

## Student Senate Meeting

16 October 2009

- I. Prayer (Quinn)/Roll( Majeski)/ Approve Minutes
  - a. Grogan: Our first order of business is to approve minutes from the last senate meeting and then we will move onto Executive Reports.
  - b. Jones: Motion to approve minutes.
  - c. Bronczyk: Second.
- II. Executive Reports:
  - a. President's Report (Quinn):
    - i. I would like to welcome our three guests and also say thanks for the success of street sweep. I really believe it went well and this is due to the hard work put forth by Patricia. Thank you, Patricia. We look forward to doing another one in the spring.
    - ii. Riordan: I was approached by a student and they said that they feel that right after the street sweep the streets are a mess again. Is there a way that we could keep the streets clean between Sweeps?
    - iii. Grogan: The spring street sweep is already set up. Alumni will be joining us in the spring in order to get back to their Jesuit Ideals.
    - iv. Tomann: I thought that the sweep went well, but I also think we need to work on a way to bring about shifts. It is a way to keep people moving and prevents people from coming and going in clumps.
    - v. Quinn: The Board of Trustees meetings are next week. Reports will be given from each meeting next meeting. Scranton Inclusion Initiative has gotten off onto a good start and there will be more to come on this at a later time. The University is still looking for a director of Public Safety. We have been asked to get a group of us together to interview the potential candidates. One final thing- on Wednesday, October 28 we will have Midnight Madness. We are working closely with USPB because we want to do a great job this year. So come out Wednesday for what I'm sure will be a good time.
    - vi. Grogan: Any questions?
  - b. Treasurer's Report (Pugh):
    - i. I will be very brief. I am still working on a new way of reporting and am also working with Fred to see how clubs can access their individual budgets on the website.
  - c. Communication's Report (Cermignano):
    - i. The street sweep photo and article will be in the paper soon, so make sure to keep your eye out for that.
  - d. Technology Report (Fuchs):

- i. I am doing some backend work on the website, so please bare with me. As for what Billy mentioned, please let me know if you have any constructive criticism for how the clubs should be listed and how they should access their budgets. I am going to be putting lots of work into this with Patricia Cummings, so please send me an email.
- III. Senate Standing Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs (DiLeo):
    - i. We did not meet this week, but did submit a report to Dr. Bailey and are waiting to hear back from him.
  - b. Appropriations (Kalariya):
    - i. We met twice over the past week and if you look in your packet you will see that we have a bill in the agenda for today. We are working on fun and exciting things and you will be sure to see all of this in our next meeting.
  - c. Student Life and Dining Services (Jones):
    - i. We met yesterday and have talked about two more events that we would like to put forth. The first is the Commuter luncheon. There are the two commuter residents working on this, so if you have any questions or comments please email Maria, Renae, or myself. Also Mark would like to try and put a DVD machine into Denaples, so he will be working to get this accomplished.
  - d. Crime Prevention and Safety (Gault):
    - i. Met with Tim Briggs last week. The student officers have a new uniform in order to distinguish between student officers and sworn in officers. The parking lot was expected to be done by the time we got back from break and it is. Also violence in the area has been better and the numbers are greatly decreasing. We will also be doing the ride along with Public Safety tonight if anyone would like to join.
- IV. New Business:
  - a. Senate Bill 15.09: Charter for the World Youth Alliance: The University of Scranton Chapter (Frascella and Jones):
    - i. Jones: Please welcome our three current guests who are members of the club. I would as that if you have any questions please direct them to Gina, Kim, or Theresa. I will also ask the three members to introduce themselves and talk a little about the World Youth Alliance to the Cabinet and Senate.
    - ii. Fullam: Hello, my name is Gina Fullam and I am a senior political science and philosophy major.
    - iii. Hanntz: Hello, my name is Theresa Hanntz and I am also a senior and am a Business Major.
    - iv. Witt: Hello, my name is Kim Witt and I am a senior counseling human services and philosophy major.

