

Student Senate Meeting

2 October 2009

- I. Prayer (Grogan)/ Roll (Majeski)
 - a. Absent: M. Marx, K. McCaffrey
 - b. Late: M. Wehrenberg, J. Quinn

- II. Executive Reports
 - a. President's Report (Quinn):
 - i. I would like to welcome our four new freshman senators. These four are head and shoulders above the rest and we love their smiles. Welcome Meredith, Emily, Mike, and Kevin! We are very excited to have you.
 - ii. Public Safety Forum: Twenty-five people attended the Public Safety Forum. It was quite informational. We got to ask questions about the neighborhood and what their strategies are for us.
 - iii. Street Sweep: To be discussed later in meeting.
 - iv. I would like to Thank Patricia and our election commissioners for their hard work. Thank You.
 - b. Treasurer's Report (Pugh):
 - i. There is no new business to report. Starting at the next senate meeting the usual reports will begin- Formal reports will be in written form. Any Questions?
 - c. Communication's Report (Cermignano):
 - i. Freshman elections are over. We had 600 freshmen vote and overall, I would say it was a great success.
 - ii. The Street Sweep is Sunday. At 1:30, a photographer is coming to take pictures of the event. Also you can still register online and t-shirts are available in the government office, so please go pick yours up after the meeting.
 - iii. Gault: Do I need to sign up as an individual or are well as senators covered?
 - iv. Grogan: We are not really worried about senators signing up because you are expected to be at the event. We can start a Student Government club on the website if you would like.
 - v. Pugh: The only situation in which you would need to sign up would be if you need service hours. There will be an individual sign up sheet there, so individuals may sign it if needed. Your responsibility as a senator is to show up on that day.
 - vi. Nihill: Are all senators coming?
 - vii. Grogan: This is something that Student Government is running and we expect you to be there.
 - viii. Quinn: It is written in the bylaws that we do service, so make your best effort to be there.

- d. Grogan: Any other questions?
 - e. DiLeo: Minutes.
 - f. Jones: I would like to make a friendly amendment to the September 29, 2009 minutes. Please change all names to last names.
 - g. M. Molitoris: Please change the spelling of Maggie Coyne's last name.
 - h. Grogan: We will take care of these. Any more amendments?
 - i. Jones: Motion to approve minutes.
 - j. Tomann: Second.
- III. Senate Standing Committees
- a. Academic Affairs (DiLeo):
 - i. Computer Literacy Program did not meet this week. We are preparing to have a meeting with Dr. Bailey on this subject.
 - b. Appropriations (Kalariya):
 - i. New bill to be discussed in Senate Forum.
 - ii. Club Charter process will be ready for the next meeting.
 - iii. Quinn: I would like to meet with you next week to discuss the things talked about on retreat.
 - c. Student Life and Dining Services (Jones):
 - i. We had the meet and greet. The comment cards provided at the event were not necessarily the most productive way of getting feedback. Although many things brought up were also brought up in many of our summer projects.
 - ii. Now on to dining services. My committee has been having meetings with Ted and Joe from dining services. The things discussed at these meetings are being put into use and implemented in the cafeteria. The suggestions presented by everyone are being taken into consideration. It is important to keep filling out these surveys.
 - iii. The third floor cafeteria will be having sushi night again with the guys who previously made sushi.
 - iv. They will also be having an Iron Chef competition in the cafeteria on Wednesday night. This is stemming from ideas from the survey cards. Are there any questions?
 - v. Gault: Are we trying to promote this event?
 - vi. Jones: They told me it was hush-hush and are hoping to make it more of a surprise. I think in the beginning they didn't want to spread it around because they were worried it may not happen. If you would like to let some people know that is fine.
 - d. Safety and Crime Prevention (Auletta):
 - i. Next Wednesday, we have a meeting with Tim Briggs. Please email me with questions you are concerned about or wondering about.
 - ii. We will be having a walk around to check out the lights in the Hill section.
 - iii. I had to leave the Safety Forum early, so I was going to ask Adam to tell us how it went.

