should form a committee to plan for that day. Members of the Senate interested: McGovern, French, Searles.
 - 2.1.5. Today is September 1st and it is Ali Mailen's 22nd birthday. In good old senate fashion we will sing to her. :: senate sings, slightly out of tune::
 - 2.1.6. Last bit of business, I would like to appoint three people for the election commission. Greg Jones, Lindsay Webby, and Stephanie Salinas. These people have served on the senate and are familiar with the process and are honorable people.
 - 2.1.7. Meyer: Are they supposed to submit credentials before being accepted to election commission?
 - 2.1.8. Dean McShea: It is not really clear in the constitution. Typically, there are no credentials needed, the president just puts forth nominations and then will answer questions from the senate about the candidates.
 - 2.1.9. C. Molitoris: If anyone has any objections, please state, otherwise we will go forth.
 - 2.1.10. McKeaney: Any objections?
 - 2.1.10.1. Motion: French 2nd: rohmeen
 - 2.1.10.2. By show of hands: yes : 17 no: 0
 - 2.2. Treasurer's report (Beech)
 - 2.2.1. There is a breakdown of allocations to programming board. You have a schedule of clubs who show a deficiency of community service events which leads to a

deduction in their allocations. We do have spending for this week but that will be included in the next meeting.

2.3. Director of Communications (Hayden)

2.3.1. I'm working on the Heritage Calendar which was started 2 years ago which in the past was sold only to alumni. I would like to start selling them to students. There are really great pictures. This year is a sports theme. It is a 12 month calendar to get out by Family Weekend this Fall.

3. Senate standing committees

3.1. Academic Affairs (D.Jones)

3.1.1. We were very productive. The major issue we discussed was looking at aspects of dead week and finals. Now we have a day, if that, to purely study. We would like to see, especially in the spring, at least Thursday and Friday to study for finals. Even though there is policy for dead week, we would like a pure dead week. Because teachers still assign topics and projects. We would like to have absolutely nothing allowed to be assigned during dead week. We also talked about the possibility of athletes participating in varsity sports getting credit for gym.

3.2. Appropriations (Meyer)

3.2.1. The deadline for appealing appropriations for clubs is approaching quickly. The last day of September is the deadline for appealing newly appropriated funds.

3.3. Ignatian Awareness (Searles)

3.3.1. Our committee would like to work with the Executive Board to finalize the community service requirements for clubs, and to enhance the mission of our school in planning service events for the senate. Possibly, Beech could send a reminder to clubs when service deadlines approach. Also we would like to see a sign up for prayer/meditation for the senate meetings. Also we want to be working with the Executives to help plan Ignatian Heritage week. We discussed the idea of passing legislation to recognize students who have really supported Ignatian awareness on campus. This would extend our role to students in a more friendly way to positively reinforce those who work for Ignatian awareness.

3.4. Dining and ResLife (French)

3.4.1. Now we are dealing with issues for the new student center transition. The opinion of the dining services is that there will be no take out from 3rd floor cafeteria in DeNaples. So we would like to push to keep take out. It is a concern to many students. We also want to bring back dining services and ResLife committee nights in the cafeteria but we also would like to open it up to all senate members to come to dinner. We also want to open more communications with ResLife. We want to work beyond swiping and laundry issues especially with concerns about the new dorm.

3.5. Public Safety and Parking. (Cervi)

3.5.1. Last semester after Virginia Tech, in my political science class we discussed safety concerns and issues on campus. We have recently adopted emergency contact text messaging with cell phones. I have a meeting with public safety coming up. We had a lot of trouble with Lackawanna kids last year. There's a Hills association that we should get involved in and maybe form ties with, and also Scranton police. We want to find out more about the jurisdiction of public safety so

we can plan from there. We would also like to see first aid training in the residence halls and also swipe access for Linden apartments.

