

## Student Senate Meeting

30 October 2009

- I. Prayer (Grogan)/ Roll (Majeski)
  - a. Absent: Tomann A., Frascella, D., Bronczyk, M., and Auletta, R.
- II. Executive Reports:
  - a. President's Report (Quinn):
    - i. Scranton Inclusion Initiative will be a meeting on Tuesday at 8. This is contingent on Fr. Pilarz.
    - ii. Please be smart and responsible for Halloween and also for World Series. Reslife is concerned about the behavior of students living in the quad areas. In order to prevent rowdy situations, Reslife and USPB will be having events through out the week in Denaples, so please encourage your friends and residents to go to these events.
    - iii. On Tuesday, there will be a guest movie producer on campus. He has prepared a documentary on 911 and is allowing us to preview it. It has been nominated for an academy award, so please try and make the showing. It is on Tuesday at 11:45 in the Denaples Theater.
    - iv. Student Government presidents at Jesuit universities across the country have been talking about having a conference for Student Government senators and cabinet members across the country. There have been discussions about us possibly hosting the event.
    - v. Grogan: Questions for Joe?
  - b. Treasurer's Report (Pugh):
    - i. Currently the clubs have spent a total of \$71,622.47 to date.
    - ii. For your viewing pleasure, I have a demonstration for you. I have been working with Freddy on this and hopefully, you will enjoy it. On the government website under Student Government Applications each club will have individual access to their current budget and have to ability to add whatever they may want to their page.
  - c. Communication's Report (Cermignano):
    - i. I have nothing new to report.
  - d. Technology Report (Fuchs):
    - i. If committee chairs would like to get information about each of their committees up please email all the information you would like to be seen on the website to me. Freshman senators and whoever may have missed pictures please hang around after the meeting to get their picture taken.

- III. Senate Standing Committees:
  - a. Academic Affairs (DiLeo):
    - i. We met last week and had a very productive meeting. We came up with some ideas and are waiting for a response from Dr. Bailey.
  - b. Appropriations (Kalariya):
    - i. We met briefly and discussed what we will be doing next. Hopefully, we will be seeing these plans soon.
  - c. Student Life and Dining Services (Jones):
    - i. We met with Joe and Ted to talk about the cafeteria. We are going to produce another survey, but it will be for first floor alone. Now I am going to pass the rest of our report over to Maria.
    - ii. Marx: We will be having an event for commuters. At the event there will be surveys for commuters, so we get to know who they are and what we can do for them. The date of the event is most likely November 12. We are also working on a newsletter for them too.
  - d. Crime Safety and Prevention (Gault):
    - i. Rich apologizes for not being here today. We met with Tim Briggs to cover some stuff especially with the series going on. The Scranton Police Department is ready for the weekend with it being Halloween and game three of the series. Violence and community advisories are down and we like what we are seeing. The problems with parking are going being discussed later in Senate Forum.
    - ii. We are hoping to do another P. Safety forum on November 19. This is not a definite thing, but we are looking into it.
- IV. Senate Forum:
  - a. Grogan: I am just going to hand this over to Adam.
  - b. Gault: Joe recently brought up Taylor and how it was not apart of the van route. I just want to say that we are open to changing the route. We recently added Fitzpatrick, so you can see new streets are being added. We certainly do not want to close it off to you, so I wanted to open this up for discussion here.
  - c. Grogan: Chief Briggs was at the President's Student Cabinet meeting and we talked about the safety issue with parking. Public Safety is now starting to discuss the possibility of having the bus as a shuttle for those who are coming back from clinical and internships. Does anyone have any spots where the p. safety bus belongs and is not right now?

