

Student Senate: Minutes
November 9, 2007

1. Prayer (Bridget McGovern)/Minutes/Roll
 - 1.1. Hodizoda motions to approve minutes
 - 1.1.1. DeRosa Seconds
2. Executive Reports
 - 2.1. President's Report (C. Molitoris)
 - 2.1.1. Thank you for joining us in Leahy. Two things I want to speak to you about. First is an initiative with the President's Cabinet, Scranton Street Sweep. It came from a conversation between Camden, Fr. Pilarz, and myself that we should take pride and ownership of our community. We live better lives when we live in cleaner, more beautiful communities. You can sign up on the student government website. I brought flyers if you want to take some to advertise.
 - 2.1.2. Mooney: Should we put Student Government as the group when we sign up?
 - 2.1.3. C. Molitoris: You don't need to because that is for community service. I also want to commend you because we have a lot of legislation for today. Not only are you doing great programs for the constituents but you have paired that with legislation.
 - 2.2. Director of Communication's Report (M. Hayden)
 - 2.2.1. I have been working on the heritage calendar. There are announcements in Royal News, we are sending letters to alumni, and I hope to have a table on Gunster. I'm looking to get everyone's pictures finished. If you didn't get them, please see me.
 - 2.3. Director of Technology (E. Speelman)
 - 2.3.1. I took down irrelevant information and updated the site with Scranton Street Sweep information.
 - 2.4. Treasurer's Report (J. Beech)
 - 2.4.1. Mine is a paper report. We have had a lot of spending this week. Later, we will discuss the requests for funding.
 - 2.4.2. Escue: That's quite an expensive fruit platter.
 - 2.4.3. Beech: Ain't nothing free.
3. Senate Standing Committees
 - 3.1. Academic Affairs (D. Jones)
 - 3.1.1. Everything is in the report. We have our goals listed. We also have a bill on the table.
 - 3.2. Appropriations (K. Meyer)
 - 3.2.1. We had one request for additional funding, and one request for contribution to community outreach. We had another request for funding but chose not to honor it because it should have been done as an appeal.
 - 3.3. Ignatian Awareness (M. Searles)
 - 3.3.1. We yielded our report due to all of the other legislation but we will have one next week regarding service requirements.
 - 3.4. ResLife and Dining Services (D. French)
 - 3.4.1. Last week we looked at the comment cards from the dining service Meet'N'Greet. We submitted them to Ted. Most of our work is talking with our constituents. Everything else is in the report.
 - 3.5. Safety and Crime Prevention

- 3.5.1. Last night we attended Dr. Nicolas' Local Government class. We had a discussion about crime and safety issues by the students. They gave a lot of great ideas. We would like to discuss them in the forum. Dr. Nicholas is allowing us to do the same in his American Government class. We are also arranging a ride along with public safety soon.
4. Senbill.019.07: "Student Senate Resolution Regarding the Allocation of Additional Funds to *Habitat for Humanity* and *Donation to the Community Outreach Office*"
 - 4.1. McKeaney: Next we are moving onto Senbill.019.07.
 - 4.2. Meyer: Two things you will see here is the contribution to Community Outreach office. We allocated 250 dollars for the Quizzo event to support the domestic service trips. They have contacted various organizations on campus to help contribute. This is a one time contribution. There is an additional allocation for \$2500 for registration fees for their spring break trip to Georgia. Cassie Zagorski is present to speak on their behalf
 - 4.3. Zagorski: I'm here to answer your questions. This year we will be going to Georgia. We will be building houses and spending time with the community doing service.
 - 4.4. French motions for second reading.
 - 4.4.1. Hodizoda seconds
 - 4.5. McKeaney: bill on second reading
 - 4.6. Jones motions to approve
 - 4.6.1. Kelly second.
 - 4.7. McKeaney: All those in favor to approve Senbill.019.07 raise your hands
 - 4.7.1. Approve: 19 Absent:3
5. Class Reports
 - 5.1. Senior Class (K. Meyer)
 - 5.1.1. We discussed what we wanted to put in the report but never picked someone to type it. We want to coordinate a class picture and t-shirt. We are currently the only class at the University that doesn't have them. We would like to organize that and get publicity out to remind seniors to submit pictures to yearbook. We are also looking to revoke a bill that was passed last year about graduation speeches.
 - 5.2. Junior Class (DeRosa)
 - 5.2.1. We talked about doing weekly office hours. We talked about the Scranton Street Sweep project. We want to have a class affinity project for selling t-shirts. We would donate some money and put the rest of the money in our budget. We need to get the senate contact list out to our constituents.
 - 5.3. Sophomore Class (Jones)
 - 5.3.1. Sorry we don't have a written report. We are planning a Meet'n'Greet interspersed with a volleyball tournament. We planned one earlier but canceled it due to Family Weekend. We are planning on having lunch and perhaps a basketball tournament. Before that we will send out an email and contact information.
 - 5.4. Freshmen Class (DiLeo)
 - 5.4.1. Will is organizing an overnight reflection in the chapel called Metanoia. We are also looking at proposing legislation about swipe access for the new sophomore dorm. We are also looking into getting a smoke free campus. It has been quite a problem. We were looking on working with CHEW and getting a peer mentor. Casey mentioned about the benches outside the dorms being a problem and perhaps getting them moved.

