

Student Senate Minutes
September 4, 1996
4:30 pm Foster Room

I. Meeting called to order at 4:32 pm.

II. Opening Prayer given by Seth Miller.

III. Roll Call - Approval of minutes:

Members Present: Seth Miller, Megan Murray, Erin Hoffmann, Mike Gaffud, Mark Leen, Joseph Lang, Mike Irvine, Brendan Tobin, Allyson Luck, Deborah Hellmuth, Bill Hammonds, Matt Griffin, Peter Cesaro, Alfonso Kennard, Tony Siefring, Mary Slatt, Julie Lyzinski, Matt Connor, Stacey McNulty, Roy Gallagher, Nerea Arrien, Ryan McInerney, Brendan Kelly, Russ Williams, Keoni Kuoha, and Joe Cassidy

IV. New Business:

A. Board of Trustees Report

- Seth: we need student senate approval on this report, we want it to be as public as possible

- Brendan: it is in the constitution that your approval is necessary

- Seth: you will get a final copy before it is turned in. The report needs to be mailed on September 19th. Any help that you can contribute would be great. We think that student social space is a very important issue.

- Joe: so we will see it?

- Seth: yes your constituency is very important (see attached proposal for the Fall Report to the Board of Trustees)

- Mark: what kind of things are you talking about in item #7?

- Seth: we surveyed many universities, rectors, etc.

- Erin: Have you interviewed clubs? Do you plan on coming to the budget committee?

- Seth: You will be contacted, Erin

- Mark moves to unanimously approve the proposal, Deborah seconds

- Seth: Do I have a notion to create a committee for further discussion of these proposals

- Mark Leen moves for unanimous consent, Peter seconds

B. Ethics Committee

1. - Brendan: we, unfortunately, are going to need an ethics committee. Joe Lang has had to move off-campus and so his ability to serve as the District 4 senator

- Joe: one of my roommates had to leave Flanner and for that reason as well as others I had to move out of Flanner. But I still feel that I could serve
- Brendan: I think an ethics committee could handle the situation. (see constitution for details)
- Mike Irvine: I think his constituency needs to be consulted
- Seth: this is an excellent opportunity for us to set a precedent on how to handle this sort of situation
- Mark: perhaps he is the best person for the job, perhaps an amendment to the constitution will be necessary
- Julie: since I am a president on the mod quad can I help? Should I be on the committee?
- Seth: great idea
- Deborah moves to create an ethics committee, Brendan Tobin seconds

- 2.
- Brendan: there is a second issue involving Shane that needs to be addressed as well (reads a segment from the Constitution dealing with missed meetings and the consequences) But there is another problem - Shane is in violation of the constitution because he is both a Hall president and a Student Senator (see constitution) This is a problem because of conflict of interest (see also attached letter from Shane)
 - Mark: can we move to inform him of this conflict instead of deciding his fate right now?
 - Brendan: this has big ramifications - new elections, amendments, etc. We need an ethics committee eventually - but right now Shane does not even know that he is in violation
 - Seth: I guess we will table the issue until next meeting, then we can decide about an ethics committee etc. then

C. Student Senate in '96-'97

- Seth: what about alternating Mondays at 4:30 for senate meetings?
- general outcry from the floor
- Seth: ok we will go back to Wednesday at 4:30 alternating weeks with the CLC. First meeting will be September 18th at 4:30 pm, alternating with CLC, we should continue Senate as a feedback institution for the CLC. How does everyone feel about that?
- general approval from the floor
- Seth: let me know about any ideas you have
- Erin: I would like to have a set time for the budget committee to meet

D. Announcements:

- Mike Irvine: be careful sleeping out for tickets - it's crazy
- Seth: next meeting - faculty - student picnic

V. Closing Prayer given by Megan.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 5:18 pm by Seth Miller.

Respectfully submitted by,

Stacey McNulty