

Senate 11/27/07

- I. Call to order
- II. Roll Call
 - a. KC, SM & CO absent until 7:15pm
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Vice Presidents Report
- V. Focus Group Reformation
 - a. Short Term Goals
 - i. DG – making the campus 100% smoke free, this creates a safety problem if people have to leave campus to smoke.
 - ii. AnBr – I'd like to see better dining commons hours, open earlier on the weekends, open later weekdays.
 - b. Mid-term Goals
 - i. JF – I know we have passed a resolution, but the seating arrangement in Bristol Chapel – happen within next semester.
 - ii. DG – I think creating a discussion about better facilities, introducing academic facilities and a gym.
 - c. Long-Term Goals
 - i. MG – it might be a good idea that since we are a choir college to have our own performance space.
 - ii. SM – there was discussion when looking at the master plan of the college – we decided to keep it because of the historical value.
 - iii. RG – Library hours and shuttle hours; I'm assuming that these are contract issues but I think we should be thinking about them.
 - d. EW – be mindful that the resolutions that you are modeling and passing are supposed to be representative of your constituents and the entire student body; not just your own ideas.
- VI. Goals & Action Steps
 - a. EW – we need to look at our goals and action steps and see how to make these things happen. Keep this in mind when you propose things to Senate.
 - b. Things to look at...
 - i. Dining Seating
 - ii. More Senators
 - iii. Refreshments
 - iv. Smoking
 - v. Dining Hours
 - vi. Performance Hall
 - vii. Library Hours
 - c. MG – wouldn't library and shuttle hours be more mid-term goals.

- d. EW – you can take anything from this list and work with it.
- e. CO – shuttle hours will be more often next semester because of the new college.
- f. LS – it is something that the administration will be working on.
- g. CO – the past two senates have worked on dining commons hours, it was tried in the past and was not cost effective.
- h. LS – small changes would be better.
- i. EW – make sure that your constituents know when the dining commons hours are; this is something that our students get in the habit of following.
- j. JF – will we have any success in changing substantial in dining commons hours?
- k. DG – I think it matters what we want to change and then what we can actually change.
- l. EW – reformulate these goals and then talk to your constituents.
- m. SM – I can't think of any other ways to draw people in to Senate who aren't already interested. I don't think it's a matter of making Senate more appealing to them, maybe we should not have this as a goal and focus on things that we might actually accomplish.

VII. Old Business

a. Website Update

- i. EW – steps before the website is launched.
 - 1. Website is presented to the E-board
 - 2. Website is presented to the Senate
 - 3. Website is presented to the Student body (open session)
 - 4. The letter about the new college & the website will come from the President.
- ii. MF – perhaps it would be good for the Dean to cosign the letter with the president. It shows more of a resolve on our campus.
- iii. SM – we're talking next week correct?
- iv. EW – that is the plan.
- v. SM – is there anything we should inform our constituents about yet?
- vi. EW – wait until the ball store starts rolling.
- vii. AB – will the forum be held with President Rosanski or Dean Annis?

- 1. EW – I believe the Dean is planning on being there/

b. RSO Senate Representation

- i. EW – have this as a kind of election, have each RSO elect a representative to speak for them in Senate.
- ii. DG – would they be a Senator?