- 5.4.2. French: Ali and I have been working on this anti-smoking idea so we should all work on it together
- 5.4.3. Searles: I like your idea of proposing the swipe access for sophomores.
- 5.4.4. Jordan: In the public safety discussion, a girl was being followed and couldn't swipe into the closest sophomore residence hall. She had to call a friend to get into the building. It would have been much safer had she been able to swipe into the residence hall.
- 5.4.5. Kelly: What do you mean by smoke free campus?
- 5.4.6. DiLeo: A lot of universities do have smoke free campuses. We have to talk to public safety and physical plant more. We aren't sure how it will be enforced. But there are ways we can enforce it near the buildings and on the commons.
- 5.5. Off Campus Senator Report (K. Meyer)
 - 5.5.1. Pattie and I met last week. I have been attending the meetings for the Hill Section clean up and we are trying to rally people to attend that. We had planned to today a presentation for you but we decided to delay that. We have a website to show you about a university that has an off campus page on their school's website. We are going to present it to you and get your feedback and the most effective way to submit legislation or perhaps take a different route. Because so many of our students live off campus it would be a great resource and for parents too. Though the University doesn't have jurisdiction over the Hill Section, this would be a great way for the University to provide information and help to its students and parents.
 - 5.5.2. Escue: Carl and I talked to public safety about an education program similar to Alcohol EDU about guidelines for proper etiquette for living off campus that students would have to take before moving off campus.
- 5.6. Resident Senator Report (S. Muth)
 - 5.6.1. Some of the other senators and I are working on some legislation. One includes synchronizing the clocks and keeping the vending machines stocked. Ali is also working on the smoking ban and fire safety issues.
 - 5.6.2. Searles: What issues?
 - 5.6.3. Mailen: The catwalks are a major issue. One of the catwalk doors is always kept locked. So if there is a fire in the building the students are supposed to exit into the locked building. Public safety is assumed to be able to unlock that door, but they may not be able to make it in time
 - 5.6.4. Escue: There was an issue in Fayette House that the fire alarms go off whenever they take showers and they have to pay for the fines.
 - 5.6.5. Cervi: I talked to Dean McShea and she said that the students that set it off with showers won't get charged
 - 5.6.6. McShea: There is a policy that students will have to pay fines for reckless or negligent behavior regarding setting off the fire alarms in the residence halls and houses. However IF it is an accident and not the students fault they will not have to pay fines.
 - 5.6.7. Cervi: Is there a way for students to repeal fines?
 - 5.6.8. McShea: They would need to speak to Residence Life
- 5.7. Commuter Senators Report (K. Jordan)