- v. Fullam: This is an international alliance that promotes the dignity of the human person. We are hoping to start a chapter here on campus. By starting a chapter here, we will then be recognized as a chapter by the organization.
- vi. Grogan: This is the first club that we will be designating between being a funded and unfunded club. Let me ask you this: Do you need us to charter you so that you will be able to be recognized by the alliance? Also, how does this differentiate from students for life?
- vii. Witt: We are different from students for life because they address prolife issues. I believe that our group uses a neutral language whereas prolife uses a language that may deter people from joining the group. Our neutral language does not deter anyone. All are welcome.
- viii. Hanntz: Clubs like prolife and justice club are more issue focused. Our goals are to look at these issues from a more fundamental issue and to begin by looking at the starting point.
- ix. Fullam: Our group includes many areas such as human trafficking. It concentrates on a broader focus rather than narrowing in on a specific thing.
- x. Grogan: We are now on first reading. Are there any questions?
- xi. Kalariya: I would like to propose a friendly amendment. Would it be possible to put in that this is a chapter of the World Youth Alliance.
- xii. Jones: I feel as though that is redundant.
- xiii. Frascella: I feel that it makes it easier to read.
- xiv. Quinn: It may be redundant and not necessary, but they are a part of something bigger and that bigger organization should be recognized. I fully support this amendment.
- xv. Grogan: Do the three reps feel as though it should be added?
- xvi. Witt, Fullam, & Hantz: Yes
- xvii. M. Molitoris: I would like to suggest some things for under part A: Maybe add something to say that this chapter is supported by the organization.
- xviii. Hanntz: I would suggest that maybe it possibly say, "The International Organization supported by..." because we are supporting them.
- xix. Fullam: I suggest using the language " will operate as"
- xx. Grogan: I propose that we add this under Section III and put in C: "World Youth Alliance is an international organization"
- xxi. Jones: Maybe change to "In support of"
- xxii. Grogan: Any other first reading issues?
- xxiii. Fullam: I'm not sure that this captures the idea we are trying to get across. "In support of" makes it seem as though we aren't really supported by them. I think that would operate makes more sense.

- xxiv. Grogan: Chris and Danielle, are you both comfortable with this?
- xxv. Frascella & Jones: I am comfortable with this as long as the three of them are.
- xxvi. Nihill: Motion to move to second reading.
- xxvii. Riordan: Second.
- xxviii. Grogan: We are now on second reading.
- xxix. Riordan: Will you be working with WYA while on trips?
- xxx. Fullam: We haven't talked specifically about an event like that.
- xxxi. Dean McShea: Can you clarify what you mean by the WYA not supporting the language of Students for life.
- xxxii. Witt: Students for life has a specific language and has a religious affiliation.
- xxxiii. Fullam: The U of S will always be in support of what WYA does, but we cannot say that WYA will always be in support of what the U of S supports. We work differently than many other groups. We try to discuss important issues presented and talk about what needs to happen. Propose language for the final documents that bring about a resolve.
- xxxiv. Jones: Here is a concrete example: They will be educating the youth or who ever they are educating on a topic being discussed. They will be bringing up topics, educating, and discussing them. There will not be a choosing of sides.
- xxxv. Hanntz: We as a group are looking at the dignity of the human person. We are not looking specifically at these issues. We are starting with the person or issue they have and discussing their dignity.
- xxxvi. Fullam: This is a cliché example, but let's use abortion. We are looking at this policy firstly for how it upholds human dignity and how it supports human development. All judgments are put aside. We look to make sure that people have what they need in order to survive.
- xxxvii. Kalariya: I think we could move this along faster if we could see what kinds of programs you will be having on campus
- xxxviii. Fullam: We would first like to start a dialogue on what human dignity is and would like to spend the first semester focusing on this philosophical question. We would like to introduce this language to campus and go on from there. We were hoping to create a sort of Philosophy café/ coffee house kind of thing and bring in some guest speakers. We have many resources to utilize, so it's a broad range of things to look forward to.
- xxxix. Quinn: We are looking at three seniors- who takes over after you graduate? Do you have involvement of underclassman? What will happen when you graduate?
- xl. Fullam: Joe Stella is helping to get it started and also worked for WUA this summer. He is willing to step up. Through club

fair, we have many interested and a few have stepped up saying that they really want to be apart of this.