- d. Nihill: Should we ask those who are taking it instead of us deciding it? By talking with those actually taking it we can decide on what the best places would be.
- e. Grogan: People will want it catered to them, so this may not be easy. We might not be in the best position to decide.
- f. Gault: Even if we don't take it, we know where the majority of people are going to be, so I think we can decide on a good place.
- g. Jones: I think it will be used more once people are more aware of it. If it does a perimeter then people will end up waiting too much to get it. The route now may not be the worst.
- h. Grogan: We need to figure this out once the plan has been in effect more than a week. Things may change once the snow comes, so this conversation may not be as effective now.
- i. Kalariya: Can we get a more solidified schedule of when it will be coming and going?
- j. Gault: Mr. Briggs stated that a more tentative schedule would like to be seen, but it is a matter of money and organization.
- k. Grogan: Dean McShea do we have an estimated time frame for when the new Director of Public Safety will be decided?
- l. McShea: Will take a couple of weeks. Hopefully, it will be sooner rather than later.
- m. Quinn: In flux at this point because one can start in March and the other yesterday.
- n. Nihill: If someone calls then do they go on a route? We need to have an estimated time that they will be waiting. How long does it take to do one loop?
- o. Grogan: I believe that Neil already discussed this. Anything else? Okay, now we are moving on to Royal Rentals, which will be presented by Meredith and Kendall.
- p. McCaffrey: The subject of renting movies is nothing new to senate but it seems to be more of a problem then solution. We feel that the idea we have come up with here is the best for Scranton.
- q. Lubas: A student will apply for a card per semester or year, which will approximately be around the cost of \$10.00. There will be the same rules for old and new movies like the ones that Blockbuster has and late fees as well. In the packet, you will see that we have listed a few places that are reasonable for renting movies in bulk.
- r. McCaffrey: As for where this could be held- hopefully, they could possibly add this into the plans for the library. We thinking of maybe converting a study room into a place for this or another area in the library. We also thought it would be great for senators to do two hour shifts because we are already in the library.

- s. Grogan: I am going to ask some questions that some are already thinking. Let's start: My time on Wednesday nights is spent doing the radio show. Also if senate works this movie rental business, we will be known as checkout people at blockbuster. Is this image we want to be presenting? Should we be responsible for this? We should be the people setting something like this up, but I feel that volunteers would stop showing up after about a week.
- t. Quinn: It would be very nice to have, but I think the way to do this would be to create work-study positions out of the library and take their pay out of the reserve fund.
- u. Grogan: Have you talked to the library yet?
- v. Lubas: No.
- w. Grogan: You say that late fees will be taken off the royal card. I have .30 on my royal card right now. What happens when that happens?
- x. Lubas: We just make sure that they pay by keeping up with them.
- y. Grogan: Is 300 movies sufficient enough for our campus?
- z. Lubas: We can't answer that because we have not tried anything yet.
- aa. Lubas: I think we need to start somewhere so having a starting base at 300 would be good.
- bb. Jones: If we didn't have someone's membership or credit card there was no way we could charge him or her for late fees. Most of the time people don't bring back movies and then 300 becomes 150. Using your royal card like your library card would undo lots of the mayhem that may result.
- cc. M. Molitoris: Well if you only had a little bit of money on your card then they will deduct the amount on your royal card and make the remaining balance a negative value and then they put a stop on your transcript.
- dd. Marx: I have a suggestion for who would be responsible for running the rentals: There is a grocery store at Georgetown run completely by business students- maybe get the business students to help with this.
- ee. Dean McShea: You need the rights to rent these movies to others. We must go through a company in order to get these.
- ff. McCaffrey: The Company Waxworth's has the rights, so we suggested using them.
- gg. Riordan: Would we be able to use donated movies from people on campus?
- hh. Dean McShea: Nope.
- ii. Nihill: There has to be a company that you guys already have that with a subscription fee you will get new movies every

month. Therefore, you will keep building up your movie database.

