

Senate 10/23/07

- I. Call to order 6:32pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. President's Report
 - a. DL: we met with Dean Annis and we discussed several issues with him. Two key issues were the continuing challenges of the limited parking and we also discussed ways in which to assist students with the heavy performance schedule. We are working towards solutions on both ends and we are satisfied that the administration understands and respects the problem.
 - i. Heavy Performance Schedule: we've suggested that workshops be included in rehearsal schedules (time and stress management).
 - b. We also met with the Board of Trustees and we brought them up to speed on the events of the campus and our goals for the rest of the year.
 - c. Also what our campus has been dealing with in light of the recent events. Thank you for your leadership and support. We are continuing to work with administration to have the students provided with the help and support that they need during this difficult time. Administration is concerned with making sure that they do all that they can in this difficult situation. If you can help us get a better sense of what is going on we can discuss with the administration and help make those things happen.
 - d. We also realize that there should be a memorial service, administration is working closely with the family – we are taking cues from them. As we receive information from them we will pass it along to you; depending on how discussions with the family go there will hopefully be something on campus for our students. Please feel free to voice your concerns.
 - e. In other news some upcoming things are the Make it Happen Day (I'm very excited for this and interested to see what kind of information you will get back – e-board will be listening). Also at the November 4th GA meeting our speaker will be Dean Onofrio and he will be discussing issues relating to the new college. Also as students are able to receive information we will relay that information and you as senators will be pivotal in determining what the students need.
 - f. MF: You mentioned that the administration is aware of the parking problem; are they doing anything?
 - i. DL: Yes, they are taking steps; it continues to be a work in progress. There are certain limitations because of the physical limitations of our campus; we are in contact with

the borough and the township to work together to solve these issues. In the meantime they are actively working to come up with alternate solutions.

- g. MF: Working with the township and the borough – I assume that is for on street parking?
 - i. DL: Yes.
- h. MF: You spoke about stress during performances, how is that going to work out during the performances during finals week.
 - i. DL: We are working on this with administration; generally these problems will be worked out at the discretion of the professor. We are still in discussion with the administration.
- i. MF: Any word on the teaching contract?
 - i. SM: They reached an agreement.
- j. EW – Presidents report closed at 6:48pm.

IV. Vice President's Report

- a. EW – Introduction of guests.
 - i. Anthony Serrao – filling in for Louis Spinelli
 - ii. Gina Molinari – now one of the co-advisors for Senate.
- b. EW – There isn't much on the agenda, so hopefully we'll have more time to work in focus groups; I'll make sure I'll stop by the groups I didn't see last time. Also we'll have time for a mini presentation at the end of the meeting by each group.
- c. EW – Also there have been a few moments where the Senate has been self-adjourned, the only event in which the meeting can be adjourned without the chair is if the chair is physically not present. In regards to our last senate meeting: we were in the 'focus group' part of the agenda, therefore I was present, just with another group. All further adjournments need to be made by the chair.

V. Warfield Reflection

- a. EW – Isn't really a reflection on him, but I know a couple of you communicated with your constituents about this. Is there anything to share?
- b. AS/proxy – I feel that the feelings about this situation are stuck because there haven't been an outlet for expression; my general feeling is that because of what happened the day of we met as a school and that had a positive effect – we need to meet as a group
- c. EW – Dionne did sum up the situation very well, any information that brought up will be brought to the attention of the student body. Also is anyone having problems communicating with constituents?
- d. CO – I saw there were vacancies next to student's names on the general list (i.e. without senate representation) who is communication with those people?
 - i. EW – I am.

- e. SM – Feedback seems slow on this whole issue.
- f. AnBr – Would you feel that there is a better way to communicate with constituents?
 - i. EW – Using Facebook, blogging, something that might resemble a floor meeting.

