

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

October 12, 2007

1. Prayer (M. Hayden)/ Minutes/ Roll (H. Walsh)
 - 1.1. Jones motion to approve minutes from September 28.
 - 1.1.1. Second, DeRosa
2. Executive Reports (Written)
 - 2.1. President's Report (C. Molitoris)
 - 2.1.1. The Alma Mater Showdown on Thursday was a great success! Continue to do your great work for the student body. I hope that you have a safe trip home for Fall Break
 - 2.2. McKeaney: This week the Executive and Senate Standing Committee reports are written due to Fall Break. Are there any questions?
3. University Wide Committees
 - 3.1. University Council (C. Molitoris)
 - 3.1.1. We approved the calendar for the next year. Also, the University Governance will take the place of the University Council after the Administration Conference. All three senates, faculty, staff, and students, will look at what the new governance structure should be.
 - 3.1.2. McShea: Can you clarify what the new University Council will look to change?
 - 3.1.3. C. Molitoris: Members of the student, staff, and faculty senates will determine what the larger University Governance should look like.
4. Statement about Attendance (B. Kelly)
 - 4.1. I am sorry for missing the Student Senate Meetings up until now. My father is a police officer and there was a shooting in my town. My mother could not reach him and was very distraught. I thought it was necessary to go home and be with my family instead of attending the meeting. I also have Organic Chemistry tests on Friday mornings. Because of studying late into the night, I am often tired and suffer from a lack of sleep, therefore making the past Friday meetings hard to attend.
 - 4.2. McKeaney: We will now have a closed session where we will discuss the status of Kelly's position on the Student Senate. According to by laws a Senate member can only miss 20% of Senate meetings and events. Kelly has missed 3 meetings and the training session. Kelly, please leave the room and the minutes will now be suspended.
 - 4.3. Meyer motions to resume minutes.

4.3.1. DeRosa seconds.

4.4. McKeaney: Kelly the Senate has elected for you to sustain your position on the Student Senate.

5. New Business

5.1. Senbill.018.07: Student Senate Resolution Regarding the Allocation of Additional Funds to the Student Nurses Association and The University of Scranton Political Society

5.1.1. Meyer: Three clubs contacted the appropriations committee for additional funding besides allocations. Student Nurses Association asked for \$350 extra. They are in good standing and have all of their documentations. They want to send an additional person to the National Conference. They usually do send four people and we only gave them enough money to send three people. The \$350 will cover travel expenses, registration, and taxes.

5.1.2. Beech: We are a non-profit organization which means that we don't pay sales tax. However, most hotels will not accept this and the University doesn't reimburse for taxes which is why we allotted extra money for tax.

5.1.3. Meyer: The University of Scranton Political Society asked for \$250 for the journal that they publish. They are also in good standing. Finally the Business Club came to us because they were not previously approved for the business expo that took place today and would not have received approval until today which is after the expo occurred. They had to use club money to fund the event and in return asked for more money.

5.1.4. Jones motions to give SenBill.018.07 a second reading.

5.1.4.1. Meyer seconds

5.1.5. DeRosa motions to approve SenBill.018.07.

5.1.5.1. Jordan seconds

5.1.6. Vote to approve SenBill.018.07

5.1.6.1. Unanimous.

6. Senate Forum

6.1. McKeaney: Cervi plans to have a Meet'n'Greet for the student body to meet the Senate.

6.2. C. Molitoris: Wouldn't that really be a greet then meet?

6.3. Cervi: We haven't gotten to meet our constituents. It would be a good idea to organize this event.

6.4. Jordan: Do you have a tentative date?

6.5. Cervi: October 23.

6.6. Jones: That's a good idea. We tried this before as Sophomores on Family Weekend. We had poor attendance issues. What will you do?

6.7. Escue: We should get free coffee or cookies, something to entice people to come.

6.8. Cervi: Would anyone like to help me?

6.8.1. Mooney, Escue, McGovern, Jordan, DiLeo, Lamb

6.9. Alma Mater Showdown

6.9.1. McKeaney: The Alma Mater Showdown was great. We had amazing attendance and everyone had a great time, despite the rain. The Senior class won the Showdown, but not by much. Their class will be engraved on the trophy.

6.10. C. Molitoris: We need contact lists out to the constituents. The Junior class representatives wanted to do a personalized email or we could do a mass email to everyone with a list of all the representatives listed. For example, you would get either a letter from Cervi or one from Dean McShea.

6.11. Mooney: I think the letter should be personalized.

6.12. Escue: If we can include the committees and contacts of the other representatives, I think personalized would be better. Would we also send out specific letters to commuters, residents, etc.?

6.13. C. Molitoris: Yes you would send a personalized letter to your constituents.

6.14. Jordan: I have a question for the appropriations committee. For the community service requirements for clubs, could you suggest cleaning the city of Scranton. Could we say one of your projects has to include this?

6.15. C. Molitoris: Kate and I had a meeting with Fr. Pilarz about this issue. One topic for Scranton Initiative is to have a clean-up in Fall and the Spring in the city of Scranton.

6.16. Lamb: For the Office Convention, is it understood that the Senators are volunteering or do we have to still sign-up?

6.17. C. Molitoris: You still have to sign-up on the internet and put Student Government as your group.

7. Meyer motions to adjourn meeting.

7.1. McGovern seconds.