

Senate 10/9/07

- I. Call to order: 6:36pm
- II. Roll Call:
- III. Introduction of Guests
 - a. Jimmy Traum – will be a member of senate next week
 - b. Matt Knickman – RD Seabrook Hall
- IV. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 2, 2007
- V. President's Report – Congratulatory Remarks
 - a. Dionne – apologize for not being present for last week, congratulations to everyone for being voted in, now we've got to work to do.
 - b. I want you to feel confident and glad about your role as senators because you are an integral part of this campus.
 - c. Future reports will be more of an informative discussion about E-Board activities.
- VI. Vice President's Report
 - a. Focus on communication
- VII. Constituency Nominations
 - a. Nominees for campus constituents - floors in residence halls are...
 - i. Dayton 1 – Daniel (yes)
 - ii. Dayton 2 – Elizabeth Levison (yes)
 - iii. Ithaca 1 – Karol Nowicki (yes)
 - iv. Ithaca 2 – Mike Fili (yes)
 - v. Seabrook 1 – Corrine Bostoic (absent)
 - vi. Seabrook 2 – Andrew Brothers (yes) & Patrick Myers (yes)
 - vii. Seabrook 3 – Rachael Gluzband (yes) & Mandy Geller (yes)
- VIII. Action Step Review
 - a. Discretionary Fund request for refreshments
 - i. VD was in charge of finding looking into this; EW will now take this on.
 - b. Dining Commons resolutions
 - i. DP – needs help writing a resolution, EW will help.
 - c. Aging Bricks in the Quadrangle
 - i. EW – this was vandalism, please use your position as student leaders to help people realize that this is not an appropriate action.
- IX. New Business
 - a. Heritage Project Introduction
 - i. E-Board working on this, hopefully Senate will be able to take a role in this.
 - ii. Concept:

1. The university will be starting a new college, the Westminster College of the arts, under which WCC will be a part of. Students at this campus have a great deal of interest in preserving the WCC that we know and love. It is important to understand where we have been and how that affects where we will be going.
- iii. Three main areas:
 1. Reflect – where and who have we been?
 - a. See projects that retrace the steps of WCC highlighting important dates and areas, as well as key figures and alumni. Then we will be connecting this to current issues of note on our campus, as well important faculty and staff.
 - b. See this in the form of commemorative plaques that will explain the relationships of things on the campus
 - c. Heritage publication – either as a 1 time thing, or possibly as a website, or an annual thing.
 - d. Also possibly commissioning music, and having a faculty forum and a history quiz about WCC.
 2. Connect
 - a. Recognition of shared meaning through time.
 - b. Student forums, encouraging student life to incorporate the heritage project as we move forward.
- iv. We are hoping to form a committee with representatives from several different areas around campus (including faculty, staff, and alumni) to discuss how to make this project move forward.
 1. As soon as the official committee is formed we will inform you of a timeline and how this will progress forward.
- v. EW – we want to focus on everything so that is where the committee of the senate will focus their attention.
- b. RHA Presentation
 - i. MK – when I was an RA, I saw there were many campus beatification projects. Would like to include a water feature on campus, it would add aesthetic value and provide a place for quite reflection.
 1. Had a representative from Home Depot come out and discussed where on campus this feature might be appropriate.
 2. We have a contractor

3. SFB has approved this for \$6000.
4. Everyone has always felt this has been a good idea; we just need to see it through.
5. Meeting Thursday with the SGA E-Board and Dean Annis to get final approval.
6. Decided to bring it to the Senates attention because it is coming out of our Student Activities Fee.
 - a. However the administration might feel strongly enough about this that they might alleviate some of the cost.
7. There are allocated funds for projects like this so none of the event programming for the year will suffer because of the expense.
8. Unfortunately because of the lateness of Senate and SFB meeting, this project must be started by November 1st.
9. We could provide more than one design to students and have them vote on the final design.
10. DP – liked the idea of a place for students to sit around and study.
 - a. MK – I agree, I personally prefer some place by the library. Would really like more student input.
11. AB – putting benches around would foster a greater sense of more of a study and leisure; the library would be a good location.
12. PM – have we explored other contractors, especially dealing with insurance and liability. He should be able to supply you with all documentation.
13. AM – who would be responsible for the landscaping of the area?
 - a. MK – the college would have to pick up the up-keep of this, this is why Steve Hitzel would need to be involved.
 - b. AB – are they willing to do this?
 - c. MK – I'm meeting with them this week.
14. MF – you mentioned putting the feature in a public or more high traffic area, since the idea is for students to study and relax, maybe it should be in a more secluded area?
 - a. MK – the point is for this to be seen, location is up for discussion.
 - b. AB – what about the area between the cottages, the playhouse and Taylor?