- 3.5.2. French: For Linden apartments we tried to get card access before but I think we should try it again
- 3.5.3. Dean McShea: The construction of the new residence hall is creating a new opportunity for Linden apartments to possibly get swipe access.
- 3.5.4. D. Jones: I would also look into getting swipe access for the houses also. I see that there a lot of safety issues with combinations.
- 3.6. University Wide committees: have not met yet.
4. Old business: none.
5. Legislation: none.
6. Election Guidelines
 - 6.1. C. Molitoris: We are going to go through election guidelines. We have a new copy of them and we will go through it. Most recently updated is March 20, 2007. This way we will have an idea of the new updates. Preamble. Article I: One of the problems we had is that it only addresses the candidates themselves and not third party candidates. This article should state that these rules only apply to candidates and not to third party.
 - 6.2. Dean McShea: We should put this under a different section. Because it refers to campaigning and not to candidates. Perhaps under article 2?
 - 6.3. Mckeaney: Seek motion to include a section 2: Cassidy, 2nd R. Molitoris
 - 6.4. C. Molitoris: We are going to go through section by section, seek to amend, and then send the new guidelines electronically and vote electronically.
 - 6.5. Dean McShea: Article 3 can you make sure that the apostrophe is included?
 - 6.6. Tenazas: In section 4, should we include drugs?
 - 6.7. Dean McShea: The spirit of that section is that no one should be wearing a campaign shirt at a party or hold a party in the name of a candidate to get votes.
 - 6.8. Meyer: I agree that we should change the wording. It is a little awkward. Something along the lines that no campaigning should be done in the presence of drugs or alcohol, which includes whether you are at a party and if that could be a possibility
 - 6.9. Cervi: What if everyone is 21? For instance at a bar?
 - 6.10. C. Molitoris: That is a good point. Some friends may be together discussing the campaign.
 - 6.11. Dean McShea: Well that goes along with the spirit of the campaign.
 - 6.12. Meyer: What if we said that alcohol should not be used to sway votes?
 - 6.13. C. Molitoris: It should say that alcohol can't be used for official campaign events.
 - 6.14. Meyer: But that goes along with third party. If your friend is at a party and scribbles your name on a shirt you can't do anything about that. Maybe we can come back to this.
 - 6.15. C. Molitoris: Section V questions?
 - 6.16. Cervi: What is meant by the fact that voicemails are prohibited?
 - 6.17. Dean McShea: Cervi brings up a good point because students no longer have voicemails. Possibly, you could get rid of the rule.
 - 6.18. Orzolek: I think we should strike it.
 - 6.19. Hodizoda: Since RA's still have voicemails it should be kept.
 - 6.20. Cervi: International students do and everyone does have the option to have it.
 - 6.21. French: For the spring are we going to have to change Gunster to DeNaples?

- 6.22. C. Molitoris: That will be changed in the spring. Does anyone have an issue with the email system?
- 6.23. Hodizoda: What does it mean that you cannot send mass emails? How do they differentiate?
- 6.24. C. Molitoris: The University does have official mass lists of students. If you go through UIS and use excel and create your own list of students, that is okay.
- 6.25. Hodizoda: Letter F point 2, it should read that University compiled mass emailing is prohibited.
- 6.26. Meyer: Students don't have access so that shouldn't be an issue.
- 6.27. Dean McShea: Yes students have to get permission, and so do I. It should read that you aren't allowed to send mass emails to entire classes but then they can't have access. We should keep it because it lets people know ahead of time that they are not allowed access to those email lists.
- 6.28. Hodizoda: Candidates should not be allowed to send emails through the university's...
- 6.29. Dean McShea: Candidates cannot request access to use the University's electronic mail system to send mass emails to their constituencies.
- 6.30. McKeane: Seek to amend.
- 6.30.1. Meyer motion, French second
- 6.31. Meyer: I would like to refer back to section 4, sub section E. and propose it read: there shall be no official campaign practices where alcohol or drugs are used in a way to gain votes or support for a ticket or individual candidate.
- 6.31.1. Hodizoda: motion to amend, Tenazas 2nd
- 6.32. C. Molitoris: section V the internet, issues?
- 6.33. Meyer: perhaps we should put something in about Facebook because it is a reality. We should put something in about groups and third parties creating groups before the actual election timeline begins. Not individual websites but mass communication websites such as Facebook and MySpace.
- 6.34. D.Jones: I agree. But didn't we make an amendment to article one exempting third parties?
- 6.35. Meyer: Yes but it's not chrisandcamdem.com, its Chris and McKeane on Facebook.
- 6.36. Mooney. The wording isn't right so it should be expanded to include blogs, internet websites, social networking sites, and media
- 6.36.1. **Motion:**
- 6.37. Meyer: Just to keep with consistent writing it should read candidate(s) for section G.
- 6.38. Mailen: Article 5 Section 6 letter G, could we just condense it to web content because it is more encompassing.
- 6.39. Searles: I think stating social websites is more specific.
- 6.40. Orzolek: Web content, including but not limited to social networking groups, media for candidate.
- 6.40.1. Motion: Mooney, 2nd Escue.
- 6.41. C. Molitoris: Campaign Budget, issues?
- 6.42. McGovern: How often had they thought about changing it? Perhaps lowering it? Does anyone ever feel intimidated by that?