- 5.7.1. There was a suggestion to start an adopt-a-commuter program where an older commuter adopts a younger commuter or a same age resident adopts a commuter. However we feel it will alienate the commuters more.
 - 5.7.2. Jones: Did you find the current adopt-a-commuter program was helpful?
 - 5.7.3. Orzolek: I found that the more programs you do to establish a commuter as commuters actually alienates them more.
 - 5.7.4. DeRosa: I'm going to disagree that there has been good feedback. John Miller an RA in Hafey has had great feedback.
 - 5.7.5. Jordan: I didn't even know that such a program existed.
 - 5.7.6. Mailen: It has only been in affect for a year now.
 - 5.7.7. Jordan: In my attempt to quit smoking I wanted have an event that lasts a week to help students quit smoking. Perhaps have a doctor from a local hospital give a talk about health issues related to smoking. Also we would send out encouragement emails and give them ribbons to wear on their wrist for every week they are smoke free.
 - 5.7.8. C. Molitoris: I think it's a great idea. Go to CHEW for help in organizing it.
 - 5.7.9. Mailen: The ADAPT program does have a program like that. You could contact Amanda Klauser for more information and help.
 - 5.7.10. Hayden: In our nursing curriculum sophomores are required to do community service help. You could contact the nursing professors about recruiting nursing students.
- 6. University Wide Committees
 - 6.1. President's Cabinet (Scranton Street Sweep)
 - 6.1.1. No additions
 - 6.2. University Council (C. Molitoris)
 - 6.2.1. C. Molitoris: We met last Friday. Basically we talked about University Governance. We have time allotted in the Forum for that.
 - 7. Old Business
 - 7.1. None
 - 8. New Business
 - 8.1. Senbill.020.07: "Student Senate Recommendation that Transcript Fees be Eliminated."
 - 8.1.1. R. Molitoris: Currently the registrar charges \$10 for each official transcript and \$5 for unofficial transcripts. We want to remove this cost. Most other Jesuit institutions have much lower fees or none at all. Boston College has none and St. Joseph's charges \$5.
 - 8.1.2. Cervi: What is the purpose of the fee?
 - 8.1.3. R. Molitoris: I met with the provost. It was established prior as a way to collect money. Currently there are meetings about reducing or eliminating the fee. It is a budgetary concern.
 - 8.1.4. Cervi: So this will just speed it along.
 - 8.1.5. C. Molitoris: Your last sentiment isn't reflected in the legislation. So you many want to add that. I also previously requested a transcript from Georgetown. They also provide postage costs. So you may want to consider putting that in as well.
 - 8.1.6. Escue: I had transcripts sent as well and with the fees here the postage was included. So I don't know that we would have to have that in the legislation.

- 8.1.7. R. Molitoris: I can definitely look into the postage issues and adding the aspect about the cost being an undue burden to the student.
- 8.1.8. French: I would like to make a motion to amend section 3.D: This cost of transcripts and any other application fees could become quite expensive for those students applying to multiple schools.
- 8.1.9. McShea: I make a recommendation to table this and come back to later.
- 8.1.10. Jones: Motion to table.
- 8.1.10.1. Mooney seconds.
- 8.2. Senbill.021.07: "Student Senate Resolution to Increase the Public Safety Escort Service Area to Include Nearby Hospitals"
- 8.2.1. DeRosa: This was the issue we talked about last time. I added more information and did other research. One of the arguments was sacrificing safety of the campus. However there isn't any evidence that this is an issue. No crimes have been violent. And I Map Quested the time and it's only a 3 or 4 minute trip to the hospital that would save students a lot of money. Also more incidents have been off campus. So making a student walk back to campus would put them in more danger. I know this has been a huge issue with many RA's including myself
- 8.2.2. Beech: I see you have Moses Taylor and CMC hospitals? What about Mercy?
- 8.2.3. DeRosa: The majority of incidents go to Moses Taylor unless you request CMC.
- 8.2.4. Orzolek: I know we discussed the taxi vouchers and service. What about that?
- 8.2.5. DeRosa: I was recently at the hospital and no one I talked to knew what I was talking about. I don't think this issue will happen enough that a taxi service will actually be needed. It would be simpler for public safety to just take them.
- 8.2.6. Orzolek: My concern is the presence on campus. Also could you clarify what you mean by an escort?
- 8.2.7. DeRosa: I explained this earlier about it being more of a danger for students to walk home than to have one less officer on campus.
- 8.2.8. French: I'm a huge supporter for this. I'm a senior and had no idea that the taxi service existed. Who would be more susceptible to duress? It would less likely be the kids hanging outside the dorms and more so the one student walking back from the hospital alone.
- 8.2.9. Orzolek: What if you have multiple incidents?
- 8.2.10. Escue: Instead of saying "specific hospitals" say "any area hospitals", this way they wouldn't be excluded if they were at a certain hospital. I don't think it will put stress on public safety.
- 8.2.11. C. Molitoris: I spoke to Barbara Hawkins today about this issue. Everyone is looking toward the senate for an answer. I think the issue that this bill is missing is that Pomager says that logistically it can't be done and we need to show him that logistically it can be done. Suggest that when it's feasible that they should provide escorts to local hospitals. And you shouldn't exclude taxis as an option, for instance, when public safety can't provide escort. Perhaps a fund could be provided to pay for residents to receive taxi services. There is no reason why residents should be walking home or forcing RA's to pick them up
- 8.2.12. Jones: I would recommend talking to Chief Pomager about a program that perhaps the hospital could call public safety and then public safety could organize the taxi service. This would be more efficient for the students.

