

## Student Senate Meeting

4 September 2009

- I. Prayer (D. Frascella)/ Roll (Grogan)
  - a. Absent: M. Bronczyk, M. Wehrenberg
- II. Executive Reports
  - a. President's Report (Quinn):
    - i. On October 4, 2009, the street sweep will take place.
    - ii. Lauren Rivera is organizing a judicial review board with student activists because the issues occurring on campus are out of hand. All of those interested in serving on the committee should fill out an application. Sophomore senators should try to recruit some more sophomores because the other class positions having already been filled.
    - iii. Volunteers are needed for the inclusion initiative. If interested please contact Rosette Adera.
    - iv. Today, an open seat on Senate needs to be filled. Let's welcome Greg Niehaus and Conor McMenemy, the two juniors running along with P.J. Kachmar, who could not be here, for the position.
  - b. Treasurer's Report (Pugh):
    - i. No Report
  - c. Director of Communication's Report (Cermignano):
    - i. This week at the student activities fair, we had thirty-three freshman sign up for Freshman Senate.
- III. New Business
  - a. Grogan: Let us move on and elect our new member to the Senate.
  - b. Quinn: Please tell us a little bit about yourselves.
  - c. Niehaus: I am a junior and am majoring in electrical engineering. I am also a member of the crew team. I would really like to be a part of student government because I feel that I can bring in a larger crowd. I often feel that Student Government does great work, but no one really hears about it. It also seems as though the same groups are always in attendance at Student Government functions and events. By being a part of Student Government, I can bring in a new crowd and can convince others who were not previously involved to come. I will also add great input and be an asset Student Government.
  - d. McMenemy: Hello, I am a junior lacrosse and hockey player running for this position. Even though I play two sports, I would like for you all to know that I do take my studies very seriously and am a hard worker. As a member of the junior class, I often hear my friends complain about certain things on campus and feel it is my duty to act on the behalf of my friends. I am a very social person and can honestly say that I know half of the student body here at The University of Scranton.

- e. Grogan: We also have another junior applying for the position, P.J. Kachmar. Unfortunately, he had to work, so he submitted this letter and I will read it to all of you.
- f. Grogan: Now, let us open the floor for questions.
- g. M. Molitoris: Greg, you said you really wanted to be apart of Student Government. If this is true, why didn't you try sooner to be apart of Student Government?
- h. Niehaus: Well during my freshman and sophomore year, I took on too much and my grades greatly suffered. I have also wanted to be a part of Student Government and now have better time management skills.
- i. Quinn: You both talked about bringing in a different crowd. How do you see yourselves getting them involved on campus? How do you plan on closing the gap between campus residents and off campus residents?
- j. McMenemy: I will take the advice of my friends and bring what their complaints are back to senate. I will be the friend they know on Senate; I will be their voice.
- k. Niehaus: I can get people to do things. For the most part, what Student Government does goes unheard. I can get more people to be involved because many look up to me as an upperclassman. Being apart of the Crew team, I can get my fellow crewmembers and others to participate.
- l. Grogan: Thank you. Now let us open the floor to discussion and debate. Greg and Connor, can you please excuse us so that we may discuss the senate position.
- m. Discussion and Debate.
- n. Grogan: Thank you for you interest in Student Government. The new junior senate representative is P.J. Kachmar.

#### IV. Senate Standing Committees

- a. Academic Affairs (DiLeo):
  - i. DiLeo: The advising center has emailed me concerning tutoring groups. They have been set up and meetings start in two weeks.
  - ii. R. Molitoris: Last year, I proposed a plan that would lower the transcript fees. This has been initiated and put into affect. There are no charges for regular transcripts and official transcripts have been lowered from \$15 to \$5.
- b. Appropriations (Kalariya):
  - i. Kalariya: We will begin meeting with clubs for the appeal process next week. The bills will be prepared for the next senate meeting.
  - ii. Quinn: How many clubs are appealing?
  - iii. Kalariya: Fourteen and only two thousand is left for appeals.
- c. Dining Services:
  - i. Jones: Nothing to discuss.

- ii. Grogan: Later on in the meeting, we will discuss the meet and greet.
- d. Crime Prevention and Safety (Auletta):
  - i. Auletta: We will be meeting this week to discuss the option of meeting with freshman to talk about crime prevention and safety while going out on the weekends. We have discussed possibly making it a question and answer session. Our meeting with Tim Briggs is next week
  - ii. Quinn: I know this has been done in the past- students meet with Officer Briggs and Chief Elliot.
  - iii. Auletta: This was effective, but not well planned and will most likely be done soon.
  - iv. R. Molitoris: Has anything been put in place in response to the community advisories that have been emailed to us?
  - v. Auletta: These have not been discussed, but will be brought up at the meeting.
  - vi. Gault: The main thing we need to get across in this meeting with students is safety, such as going out in groups.
  - vii. Tomann: Please give us suggestions for question for our meeting with Tim Briggs by next Thursday at noon.

V. Old Business

- a. "Speaker Protocol for the Student Government Allocated Funds"
  - i. Grogan: We need to discuss this bill. I will only let Ryan talk about it and he will withdraw it from the table.
  - ii. R. Molitoris: I formerly withdraw this bill to be worked on at a later time.
  - iii. Grogan: We will now move on to the subject of Election Commissioners.
  - iv. Cermignano: I have asked Greg Colvin and Josh Martinez to be our Election Commissioners.
  - v. Discussion and Debate.
  - vi. Grogan: Colvin and Martinez are approved. There are no changes to the timeline.
  - vii. Cermignano: There will be some sort of event for the freshman and elections will take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> of September.
  - viii. Jones: Motion to approve election timeline.
  - ix. Tomann: Second.
  - x. Kalariya: Did we approve the minutes from last week?
  - xi. Grogan: Nope.
  - xii. Tomann: Motion to approve minutes.
  - xiii. Jones: Second.
  - xiv. Grogan: Approved.
- b. Meet and Greet
  - i. Grogan: Chris, now let's discuss the meet and greet.
  - ii. Jones: It is a chance to meet our senators because many students may have forgotten whom they voted for. My

committee thinks this is something they would like to put together. It will be something simple- on the Dionne green with coffee, cookies, possibly Rita's and a possible survey.

- iii. Frascella: The patio may serve as a good place to host the event.
- iv. Tomann: When I was a freshman, I didn't know who anyone was. It may be good to include the freshman senators in this event.
  - v. Grogan: Good Idea, please consult with Patricia, Greg, and Josh.
- vi. Jones: The amphitheater may serve as another good place to have the event. Some do not venture over to Denaples. There is no problem in doing something with freshman, but if we do, we will end up waiting until October. I feel it would be better to do something right away.
- vii. Riordan: Would it be possible to have something for the freshman at a later time?
- viii. Jones: That would be something to discuss with Patricia, Greg, and Josh.
- ix. McCaffrey: I feel as though freshman may not want to do this because it will end up being like a walk of shame for those who were not chosen.
  - x. Stebbins: Where will the rain delay be?
  - xi. Jones: As a backup, we will get the ballroom.
- xii. Frascella: Possibly the second floor with a chocolate fountain.
- xiii. Tomann: Motion to adjourn.
- xiv. Molitoris: Second.