- c. KC – that is the projected site for the new academic building.
 - 15. PM – is this something that would eventually be under the domain of facilities.
 - 16. AD – would like to see something in front of Williamson.
 - 17. MF – smaller or something more elaborate?
 - a. MK – would take 2-3 days to construct.
 - 18. EW – adjourn Matt from the meeting.
- ii. Your Ideas:
 - 1. MG – love the idea.
 - 2. CO – we need to check with Princeton borough/township because of restrictions on landscapes. Also shouldn't be in front of Bristol.
 - 3. DL – since the upkeep of this would be an issue a possibility could be approaching alumni to make contributions to current student life in terms of the upkeep.
 - 4. EW – this could very easily fit into the Westminster Heritage Project.
 - 5. MF – lets try to keep this as functional as it is pretty, make sure that there is enough space and comfort.
 - 6. EW – highly recommend that you contact your constituents and get a feel of how they feel about this. We will have an overall vote about senate feels about this.
- c. Family Weekend: Thursday, October 25th-26th
 - i. Sign-ups
 - 1. Friday, October 26th – sign-in and greeting
 - a. Also Kantorei and Showcase concert...
 - 2. Saturday, October 26th – sign-in and greeting
 - ii. Coffee House: Friday, October 26th 9pm-10pm
 - 1. Laura Seplaki suggested that this be more of a coffee house feel, students are being contacted that would fit into this feel.
 - 2. We could use a lot of help for set up, also ideas about how we can design this to make people feel welcome.
 - a. AB – all the parents got a packet with the itinerary, however none of the students know what is going on. Also, the Schola concert is not on any of the documentation (rehearsal is, performance isn't).
 - 3. Your attendance would be appreciated.
- d. Speaker of the Senate

- i. We know that quorum is difficult, and we are working on rewording the by-laws, the constitution was approved but the by-laws were never approved.
- ii. Review of the constitution and by-laws
 - 1. AB – does anyone know where Vincent is tonight?
 - a. EW – he is no longer in senate, still wants to contribute but cannot participate.
 - 2. DL – if a candidate withdraws before a vote is made what happens to the vote?
 - 3. DP – CO was the only person
- iii. PM – motion to vote, SM – second
 - 1. Two abstentions.
- iv. Vote for CO – 9 senators not quorum
 - 1. 3 not voting for CO – 1 abstention.
- v. DP – the people who are not voting for Chris, do you want to run?
 - 1. MF – I do not want run for speaker, however I feel that him having a voice to GA on behalf of two different groups might be an unfair advantage.
 - a. SM – he doesn't have a voice.
- vi. DG – I nominate for myself speaker of senate.
 - 1. KN – seconds
- vii. EW – being in this room, don't be fooled that we are choosing a position for this room only, we are voting in someone who will be representing the school and the future of the school, please think about that when we open voting.
- viii. AB – motion for open vote, PM – second, passed unanimously
 - 1. EW – voting for Daniel Garrick,
 - a. 3 votes
 - 2. CO – voting for Chris Olsen
 - a. 9 votes
 - 3. SM – could we table voting for speaker; approve Jimmy for senate and then vote for speaker?
 - 4. PM – in every other voting situation the candidate is allowed to vote for themselves, therefore CO makes 10 and that is quorum.
- ix. EW – go get the senators.
 - 1. Motion to open voting with the two candidates having permission to vote.
 - a. MF – request to have a close ballot.
 - b. DP – move to have a closed ballot vote with the senators running present – KN seconds - passed unanimously.

- x. KC – tallies votes, CO, passed with quorum.
 - e. Make it Happen Day: Thursday, October 25th
 - i. CO – propose that we put this under activities awareness committee.
 - ii. CO – the senate sets out giant posters in Thayer and they can write what they like, and what they want changed. This is something that makes a big difference to senators.
 - iii. EW – generally we are going to have these posters set up during colloquium period.
 - iv. DP – good idea to have senator requirement.
 - v. EW – we will start with this next meeting.
 - f. Focus Groups
 - i. Parking & Facilities – PM, KN, AB, MF, DG
 - ii. Activities & Awareness – DP, JF
 - iii. Historian & Traditions & Student Life – CO, AnBr, RG, SM
 - iv. Community Outreach – EL, MG, AZ
 - v. Health & Wellness – LS
- X. For the Good of the Order
 - a. AZ – we are having problems with parking, there are a large amount of freshman that have gotten permits because they can go over to Lawrenceville and get permits.
 - i. DG – this happened last year.
 - ii. EW – there is a parking committee, and we'll be working together throughout the year.
 - b. DG – the large insect problem in the residence halls.
 - i. EW – I'll contact Residence Life and see what's been going on with that.
 - c. AB – motion to approve Jimmy, RG – second
 - i. EW – do not want to approve because he should be presented to the senate at the following meeting.
 - ii. CO – does not follow Roberts Rules of Order.
 - iii. KN – if someone else was interested in joining senate would they also go through this?
 - iv. AB & DP – suggest putting a bullet point in the agenda to present new people.
- XI. Adjournment at 8:03pm
 - a. AB move to adjourn, DG second, passed.