- jj. Grogan: We can buy new movies. The question of what we do with them once we have them still remains.
- kk. Kachmar: Is this for students being able to rent movies or is this a revenue generating scheme for the university?
- ll. McCaffrey: They are for students to rent.
- mm. Kachmar: There are many movie companies in the private sector such as Netflix and you can sign up as an affiliate. Maybe we should you look into Netflix.
- nn. Lubas: We will look into it.
- oo. M. Molitoris: Netflix has a thing going on with Xbox and they can watch movies on it.
- pp. Duliba: Would it be a separate card that they would get too rent the movies.
- qq. McCaffrey: Yes, like at blockbuster.
- rr. Kachmar: We do have a way of renting movies from the library but for a small time, but fiscally feasible.
- ss. Grogan: Anything else we want to bring up?
- tt. Gault: The third floor of library has a media area so maybe consider third floor.
- uu. Nihill: Great idea. Can we also just to continue the red box idea?
- vv. Grogan: We are not killing any ideas.
- ww. Lubas: We have contacted other schools that have red boxes and they aren't completely satisfied with them. That's why we proposed this idea as a solution.
- xx. Grogan: Anything else? Move on to Float.
- yy. Riordan: Last year, we worked on float and this will be the third year doing it. WE should begin work a lot sooner then we did last year. Came up with a theme: School Spirit. Want to work along these lines. Maybe form a committee-
- zz. Quinn: Last years float was nice, but we tried all of these things before and it did not really work. I would say that if Student Government were going to pay for this float there need to be apart of it.
  
- aaa. Riordan: Then we would use university funds.
  
- bbb. Quinn: If you want Student Government involvement it must appeal to the whole community. It needs to make a difference to our community. In order for this to happen it needs to appeal to all of our students in some way.
  
- ccc. Riordan: this is why we are starting earlier this year. We want everyone to get involved and participate. We need a

100% participation and I would like to start in the next week or 2.

ddd. Grogan: Last year there was significant freshman and sophomore support, but no upperclassmen participated except for Kevin Giblin. Senior Senators: do you feel as though your class would be able to get excited about this float?

eee. Jones: I would give you 0 people. Majority of the senior class would not do it.

fff. Grogan: Junior class?

ggg. DiLeo: Knowing my class not many people will be there. People want to see the parade rather than sitting and waiting for their float to go down the street.

hhh. Grogan: The people on the float are not seeing their friends cheering them on.

iii. Pugh: Some people are not here for parade day. A lot of the people who are here do not want to be a part of the actual parade. It is not just a lack of interest just other things that come up. This is going to be the first time I am going to be here and I want to see the parade and not spend it on a float.

jjj. Nihill: As a bagpiper myself- My dream is to get a group here on campus. The way you get people to go to your parade is give them something like a t-shirt. How many people were in the parade?

kkk. Riordan: 8 or 9.

lll. Nihill: It is much cheaper to hand our t-shirts that say Happy Saint Patrick's Day then sit on a float.

mmm. Grogan: We have attempted all of those things.

nnn. Riordan: That's why we should start it now- there will be more support. It's worth the risk.

ooo. Grogan: We may have the support now, but I know that number will diminish greatly on parade day.

ppp. Riordan: I have interest and I the support.

qqq. Dermody: If you start earlier then people will help you now, but there presence on parade day will not happen.

rrr. Grogan: The float is not dead. This is just Student Government saying that we cannot put our time and effort into this until we know that there is enough support.

sss. Riordan: I think that this truly exemplifies school spirit and is something we should come together on to get school spirit.

ttt. Grogan: We have to consider exactly what school spirit means. Time, effort and cost also need to be considered.

uuu. Riordan: We can reuse items.

vvv. Grogan: Hopefully a brand new design is unveiled. Here is what I want from you: a commitment from people (zero alcohol), new design both reflective of U's message and financially feasible. There is absolutely no way that only Student Government can deal with this. There are people who just don't have the time. Need real dedication of time.

www. Riordan: I will get a list of names.

xxx. Grogan: I need more. That doesn't mean a real commitment. Something more is needed. Anything else?

yyy. Riordan: Also contacted by Court of County appeals candidate. Tuesday is election day. Please go to 530 Monroe Avenue, Hebrew Day School or to the back of Everhart Museum if you plan on voting.

M. Molitoris: Motion to adjourn.

Jones: Second.