VI. New Business

- a. Make it Happen Day
 - i. EW – I have posters, does everyone remember where they are placing the posters?
 - ii. CO – We don't remember.
 - iii. EW – We need off-campus Senators to place posters in practice rooms
 - iv. AS/proxy – What is this?
 - 1. EW – Explanation...
 - v. EW – Takes volunteers for placing posters around campus.
 - vi. EW – Main location will be Thayer Lounge.
 - vii. CO – I'll send out an email to the listserve and explain what will be happening on Thursday.
- b. Coffee House
 - i. EW – Have any of you communicated with your constituents about offering help.
 - 1. Please send that email out for set-up and takedown.
 - ii. EW – coffee house is from 8-10pm on Friday, October 26th.
- c. Dining Commons Seating Issue Resolution
 - i. EW – We handed this out at the last meeting, if you have any questions please direct them to Dani.
 - ii. DP – Basically as you all know it is difficult to find seating for the 12:30 – 1:00pm lunch hour. I suggested building a bar type area with stools, and also getting smaller chairs to make a more effective use of space.
 - iii. EW – Are there any questions on this resolution?
 - iv. CO – Do you have an idea of the ramifications this resolution will have? Whom will we be asking to pay for these chairs? What kind of closure are you looking for?
 - 1. DP – I think that administration should pay for it. If you have a better idea please share.
 - v. EW – Is there anything questionable? Is there anything that could definitely pass or something that might hold it back?
 - vi. DG – It may be better as a non-binding resolution, there are no specifics; it is just stating that there is a problem.
 - vii. SM – Seeing as the university views suggestions to replace something as not always necessary (i.e. there are deferred maintenance issues that would take precedence) the university is not always willing to replace until there is a

definitive need. While they might recognize the space problem, they might not view this as a viable option.

- viii. JF – How many solutions for payment do we have here, student activities fee, administration, SFB?
- ix. RG – Seems like we are asking for two different things, perhaps it might be a good idea to split into two resolutions (bar aspect, and the smaller chairs).
- x. SM – Bar aspect seems much more feasible.
- xi. EW – Dani are you knowledgeable in creating non-binding resolutions?
 - 1. DP – No, I could use help.
- xii. DG – I move to table pending changes, SM – second – passed unanimously.

d. Bylaw Resolution

- i. EW – Two bylaw resolutions for review. Patrick you can give your review.
- ii. PM – We all know the problems we had trying to elect a speaker of the senate. So I made the election process specifically for speaker slightly more detailed.
 - 1. To tell everyone all of the options that are available.
 - 2. So we can actually elect someone by the second meeting. This is basically just a very detailed manner of voting – laid out in a resolution.
- iii. CO – Point of order, the resolution needs to be rewritten to be as an amendment, as a result we would not be able to vote on this tonight. Why is there a resolution to amend the bylaws and then a bill?
- iv. PM – I was told to do it that way.
- v. JW – Explanation of bill vs. resolution.
- vi. AB – Even if we do amend the bylaws what changes would be made
 - 1. JW – You would be suggesting that we amend the bylaws
- vii. CO – Suggest that we table this until the end of the year and reopen the constitution committee to look in-depth at the constitution and bylaws.
- viii. EW – I know writing resolutions and bills is a difficult process, I think the suggestion of forming a constitution committee is a wonderful idea. So throughout the rest of the semester, I suggest that you continue to write resolutions and amendments.
- ix. PM – Can we work on getting that constitution committee started.

- x. EW – I think its possible, we do already have five focus groups and two only have one representative.
- xi. SM – However there are two groups that have 4 or more people, if people are interested in focusing on the constitution committee then they could change committees.
- xii. CO – Make a motion that we table said legislation until the final meeting of Senate, in the event that the constitution committee does not resolve the in problems with the constitution (and specifically with the election process for speaker of the senate). Further I motion that we reinstate the constitution committee. PM – seconds – passed.
- xiii. EW – Any further discussion on reopening the constitution committee? My question is that are you stepping down from the focus group you are in now.
 - 1. RG – Do we have to?
 - 2. EW – Since they all meet at the same time it might be difficult.
- xiv. SM – Can we identify who is interested in the constitution committee and can we find out if they are interested in meeting outside of senate?
 - 1. PM – what about directly after each Senate meeting?
 - 2. General consensus is yes.
- xv. EW – Any further discussion pending tabling this specific resolution?
- xvi. PM – Can we add forwarding this to the constitution to this committee?
 - 1. CO – That’s the essence of what it is, if we meet as committee.
- e. Discussion on what constitutes the committee leader
- f. DP – Nominate PM for chair. PM accepts.
- g. EW – Are there nay other nominations on the floor? PM is appointed chair, as there are no other nominations.

