

Student Senate
September 18, 1996
4:30 pm Foster Room

- I. Meeting called to order by Seth Miller at 4:30 pm.
- II. Opening Prayer given by Seth Miller.
- III. Roll Call - Approval of Minutes

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

IV. Old Business:

A. Ethics Committee

- Mark: We met twice last week. For Shane on the conflict of interest with holding two offices we decided that there was no conflict under the Constitution. As for his problems with meetings, we recommend that we try to accommodate his schedule and we do so for everyone in the future. As for Joe Lang, we got together with numerous Hall Presidents and we decided that we could not set the precedent to make an amendment for a Senator who had moved off campus. If Joe chooses to maintain his position he would be in violation of the constitution.
 - Brendan: (see constitution for election of new senators)
 - Mark: Since there will be a vacancy in that district, I move that we maintain the position until it is filled.
 - Deborah seconds - unanimous consent
 - Seth: You are welcome at all of our meetings, Joe
 - Shane: I suggest that we switch meetings to night or another day so that my district is represented.
 - Erin moves for unanimous consent of the ethics committee recommendations on Shane
 - Brendan Tobin asks for a roll call vote
12 yes, 2 abstain, 3 no, motion passes
 - Shane: As for my scheduling problems, my main concern is that 1500 people will not be represented at six senate meetings. My suggestion is that we move the meetings to the evening when no one has class conflicts
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- Mike Irvine: What about another rep and Shane can vote by proxy?
- Mark: That is constitutionally legal, he just would not count in a quorum vote (general discussion of conflicts and possible times follows)
- Seth: We can give you proxy and also provide Shane with a recording of the meetings.
- Shane: As long as I continue to get minutes and an agenda, I think that would be fine
- Seth: Ok - that's settled

B. Board of Trustees Report

- Matt: Griffin: We went through the report section by section with the writers and Seth and Megan. It is very positive - they did an excellent job
- Seth: The report needs to be approved by the Senate and I hope that you can go with the general opinion given by Matt. (Megan reads the two recommendations in the Report)
- Mark Leen: moves for unanimous approval of the report, Brendan Tobin seconds, Unanimous consent.

C. Agenda Issues

- Seth: We are trying to use Senate ideas in CLC. The floor is open
 - Mike Gaffud: D6 parking needs help. In fact, all parking is a problem.
 - Seth: We are working on signs to clear up these problems. See me after the meeting
 - Mr. Cassidy: I suggest that we invite Phil Johnson to our next meeting to discuss parking
 - Ryan: Two things: 1) lack of student rights. Right now we don't have any rights listed in DuLac. Faculty Senate is focusing on it and we should parallel them. 2) The possibility of proposing a student on the Board of Trustees, St. Mary's have done it.
 - Seth: From the Dome, the best forum for projecting student opinions is the Report. Also, they have two under 30 year old members now. They feel that the Board of Trustees is fine the way it is. Another concern is that one representative will lead to many representatives and a lack of continuity.
 - Brendan Kelly: We want to make sure that the input we have with the Board is taken seriously. We don't want to make it a fight for a seat - we want our Board of Trustees Report to be the real strong-hold for our opinion.
 - Ryan: But the only problem is that the Report can't speak for us. (general consent that we should make this an issue)
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- Mike Tobin: Do we have a committee to discuss off-campus needs.
- Mike Irvine: We have a ton of stuff that needs to be discussed. We will have a committee and decide on the issues for the next Senate meeting.

V. New Business:

- Mike Irvine: We are passing out a proposed Constitutional Amendment. We feel that off-campus students get any info - we don't have sthall notes or hall meetings. (see attachment)
- Mike Tobin: Maybe we can have an information board somewhere for off-campus students. You have the power to vote in HPC.
- Mike Irvine: none of the stuff proposed at HPC has anything to do with off-campus.
- Mary: I have heard that off-campus students don't know what's going on. If there were some way for you to get information out to them, then the information could get back to HPC.
- Shane: You definitely get short-changed on money.
- Brendan Tobin: That's on our agenda. But our main concern is that we don't have a medium through which to communicate to our constituents.
- Bill: Since most off-campus students are seniors I suggest that you work with the senior class officers.
- Brendan Tobin: We just don't feel a need to be at HPC.
- Bill: But maybe the off-campus students have a vested interest in on-campus activities.
- Shane: Perhaps you need representatives in the different apartment complexes to distribute flyers.
- Mike Irvine: moves to table the issue, Mark Leen seconds

VI. Announcements

- A. Erin call budget committee meeting next Wednesday at 4:15 pm.
- B. Opening of Senior Bar - two tickets to OSU game available.
- C. Watch for multi-cultural week
- D. SUB after OSU pep rally
- E. Campus wide picnic after the mass on Sunday

VII. Closing Prayer given by Keoni.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 5:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Stacey McNulty