- iv. Gault: It was good and there is a possibility of it happening in the spring.

IV. New Business

a. Senate Bill 14.09

- i. Kalariya: "Student Senate Resolution Regarding the Designation of Clubs as Funded or Unfunded." We wanted to tackle this before club charters. Funding clubs is a big problem for student government. Last year, we were told that clubs would not need funding and they ended up asking for it. We need to have a way that formerly designates them to certain funds. They must do service requirements and if they don't do these then they are put on probation and following that probationary period they are reevaluated. Originally held to three, but now are held to one. We needed to come up with some consequences for not doing service. The year that they don't do service they will be placed on probation. If during that probationary period no service is performed then they will be cut. The following year, they then must go through the charter process again.
- ii. Grogan: We are now in first reading. The only conversation that should be happening here are questions on meaning and grammar mistakes. Everyone must be on the same page before we move to second reading. Once in second reading, we can debate and discuss how we feel about it.
- iii. GET @ FRIENDLY AMENDMENTS FROM JOE.
- iv. Kalariya: We will accept both of those.
- v. Riordan: Currently under the system do we have unfunded clubs?
- vi. Grogan: Nope. Being a club means that you can ask for money.
- vii. Pugh: Here is a brief overview: There are seventy clubs on campus that submit to me a statement. The coordinator gives me a spreadsheet with requirements and they must follow these requirements. If these are followed then funding is granted. If they fail to do something, they will be penalized. Also, some clubs currently exist that never submit a budget or do service. If this bill is passed will they be subject to that one service requirement?
- viii. Kalariya: They will be grandfathered in. They are not asking for money, so they will not be cut.
- ix. Grogan: We are going to be taking a closer look at the process, so that will be discussed then.
- x. Quinn: I feel that having two different kinds of clubs on campus changes the nature of campus clubs and that's what this bill does. We should consider this.
- xi. Pugh: They may need to designate whether they wanted to be identified as funded or unfunded in the beginning.

- xii. Grogan: Everyone clear on this bill?
- xiii. Wehrenberg: Motion to move to second reading.
- xiv. Jones: Second
- xv. Grogan: We are now in second reading.
- xvi. Kalariya: I think that in the future they will have to designate whether they will be funded or unfunded. If they need to become funded they will have to go through the process of getting chartered again. Then they will be eligible for funding.
- xvii. M. Molitoris: The way it is now a club does not need to be reapproved, so in the future with this bill they will have to be?
- xviii. Kalariya: Yes.
- xix. Grogan: Going to go through the application to become a funded club.
- xx. M. Molitoris: I would like to make a point of clarification. This bill is supposed to help us in the future.
- xxi. Pugh: Over the last couple of years, we have approved a lot of clubs. Each year we approve more and more. Some say one thing one year and the next year they may ask for something else. We want to make sure that all of these clubs that are saying they do not need funding are not asking for money in the future when originally they didn't ask for it.
- xxii. DiLeo: What exactly will the probation be?
- xxiii. Kalariya: Here is how I see this flushing out: Everyone will be on a list. At the end of each year, we will check to see that all requirements have been met. If these requirements have not been met then they will be placed on probation for one year. At the end of that year, they will be reexamined. If they did not complete their required responsibilities then their charter will be revoked. If they have completed requirements then they will be taken off probation.
- xxiv. Tomann: I really like this idea, but is there any way that we can change the probation period? Push the service aspect.
 - i. Kalariya: Sometimes there are faults and there could be a club where leaders are changing. Faulty leadership, people who want this club to remain active will follow requirements.
 - ii. Wehrenberg: Do we have this for regular clubs?
- xxv. Kalariya: This will be brought up in Senate Forum.
- xxvi. Pugh: If you do not submit a registration statement for one year and are on probation for the second year and don't do it again. Will they be revoked?
- xxvii. Kalariya: They will become an inactive club. After this for one year and they do not complete the required responsibilities they will be revoked.
- xxviii. Bronczyk: We mainly want them to more outgoing in their community service.