VII. Focus Group Break Out Session

- a. Questions...
 - i. SM – Will chair people be selected tonight for the committees that we have legislation for?
 - ii. EW – Yes.
 - iii. PM – Do we select chairs with the full Senate?
- b. After the break-out...
 - i. EW – We will have focus group presentations at the next meeting so you have more time to prepare. Is there any group that has legislation in place?
 - ii. SM – Yes, facilities and parking.

- iii. DP – I thought that the legislation was specifically written for the facilities committee and now it encompasses parking; is this now the same thing?
- iv. CO – we voted to combine the parking and facilities committee at the beginning of last year.
- v. EW – nomination(s) for the parking and facilities chair.
 - 1. DG – I nominate myself.
 - 2. PM – Can we have a co-chair?
 - 3. CO – Legislation is not in place for a co-chair.
 - 4. EW – I don't think its necessary.
 - 5. DG – The only reason I thought was because what if we broke into two groups.
 - 6. DG – nominate myself for facilities.
 - 7. PM – I nominate myself for parking.
 - 8. EW – Any nominations aside for Dan for facilities.
 - 9. SM – I nominate MF.
 - a. MF – sure.
 - 10. EW – Any other nominations?
 - 11. MG – I nominate PM for facilities
 - a. PM – I accept.
- vi. EW - Move into questioning; when you question please state the name of the nominee.
 - 1. CO – To All: Why do you want to chair this committee?
 - a. MF – I believe it is a very important committee and I want to make sure that we accomplish things this year.
 - b. PM – Because even though its my first year on the Princeton campus I see a lot of things that could be changed for the better; also my constituents have brought forth a few suggestions that could be changed. I feel like I can handle the position of chair because I spent two years in the contracting business so I know the ins and outs of the proposed maintenance, I would be able to tell if it was feasible and make suggestions if it is not.
 - c. DG – Last year I was on the facilities, we all worked closely with key people in facilities, we did a lot to try to solve the parking problem. We also tried to figure out the parking solutions between our campus and the Lawrenceville camps. We solved a lot of issues like the classrooms in the library and the

crumbling steps in front of the dips. I'd like to see projects move forward.

vii. EW – Because of time we are now going to do a closed ballot for the position of chair.

1. Results calculated by the Secretary.

a. Tie Between DG & PM.

VIII. For the Good of the Order

a. SM – Brought up concerns of Steve Hitzel about the receded grass area across the Great Plains.

b. DP – Move to extend the meeting 5 minutes – SM seconds – passed by majority

c. DP – I think one of the reasons the pathway failed is because of the lack of rain, and the signs indicated that they couldn't ever walk on the grass again, instead of waiting for the grass to grown.

d. AnBr – why did they remove the walkway?

i. EW – It was to give the students a more open space to use

e. PM – Could we attempt reseeding it again?

i. SM – Steve just wants to make sure that the student body is educated about this area.

ii. AnBr – As long as the students are aware of where they can and cannot walk it should work.

f. MF – I think that students did know about the reseeding process, and people did it as an act of rebellion.

g. PM – Constitution committee please stay 5 minutes.

h. EW – If any of you have to email to your constituents please wait for my information so you can send one email.

i. KC – We have a tie for committee chair.

j. AB – Can we still present legislation as a committee

k. EW – We'll table till next week.

l. CO – Move to adjourn – DG seconds – passed unanimously

IX. Adjournment at 8:05pm.