- 8.2.13. McGovern: I don't understand why this is an issue for public safety. They don't need to stay with the student at the hospital. I think saying when feasible will give them room to say no.
- 8.2.14. DeRosa: I specifically asked public safety to pick up my residents and they said that's not something they should do. I disagree. The distance is small the cases are few. It wouldn't burden them. We should start a fund. It's something that public safety could easily do.
- 8.2.15. Tenazas: Does it only cover escort by car or also by walking? Since we only have two cars could you send a walking escort?
- 8.2.16. DeRosa: That would depend on the case.
- 8.2.17. Muth: I agree that this is getting blown out of proportion. I know that a lot of student officer don't do a lot while on duty most nights.
- 8.2.18. Hodizoda: I agree with the bill and want to propose an amendment that Moses Taylor, CMC, and Mercy hospitals be included.
- 8.2.18.1. DeRosa accepts.
- 8.2.19. Cervi: I think in general the student body will be in favor. Public safety may not want it but we can put the pressure on them. If we need to we can take it to a higher authority.
- 8.2.20. Kelly: Is public safety a part of the university?
- 8.2.21. McKeaney: Yes.
- 8.2.22. Kelly: why should they be the ones to decide what their services are? It seems backwards. They are a service for us.
- 8.2.23. Escue: It is ridiculous that anyone would think that this would put stress on public safety. I saw them down at Fitzpatrick field and that is just as far as the hospitals. The University requires the students to go to hospitals but then won't give them vouchers to get them back. They may not appreciate this, but we should do this for the students.
- 8.2.24. French motions for 2nd reading
- 8.2.24.1. Kelly seconds.
- 8.2.25. C. Molitoris: Three points in regards to structure. It should be section II not 11, the first sentence is convoluted. Also for Sect III.1 this is a recommendation and it should be reflected in section IV that this is not a current service. And section 3 "it is also a much higher rate" is also convoluted.
- 8.2.26. DeRosa: I accept
- 8.2.27. Escue: Section 3.D amendment:
- 8.2.27.1. The safety of the individual returning alone to campus is at much higher risk than those individuals on campus.
- 8.2.28. McShea: I think that the whole sentence should be restructured. We can just have a general consensus by the senate to have it reworded. Rewording it would be very helpful to understanding your intent.
- 8.2.29. Escue: I guess we should amend that further. Should we get rid of it?
- 8.2.30. Kelly: You could just say that the student walking back alone is in much more danger than others on campus.
- 8.2.31. McGovern: Recent incidents have proven that students walking home from the hospital are at a great risk of danger.