- xxix. Kachmar: One final question on the probation issue. Do you think that could potentially lead to them doing service every two years? Then they get off probation, fulfill requirements, and then stop doing service
- xxx. Bronczyk: It should be one per semester for each unfunded club.
- xxxii. Kalariya: One per semester is a lot. If they don't do this, go on probation, and still don't follow requirements, we will revoke them.
- xxxiii. Grogan: Let's work on the wording for this.
- xxxiiii. Kalariya: GET FROM JOE CHANGES.
- xxxv. Kalariya: What if they fall into leadership troubles again? Is this fair?
- xxxvi. Grogan: The members are choosing their leaders. I am comfortable with this.
- xxxvii. Frascella: We should leave everything and put a disclaimer at the bottom. There are members who would like to be leaders, but do not have the time to take on the responsibility. We need to let them know that we have the ability to do this. It's not that they do not care- they may just not have the time to be leaders.
- xxxviii. Grogan: Add a piece to the end that says SG is allowed to make exceptions to their own rules. This is our internal policy, but if there is a suggestion it is up to majority of senate. Since there is an exception to the rules a majority vote from the senate will be needed.
- xxxix. Pugh: Extenuating circumstances as defined by the appropriations committee and they will decide. Only if the entire leadership has a good excuse, such as something massively serious occurs.
- xl. Grogan: Comfortable to add under C?
- xli. Neil: Yes.
- xlii. Frascella: Please add: and then brought before the senate by the appropriations committee.
- xliiii. Grogan: Everyone clear?
- xliv. Wehrenberg: I don't feel we are asking all that much. I feel this is a place we may never get to.
- xlv. Libassi: My question is this: What happens when a club applies to be a funded club and then in turn we cannot fund them. Is there some mandate that if you register, get chartered, and do service that you are funded?
- xlvi. Grogan: Nope. There is no guarantee.
- xlvii. Pugh: It is a privilege to be funded.
- xlviii. Libassi: But then can it turn into this situation: okay, we are going to dump all these clubs and contract the budget?
- xlix. Grogan: No because once a funded club always a funded club. You cannot take a funded and make it unfunded.

- xv. Kachmar: Motion to vote.
- xvi. Grogan: We are not there yet, so your motion is not acknowledged.
- xvii. Jones: Can I just make a friendly suggestion? Please don't keep asking the same questions over and over again. Please pay attention.
- xviii. Grogan: Is there any new material to be discussed?
- xix. Stebbins: Motion to approve.
- xx. Kachmar: Second.
- xxi. Voting.
- xxii. Approved

V. Senate Forum

- a. Gault: I would like to remind you are about the soccer and lacrosse games this weekend. They are supporting a good cause.
- b. Kalariya: We would like to open the floor back up to discuss the probation period for unfunded clubs. This discussion is being brought up in the hopes that a bill will be written for the next senate meeting.
- c. Jones: Maybe we should have them complete seven in a three year period.
- d. Kalariya: The only reason we said two out of the three is because it is easier to keep track of the clubs that refuse to do any service.
- e. Grogan: This will help with those who don't do service, but are still chartered.
- f. Wehrenberg: Do we know those that didn't complete any service requirements?
- g. Pugh: Five total.
- h. Frascella: How will this affect the other fourteen clubs?
- i. Grogan: I don't know for sure, but everyone will have to designate between funded and unfunded. Also those clubs who get passed before this bill is passed will not be affected.
- j. Kalariya: We hope to have this passed before any clubs are passed.
- k. M. Molitoris: Is there any way in the future to switch them from funded to unfunded?
- l. Grogan: We have to find and discuss a way to do this and we will.
- m. DiLeo: Motion to adjourn.
- n. Jones: Second.