- 6.43. Meyer: They do get reimbursed for half of it.
- 6.44. Mcgovern: Could we maybe increase reimbursement?
- 6.45. Meyer: That is an office budget issue.
- 6.46. French: I know people who didn't spend much at all or others who spent \$399.
You don't need to spend a lot to win.
- 6.47. Meyer: I spent only \$47 and beat Chris Molitoris who spent over a hundred.
- 6.48. Dean McShea: If I'm correct senate members can no longer run on the ticket so that should be removed.
- 6.49. D. Jones: I will motion to make that amendment.
- 6.49.1. Mooney, 2nd
- 6.49.2. Strike: on a ticket for senator positions and those running individuals.
- 6.50. C. Molitoris: I'm worried that if you have one election with 10 executive office tickets you have the possibility of the office funds being completely obliterated because of reimbursements. Maybe we should have a maximum limit and that could be divided among the candidates running in case there is an extreme amount of candidates running.
- 6.51. McShea: Didn't McKiernan last year propose to have the reimbursements coming out of allocations and not out of office funds?
- 6.52. Meyer: And there is a max amount. I believe it is starting this year with the Freshmen campaigns.
- 6.53. C. Molitoris: So it's good as it stands?
- 6.54. Beech: How do you judge reimbursement? By usage or value?
- 6.55. Dean McShea: That is left up to the election commission. If someone already owned a digital camera that would not count as costs but printing or digital services counts.
- 6.56. Beech: But renting or loaning counts.
- 6.57. C. Molitoris: This is a very gray area.
- 6.58. R. Molitoris: There is a spelling error: section 2, e. under article 6
- 6.59. C. Molitoris: I think what we are referring to is assessed value or borrowed items.
- 6.60. Beech: I think it should read assessed value of usage of borrowed items. If you had rented the item.
- 6.61. C. Molitoris: Are we going to have standardized the values?
- 6.62. Beech: They can contact the commission for an assessment.
- 6.63. C. Molitoris: Motion to amend,
- 6.64. G. Jones: What about stuff I already bought a long time ago?
- 6.65. Beech: But there is an opportunity cost for future usage.
- 6.66. Mailen: Are you suggesting that we need to do an opportunity cost for markers and pencils? How do we address that?
- 6.67. G. Jones: You usually only assess expensive pieces of equipments. I think it needs to be set to a certain dollar value.
- 6.68. Escue: I don't think there is a good way to calculate opportunity costs. There is certain things we can't calculate. We can't get too detailed.
- 6.69. Beech: I agree because it can become too complicated.
- 6.70. Greg Jones: Just be careful of the language and problems that it may ensue.
- 6.71. Cassidy: I don't know if this helps but when I ran, I felt that things that I already owned were considered free.
- 6.72. C. Molitoris: What if it said assessed value of items used.

- 6.73. Greg Jones: Once you start defining things you create loopholes.
6.73.1. Motion: Escue, 2nd McGovern
- 6.74. C. Molitoris: Any more reimbursement, issues?
- 6.75. Hodizoda: The language should be changed. Because if there are 10 people running they will not be reimbursed 50%.
- 6.76. C. Molitoris: It should read that they will only be reimbursed 50% up to total allocation fund.
- 6.77. Meyer: its enough for four classes per year.
- 6.78. McKearney: I know Amy worked it out perfectly for this year.
- 6.79. C. Molitoris: I'm just afraid that if we say we can reimburse someone 50% and we can't someone will come back to us.
- 6.80. Dean McShea: We will come back to this at another date.
- 6.81. Dean McShea: It seems redundant because of the preamble. Can we make it more concise?
- 6.82. D. Jones: Just the wording, "disqualifications may be made". Can we make that more specific? Or is that up to the election commission? Is it not automatic? It seems unusual to me.
- 6.83. Beech: I don't think it's an issue. I think it is intended to read that the election commission has the permission to disqualify.
- 6.84. Dean McShea: This has unfortunately come up in the past few years. The election commission in conjunction with the Dean of Students may disqualify and if disqualification is possible that maybe they should consult with me.
- 6.85. Meyer: Motion to amend what Dean McShea just said.
6.85.1. Ali: 2nd
6.85.2. Amendment: disqualifications will be made in conjunction with Dean of Students.
- 6.86. McGovern: Do we need an A at all or can it fit in the first sentence?
- 6.87. Mooney: Just strike all the letters and add failure to comply under section
6.87.1. French, motion, Derosa 2nd
- 6.88. Cervi: Section 2a: Can we push 10 am to 4 am? I think that this will give people more time to think about problems.
- 6.89. C. Molitoris: But elections this year are on a Friday.
- 6.90. Hodizoda: It should read next business day, in this case that would be Monday.
6.90.1. Mark: motion, Escue, 2nd.
- 6.91. C. Molitoris: Any more questions, comments or concerns?
- 6.92. Muth: Underneath D in Section 2, I think that that should be a separate section under section D to make it more organized.
- 6.93. Dean McShea: Or just combine it into one sentence instead of a subsection.
6.93.1. Hodizoda, motion, French. 2nd.
6.93.2. Amendment: All rulings are final and may include an election revote, if a revote will occur determined by the election a revote.
- 6.94. C. Molitoris: Now onto the Timeline.
- 6.95. Mckeaney: It should read 2007, not 2005.
- 6.96. C. Molitoris: We already went over this. Change campaign materials returned to 13th.
- 6.97. Dean McShea: Convocation is different. Usually we have faculty and staff attend. Since it is on a Friday, will they attend a 7pm meeting?