- xli. Jones: I have no concerns about this because Joe is just as passionate as they are about WYA.
- xliv. Frascella: I do have the roster available and the statement from the organization if anyone would like to see it.
- xlvi. Pugh: I have to say that there is definitely leadership structure in place.
- xlviii. Grogan: Last call for questions?
- l. Nihill: Does this organization clash with our Jesuit ideals?
- lii. Grogan: Didn't we discuss this before with Dean McShea?
- liiii. Dean McShea: I am still not clear on this, which may be possibly due to the fact that I am not very clear on the organization.
- liiii. Pugh: I would like to address that question. To my knowledge there is not a single thing that the WYA has adopted that is contrary to the Catholic tradition. I don't think these girls would support something controversial.
- liiii. Grogan: I am fully aware that these are wonderful girls. That being said they only have a semester and a half to get it running and off the ground and we need to think if we want to charter them. I would ask our visitors to please step out momentarily and we will invite you back in once we have come to a decision.
  - l. Jones: Danielle has the charter of the organization and their statement. Maybe she should read it aloud for us to here.
  - li. Riordan: The fact that it mentions conception and the right to life is important. The fact that this is mentioned proves that they are a solid club and it is a club that agrees with Jesuit ideals.
  - lii. Kachmar: Motion to approve.
  - liiii. Stebbins: Second.

Grogan: Senate bill 15.09 has passed pending Dr. Carilli's approval. Thank you to Kim, Theresa, and Gina.
- b. Student Senate Bill 16.09: Student Senate Resolution Regarding Probation for Funded Clubs (Presented by the Neil):
  - i. This goes into what we discussed at the last meeting during senate forum. It deals with funded clubs who do not fulfill their service requirements. We have put together a flow chart for your convenience, so that all of this confusion may be cleared up.
  - ii. Jones: I am proposing a friendly amendment. Can we please add a number 1 before the first point under Section I.
  - iii. Frascella: I have two friendly amendments: Capitalize Student Government and can we get rid of currently?

- iv. M. Molitoris: I would like to propose that we use the same font throughout the Bill, so I would like to make the friendly amendment of a using a uniform font.
- v. Dean McShea: I would like to clarify something: under findings it will say there will be a probation period of three years if the service requirement is not completed?
- vi. Grogan: That is for right now.
- vii. Jones: Motion to move to second reading.
- viii. Frascella: Second.
- ix. Quinn: The nature of student government is that no one will be here for more than 4 years. We need to discuss an arbitrator of such responsibility.
- x. Pugh: I am going to disagree. I don't think it's too much for treasurer to keep track of this stuff.
- xi. Grogan: Also we keep picking at the issue of troublesome clubs and personally, I am in favor of what's in front of me. We need to look at this as the bigger picture of clubs. The conversation needs to move towards that and it should be within the coming weeks.
- xii. Dean McShea: Can someone please explain to me why 3 years was chosen as the probationary period?
- xiii. Kalariya: The three years is to hinder clubs from doing service every other year. It also creates equality between unfunded and funded clubs. I also have a question: Should Student Government be capitalized under section III?
- xiv. Grogan: Why don't we change SG to Student Senate?
- xv. Pugh: One last comment: the appropriations committee has been very active this year. I was originally very skeptical about this bill and Neil did a very good job of making it seem important to me. There is already a probationary period in place and this bill makes it better. This forces clubs on a very minimal level to do service and for leaders to take ownership of their club. We want to make sure that when a club says they are going to do something, they will follow these requirements.
- xvi. M. Molitoris: Motion to approve.
- xvii. DiLeo: second.

V. Senate Forum:

- a. Grogan: We will be discussing study areas for Finals week. Now I am going to hand this over to Renae.
- b. Fisher: We are currently trying to create a commuter lounge and actually talked to Dean McShea about this last week. I originally thought about having five rooms remain open in St. Thomas during final week so traffic in the library wouldn't be so bad. As we discussed the matter further, we noticed it was a problem for all of campus, so we decided that writing a wish list detailing rooms that we would like open during finals time would be sufficient.

- c. Grogan: This was something we discussed last year concerning the Ball room being open correct?
- d. Quinn: It worked when rooms weren't booked.
- e. Riordan: Maybe designate certain classrooms for certain majors. I really feel that this is a great idea.
- f. Grogan: I feel this topic is not meant to bring about a discussion of whether or not people should be dismissed from studying areas because of their major or academic school. Maybe we should forward all of these ideas to Renae and we'll talk further about this. The next item to be discuss in Senate Forum is school spirit and I am handing this over to Adam.
- g. Gault: I am kind of calling this the school spirit task force. Many of us on sports teams feel this is a big issue. It seems that school spirit is seen more in activities rather than sports. Basically, I want to pull myself back, analyze the problem, and figure out why people aren't supporting our sports. I would ask senators from each class to come and see me, so we can discuss this situation.
- h. Grogan: Anything else?
- i. M. Molitoris: I am meeting with someone on the rock wall idea and hopefully, by next semester we will have a rock wall.
- j. Jones: Motion to adjourn.
- k. Stebbins: Second.