- 8.2.32. Muth: I think for the second sentence in section 2, you should just cut out the first two words and add in a semi colon.
- 8.2.33. Hodizoda: It should say they are able to be transported.
- 8.2.34. Kelly: Motion to approve.
 - 8.2.34.1. French: Second
- 8.2.35. McKeaney: Motion to vote
 - 8.2.35.1. Approve: 18 Disapprove:1 Absent: 3.
- 8.3. Senbill.022.07: "Student Senate Resolution to Recommend a Synchronized Clock System on Campus."
- 8.4. Jones: The course catalog says that you need certain requirements for humanities, etc but then students need to page through the whole catalog for what fills the requirement. We could just have an extra section that lists the courses that qualify right there.
- 8.5. French: If you go online you can choose what general education requirements you want and search for it.
- 8.6. Jones: Those I talked to used that paper catalog.
- 8.7. Grogan: many students don't know what courses are offered. They could use this to help them plan out what possible courses they could take.
- 8.8. Tenazas: Motion for second reading.
 - 8.8.1. Kelly: Second.
- 8.9. Cervi: Motion to approve.
 - 8.9.1. Escue: Second
- 8.10. McKeaney: All those in approval raise by hand
 - 8.10.1. Approve: 19 Absent: 3
- 8.11. R. Molitoris: Under section III.D.
 - 8.11.1. This cost of transcripts and any other application fees could become quite expensive for those students applying to multiple schools.
- 8.12. Under section IV.A.2
 - 8.12.1. The cost of postage will be covered by the registrar office.
- 8.13. Jones: Motion to approve.
 - 8.13.1. French: Second
- 8.14. McKeaney: Vote for approval by raising hands:
 - 8.14.1. Approve: 19 Absent: 3
- 9. Senate Forum
 - 9.1. Veto Power of President of Student Affairs
 - 9.1.1. Cervi: On Wednesday the Junior Senators met. I was wondering what happens when we pass a bill and Dr. Carilli says no. do we revise it? What if he keeps turning over the bills? What's the point in passing legislation if someone can keep telling us no? Is there a higher authority we could take it to?
 - 9.1.2. Mailen: Yes I agree. There was an issue with proposing a club for the Gay/Straight Alliance. Dr. Carilli turned it down. We talked to Chris and Camden. Then we met with Dean McShea and Dr. Carilli. But there was no appeals process to a higher power. They did meet with us and gave us advice on what to change but it wasn't a satisfying situation.
 - 9.1.3. C. Molitoris: Dr. Carilli either approves or doesn't approve legislation. I have a veto. Camden and I approve the legislation. If I would veto, it would come back to the senate and voted on again. If it had 2/3 vote it would be considered approved.

Dr. Carilli is our advisor and over looks our legislations. There have been issues where Dr. Carilli didn't feel comfortable advocating an issue. There is going to be University wide governance that will change this a little bit. Right now we have University Council composed of student senate, faculty, and administrators that give their opinions.

9.1.4. Cervi: So then the legislation could be taken to the University wide governance?

9.1.5. C. Molitoris: It's not set in stone yet how it will work. But the University Council can hear different policy initiatives from different senates and organizations on campus and then send it back to the individual senates.

9.1.6. McShea: I just want to reiterate that Dr. Carilli rarely says no. His issues with Ali's bill were how it fit into the mission statement and how the bill could be changed. He wants to be able to understand the legislation fully before he would disapprove legislation. This is why he meets with the students.

9.1.7. French: One of the other things that perturbs me is that it's only happened twice in three years that something was disapproved of however I never directly heard that it happened. I propose that we should know as a collective body what happens to our Senate bills.

9.1.8. C. Molitoris: Kate and I approve the legislation, make a packet, sign it and send it to Dr. Carilli. He looks it over and approves it but will add suggestions for change. However he will write if it does not meet his approval and explicitly say why. In the future if this does happen again, Camden or I will give a report on why it does not meet approval and perhaps have the letter sent to you.

9.1.9. French: I was concerned because in my sophomore year the same thing happened.

9.1.10. C. Molitoris: I think that there are also issues that Dr. Carilli might approve but other organizations may not approve it or put it at the end of their agenda and then it is not addressed.

9.2. Governance

9.2.1. C. Molitoris: Included in the packet is correspondence over the past few semesters about a new governance structure. This whole pack was provided by Dr. Whittaker. There was a committee that met over the summer that discussed what the staff senate would look like. The University Council, the staff, and the AC said that a staff senate would be a great asset. The most recent letter from Jerry DeSanto states that the sub committee of University Council has met. The staff senate recommendation was refereed to the AC and it said that the new senate would be called University Council. It would have a student, staff, and faculty senate. Before the next meeting in December they want the Student Senate's view on what form the new university governance structure should take, whether we approve with what they have proposed or not. In the packet, section F talks about policies, proposals, and descriptions for you to refer to about how policy is implemented here.

9.2.2. McShea: Does this say that all legislation passed by the student senate would have to pass by the University Governance?