- 6.98. Escue: If they want to be there, if they want to run, they will show up.
- 6.99. Mailen: And there are other opportunities to go.
- 6.100. G. Jones: Friday at 7pm is okay for me. It makes sense for people with different schedules.
- 6.101. Motion for approval of Timeline: French, McGovern 2nd
- 6.102. Mailen: I have a question about the Student Government timeline. There is a student government meeting scheduled for the last day before Fall break. We would have to request permission to stay in housing longer.
- 6.103. Mckeaney: This was brought up previously and we can discuss it further at a later date after receiving more information. So Chris and I will get back to you about changing that date.
- 6.104. C. Molitoris: There is a similar problem with a meeting that falls during Thanksgiving break. We can't move it back a week because there is a council meeting. Then we would go 3 weeks without a meeting.
- 6.105. Meyer: What if we started the meeting at 3 since classes are canceled after 3?
- 6.106. Escue: Couldn't we move it to 3:15?
- 6.107. Meyer: I can do meetings now at 3. I finish student teaching at 2:15
- 6.108. C. Molitoris: So now we will see if we can change the student meetings to 3:15
- 6.109. Dean McShea: I ask that you all have a discussion sometime this semester about meeting times next semester so that we may be able to secure facilities.
- 6.110. C. Molitoris: We just had problems with hectic schedules picking a day and time to meet. The nature of this meeting is that we are going to be jumping around a lot with meeting locations. With the 3:15 time change we may get new locations or lose some. So we will keep you updated. Does that gel with everybody?

7. Senate forum

- 7.1. McKeaney: This is for your discussion. First topic is clubs. What should we be looking at when clubs come expecting a charter?
- 7.2. C. Molitoris: What are we appropriating for? What clubs should we charter? It is a difficult question. Do we charter a specific club that is a sport or advocates on the behalf of something? We are trying to define what our mission should be. We have developed that our mission is furthering our identity as a Jesuit institution. You will see that we will run into more complicated issues. What is the mission of furthering the Jesuit mission? What about clubs that act in effect as JV sports? We have in the past denied that because we could not fund a JV program for the athletic department. These kinds of issues will come up. We have to whittle down even more what our mission is, what clubs we charter.
- 7.3. Hodizoda: I think a document should be drafted for how we charter clubs which includes University goals and University mission. There should be some kind of definitive record.
- 7.4. C. Molitoris: That would take place in the bylaws of appropriations. There is a club document handbook. But to set up a precedent we would have to come with legislation. But then many conversations with Dean McShea, Dr. Carilli, and the senate would ensue.
- 7.5. Dean McShea: Some institutions have different processes in chartering club sports. Dr. Carilli is interested in this topic as well. It may be helpful to have a separate committee group to discuss this process. Perhaps, club sports should be chartered and funded differently than a regular club?

- 7.6. Mckeaney: Is anybody interested in joining this group?
 - 7.6.1. Derosa, French, Mooney, R. Molitoris
 - 7.7. Dean McShea: The entire chartering process should be reviewed with club sports as one of the items to focus on.
 - 7.8. Meyer: We met with Dean McShea and Dr. Carilli this summer about why our petition to charter was not approved. We will meet this week for lunch. I will give you an update as soon as possible.
 - 7.9. Mailen: I feel that we have a lot of work to do as far as wording for that proposal. We are working toward what we hope will be in line with the Univeristy's mission as well as our goals.
 - 7.10. Escue: Once the Freshmen get elected I think we should send out a contact and information list of Student Government to all students so that they know that if they have an issue they know who to contact and what committee head. This would be a great way to put ourselves out to constituents.
 - 7.11. Mckeaney: That would be something Hayden can head.
8. Director of Techonology: Absent position
- 8.1. C. Molitoris: Pfahl had to resign from Director of Technology because of family issues. Our prayers are with him. So we are looking for a new director. Please contact me with suggestions.
 - 8.2. Cervi: Can they be a grad student?
 - 8.3. McKearney: No they have to be an undergraduate.
 - 8.4. C. Molitoris: I encourage you to contact Maura with any communication issues you have and also contact Haley with meeting times for committees so that your constituents may contact you.
 - 8.5. Meyer: motion for meeting adjourned. French 2nd.