1. EW – yes, it is a good representation of our entire student body.
 - iii. DG – is that what general assembly is for?
 1. EW - They have reports but this is more involved and a direct influence.
 - iv. SM – had there been any thought to exceeding the number of students per senator?
 1. EW – yes.
 - v. CO – it is laid out in the constitution how senate elections take place, also if you are having individuals come forward from each RSO – this is asking a lot of each RSO. I think this is going to overextend our students – too many people to try to represent one student.
 1. I’m asking the RSO to find someone whose job would exclusively be a senate liaison.
 - vi. DG – I think this could be a conflict of interest, almost like electing a lobbyist come into and represent them...
 1. EW – if you feel nominating someone is a good not a good idea.
 - vii. AB – I think it’s a problem as well because of dual representation.
 1. EW – I’m just trying to bring more Senators into senate.
 - viii. SM – my concern is that we are looking at this more as a representation of each RSO rather than a representation of the Student body (the purpose of Senate). Could create narrow focus.
 1. When I was in senate two years ago I was a member of the ResLife staff, so I had more to contribute.
 - ix. LS – I believe that Lawrenceville uses its RSO basis as their Senate. See what the dynamic is there and then come back.
 - x. SM – my other concern would also be the dual concern issue.
 - xi. EW – thanks for expressing yourselves, you came up with things I didn’t even think about, I’ll review this again.
- c. Green Campus
- i. EW – I met with Steve Hitzel and Nils.
 - ii. What we’ve already done:
 1. Florescent lighting put into the globes in the dips.
 - iii. AB – I know that there are forms of light sources that are more energy efficient but its very unaesthetically pleasing. Could we look at bulbs that have a more pleasing affect?

- iv. EW – what they wanted to try out was test a few select rooms on campus to see if the students liked it – see if they actually like it.
- v. EW – also I'd proposed the idea of using motion sensitive light timers.
- vi. CO – we need an override button on each.
- vii. DG – what about in each room?
 - 1. EW – its about \$150 per room. This could be a long-term suggestion; my goal would be bathrooms and practice rooms.
- viii. MF – can we see data on the amount of money we are spending on electricity and how much money we could save?
- ix. EW – trial run on the motion sensors (basement in the library).

VIII. New Business

- a. Great Plains Resolution
- b. Dining Commons Resolution
 - i. MF – specifically has to do with the bar seating in front of the staircase.
 - ii. CO – motion to amend line 22 to the spring semester of 2008.
 - iii. AnBr – I think it's a good idea because a lot of the times between 12:30 and 1:00pm there are too many people standing.
 - iv. LS – I don't know how feasible the spring semester is.
 - v. MF – I just thought that it would be more feasible because of the break.
 - vi. LS – yes but it's a custom piece of furniture, and whether or not the cost is associated with necessity.
 - vii. SM – would the senate like to use the president's cabinet and see how feasible this would be?
 - viii. CO – motion to amend line 22, take out "year of our lord"
AB – seconds, passed – 1 abstention.
 - ix. AnBr – motion to pass amended resolution – RG seconds – 7 yays, 4 nays, 1 abstention. Resolution is passed.
 - 1. CO – I would like to not pass this tonight, I feel like we as a body are jumping into this too fast without consulting our constituents. I'd like to see this tabled for a meeting and us to go to our constituents.
 - 2. MF – I feel like senators have received communication about the seating problem and as long as we are making a positive change its ok.
 - 3. AB – my constituents would like a place to eat lunch.

4. LS – I agree, get feedback from your constituents and give them a choice.
 5. MF – I think the time has come to make things happen.
 6. SM – I think that we did discuss this in the beginning of the semester, but because it was handled by a senator who is now no longer a senator therefore nothing went forward. I believe not consulting our constituents would be a rash move.
 7. CO – I never discussed this with my constituents, I need to go and talk to my constituents, and our job is to represent our constituents.
 8. EW – we did have make it happen day, and 22% of people said that they want to
 9. JF – motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes – CO – seconds – passed.
 10. AB – we’ve heard from a large portion of the student body, this resolution is not binding – I think that every day we don’t do something that is time wasted.
 11. SM – I like Chris would not feel comfortable voting on something without consulting my constituents.
 12. CO – I’m in favor of this, but if you ask me to vote today, I’m going to vote no – we need to represent our constituents.
 - x. LS – come up with a timeline and do more research – come up with a final design and take this to your constituents.
 - xi. AB – I suggest that we distribute the resolution now and begin discussion and the beginning of the week.
- IX. For the Good of the Order
- a. RG – what about the results from the resolutions that we’ve passed?
 - i. EW – I’ll be emailing that information to you – I’ve been in contact with the authors of the resolutions.
 - b. EW – does anyone have a conflict with next meeting?
 - i. I’ll get back to you about that...
- X. Adjournment at 8:09pm.