9.2.3. C. Molitoris: I was unsure about this also. Perhaps we can include this in our legislations. I think it's that the University Council is still reporting to the president or AC. They forward their comments to the AC. It's what we do as well but I think it's more on University wide issues.

- 9.2.4. McShea: I was reading it that we would pass or amend legislation and then they would approve or disapprove or amend and come back to us.
- 9.2.5. Mcg: To my understanding it was only for issues that overlapped among the different senates.
- 9.2.6. Escue: So the faculty, staff, and student senate report to University Council. Is that where our legislation goes?
- 9.2.7. C. Molitoris: No, ours still goes to Dr. Carilli and then to the AC. There are 5 senate representatives that will be on the University Council and they can propose legislation directly to the University Council which may include legislation we approved.
- 9.2.8. Escue: This is just supposed to be a forum for all senates?
- 9.2.9. C. Molitoris: Yes. Point 6: the AC or the president's governing body. It goes AC, president, and then trustees.
- 9.2.10. Will: The new University Council is more of a place of communication rather than governance?
- 9.2.11. C. Molitoris: Remember that we recommend too. But yes it will be mainly recommendations. This restructuring came from lack of communication concerns among the senate bodies. There was a study done that there wasn't enough communication and this is how this idea was born. Are there any more questions?
- 9.2.12. Escue: The senates report to University Council to voice their opinions and talk about issues and the University Council reports to the AC who proposes it to the president and then moves it to the trustees.
- 9.2.13. C. Molitoris: The president can take action himself but depending on the issue he can take it to the Board of Trustees.
- 9.2.14. Escue: So the primary function is to increase communication.
- 9.2.15. C. Molitoris: Section E states the function of the University Council pretty well. Is there a senator among us who feels comfortable providing legislation? Are we all pretty much in approval of it and its purpose and how we fit into it?
- 9.2.16. Hodizoda: Yes, it seems something that is very feasible and provides what we need.
- 9.2.17. C. Molitoris: That has been the consensus across the University.
- 9.2.18. Jones: I agree that the current system is awkward and messy. I think this new system will solve a lot of problems.
- 9.2.19. C. Molitoris: Who would like to help do legislation?
- 9.2.20. Hodizoda: I would like to do it with Carl.
- 9.2.21. Cervi: Okay!
- 9.2.22. Hodizoda: You will be the primary and Carl can co-sign it.
- 9.3. French: I had a quick announcement. Just to throw it out there. In our first meeting I proposed a bill about getting notice if you were on financial hold to eliminate registration problems. I brought it out and it got bogged down by specifics. I emailed it to the Bursar's and he never got back to me. So I went to talk to him. And he said he read my email and implemented it immediately. So it's currently in effect. I just wanted to update everyone. I just want to remind everyone not to get bogged down on so many specifics. And that if we just let them know that we as a student senate feel strongly about an issue they will hear it.

- 9.4. C. Molitoris: I just want to remind you that our voice needs to be clear and grammatically correct. It's not Camden's job to proof read all of the bills. Have your peers proof read them. They should be immaculate when you send them to Camden. Other than, that great job.
 - 9.5. Cervi: Request to suspend minutes.
 - 9.5.1. Tenazas seconds
 - 9.5.2. Resume minutes
 - 9.6. McGovern: I was getting complaints from students about professors making sure that students are let out of class on time and given ample notice before tests. I want it to be in the form of a friendly reminder.
 - 9.7. Orzolek: I approve. I think teachers should be reminded about punctuality.
 - 9.8. Escue: I think that the Aquinas should feature a page on student government because I don't think people really know what we do.
 - 9.9. C. Molitoris: I think that we can suggest it to the Aquinas but we can enforce anything.
 - 9.10. French: To address Escue's issue, my sophomore year we had a reporter that came every meeting and then wrote up an article.
 - 9.11. Escue: Would you guys be opposed to having a weekly newsletter?
 - 9.12. Muth: I just have an announcement. Next weekend the Liva Arts Company is having their Fall Revue Imagine in Leahy. Haley and I are the directors, Dan is in the cast and we would love to have you come out.
 - 9.13. French: Yes come out! And I motion to have the meeting adjourned.
 - 9.14. Mailen: Second
10. Meeting Adjourned