

SENATE

Minutes

Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 6:30 pm
Talbot Library Room 1, Princeton Campus

- I. Call to Order: 6:43 PM
- II. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests
 - i. Quorum: 18/20
 - ii. Guests: Cassandra Douglas, nominee for SFB Trustee
- III. **(6:47)** Approval of Minutes:
 - i. Thursday, January 20, 2005
 - a. Motion to approve – 2nd
 1. Unanimously approved
 - ii. Thursday, February 3, 2005
 - a. Motion to approve – 2nd
 1. Yay: 17
 2. Nay: 0
 3. Abstention: 1
 - a. Feb. 3 minutes approved
 - iii. Thursday, February 10, 2005
 - a. Motion to approve – 2nd
 1. Unanimously approved
- IV. **(6:51)** New Legislation Format and Numbering Process:
 - i. Brief explanation – new format is that of the US Senate
 - ii. Explanation of what kind of authority senate has with bills and resolutions
 - a. Some things such as requesting administration to change their lunch hours to better suit students' needs, extending the hours of the mail room, and increasing the amount of parking spaces can't be forced into action by the senate, but the opinions of the senate weighs extremely heavy in their decisions
 - b. Contact Christian for any questions you may have
 1. AIM: stuckinprinceton
 2. Phone: x6668
 3. Email: stuckc@rider.edu
 - c. New format will be emailed to senators
- V. **(7:00)** President's Report
 - i. SFB Video Presentation

- ii. Joe apologized for giving his opinion on the increase of SAF. It was his duty to stay neutral. Senators have the right to speak and vote on behalf of their constituents, no matter what any other persons' opinion is, including the Exec. Board.
- iii. General Assembly minutes will be sent out over the list serves
- iv. Only ten meetings left
 - a. More legislation/resolutions need to be made
 - 1. A goal to keep in mind: at least one piece of legislation should be sponsored by each senator
 - 2. Legislation/resolutions can be about honoring individuals, commending organizations and/or parking issues, etc...
- v. Dr. James Castagnera – Assoc. Provost and Assoc. VP of Academic Affairs
 - a. Formation of a student academic committee
 - 1. The committee needs to be centralized within the student body
 - 2. Consists of 5-7 students
 - a. Possibly composed of the class presidents, SGA president, and one senate nominee
- vi. Dean Annis is asking for a prioritized list of facility improvements by the end of February
 - a. A survey has been made, but is currently in the process of revision
 - b. Once the survey is completed by the student body, there is a possibility that the highest ranking needed improvements will be put on next year's budget.

VI. **(7:13)** Unfinished Business

- i. Legislative Bills
 - S.1: Practice Room Maintenance and Improvement Act of 2005.
 - 1. The purpose is to charge an elected group of students to initiate the actions set forth in the legislation
 - 2. Motion to approve S.1 – 2nd
 - a. Unanimously approved
 - i. S.1 passed by the senate
- ii. **(7:22)** Motion to move to confirmation of Cassandra Douglas into the SFB – 2nd
 - a. Motion unanimously approved
 - b. Speech by Cassandra Douglas
 - 1. She was a senator last year. She is looking to expand her knowledge and experiences. She wants to help the student body any way she can.
 - c. Cassandra leaves room
 - d. Discussion on floor
 - e. Motion to vote on Cassandra's confirmation – 2nd
 - 1. Yay: 17
 - 2. Nay: 1
 - 3. Abstention: 0
 - a. Cassandra Douglas approved to serve on the SFB
- iii. Legislative Resolutions

- **(7:25)**S.RES.3: Extending Mail Room Hours to Accommodate the Student Body
 1. Motion to approve – 2nd
 2. Yay: 17
 3. Nay: 0
 4. Abstention: 1
 - a. S.RES.3 passed
- S.RES.4: Altering the Administration Lunch Hour to Accommodate the Student Body
 1. Motion to approve – 2nd
 - a. S.RES.4 unanimously approved
- S.RES.8: Bicycle Identification and Security
 1. Still in progress – author will resubmit

VII. **(7:29)** New Business

i. Legislative Resolutions

- S.RES.6: What's Blackboard?! Requesting all Faculty members to utilize their Blackboard Accounts
 1. Lawrenceville Professors (not all) don't use blackboard
 - a. Making staff to something that they do not understand completely doesn't seem right
 - i. This is just a suggestion, an opinion of the Senate
 - ii. OIT may be able to assist teachers to set up and maintain blackboard accounts
 2. Motion to approve as is – 2nd
 - a. Yay: 14
 - b. Nay: 3
 - c. Abstention: 1
 - i. S.RES.6 passed
 1. Motion to add addendum that OIT will assist teachers – 2nd
 - a. Unanimously approved
 - i. Suggestion by Laura: Why not make a resolution that OIT will assist?
- S.RES.7: Requesting students to utilize their University electronic mail accounts
 1. There may be a possibility that students will be able to keep their accounts indefinitely
 - a. Make a request for this to Alumni Affairs and OIT
 2. Motion to send back to author – 2nd
 - a. Yay: 17
 - b. Nay: 1
 - c. Abstention: 0
 - i. Motion to send back to author approved

VIII. **(7:45)** For the Good of the Order

- i. Christian would like evaluation feedback – don't hold back, be honest.
 - ii. Motion to approve an Ad Hoc committee for taking care of Senate Bulletin Board with Kim Genus as chair – 2nd
 - a. Motion Unanimously approved
 - iii. Motion to adjourn – not 2nd
 - a. Motion died
 - iv. Quote to sound proof Great Plains side of Seabrook practice rooms almost ready
 - v. More students would like to see more faculty at General Assembly meetings
 - a. Students may also bring complaints/suggestions to the WAPC meetings on Thursdays (bi-weekly) in the Martin Dining Room at 11:30 AM
 - b. A resolution requesting more faculty involvement at GA meetings could be made
 - vi. Karen would like to survey Lawrenceville Campus students about what they know about the Princeton Campus and how often they come here
 - a. Motion to form Lawrenceville Survey Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Karen Foster – 2nd
 - 1. Motion unanimously approved
 - vii. Senate Gong Show still needs work
 - a. Similarities exist between GSA Secondary Dominants Concert and the Gong Show
 - 1. Doesn't seem to be: GSA Concert is musically based as the Gong Show is not
 - 2. Gong Show should be kept as is
 - b. Motion to approve General Programming Ad Hoc Committee chaired by Kim Genus – 2nd
 - 1. Motion unanimously approved
 - viii. Committees will now hold agenda points and will be expected to report during Senate meetings
 - a. Committees will last indefinitely until motion to expire committee is passed
 - ix. WAPC consists of Dean Annis, P. Schmidt, S. McCoy, J. Phillips, T. Faracco, E. Eley, and Joe Woodhull
 - a. Any student may attend the WAPC
 - b. Concerns specific to teachers should be brought to Dean Annis, then the department chair
- IX. **(8:00)** Motion to Adjourn – 2nd
- i. Unanimously approved