

Senate 4/1/08

I. Call to order

II. Roll Call

III. Introduction of Guests

a. Chad Keilman for Mike Fili

IV. Reports

a. President

1. Review of University Day: April 10th
2. Review of Elections: April 14th 11:30-3:30pm
3. Review of Fall Break
4. General Assembly: April 6th 8pm in Williamson Lounge.

b. Vice President

1. One additional note for general assembly. The yearbook committee is taking photos so you all are expected to be there to participate. We will take our picture at 7:50pm before general assembly.
2. Recycling: bins are ordered and there are two parts, the ones that are ordered for classrooms and offices (someone at Lawrenceville is labeling them).
 - a. DG – I think it would be a good idea to turn off all of the tv's in the building when people aren't there.
 - b. AntBar – Is there a way to put public rooms on the timers?
 - c. EW – A student came to me about the handicap doors on campus, apparently they use a lot of energy and the student asked that there be a sign put in place so that people do not use them if it is not needed.
3. Food committee is happening April 3rd at 12:15pm in the Robinson Room
4. OIT Concerns – Did you have any concerns from your constituents? Carol will address these during General Assembly.
 - a. CO – Why is wireless not in the buildings that we hold classes: Williamson, the relocatables, the cottages, playhouse etc.
 - b. DG – Changing routers on campus is difficult, especially with mac's.
 - c. EW – Dean Annis did report that there had been problems with the routers and that the problems should be fixed. They are planning now on doing regular sweeps of the system. Also please remember to email the OIT helpdesk if you have any problems.
5. Gong Show – There were not many senator there and it was a senator event; Laura will take it from here:

- a. LS – This is an example of a breakdown in communication and commitment. To have one senator show up to this event is not good. Sharron Mirchandani and Peter Wright came and Dean Wright left angrily. To ask faculty to be at an event that didn't have the support of the people it should have had the support from is disrespectful. We try so hard to get faculty involved in what we do and when this happens is that their view of it has now changed. There needs to be more dedication and commitment in things you do, not only in senate but also in life.
- b. DeGo – I think I kept hearing that there wasn't much interest in the event
- c. LS – Well you need to communicate that.
- d. SM – One thing that sticks out to me is that Chris did a great job of spearheading the information but that's where the information went.
- e. CK/proxy – As a member outside of senate I didn't even know it was going on.
- f. LS – Again I want people to understand that we're not pinpointing this to one person or set of circumstances but I see this as an opportunity to grow and learn from your experiences.
- g. AnBr – I think there just needs to be a stronger sense of communication.
- h. AZ – I think we left it too late; we didn't talk about it until after spring break.
- i. LS – This is just good stuff to know next year.
- j. AntBar – I received an email from Peter Wright, he apologizes for the way he reacted on Friday night and having this not organized and put together was the final straw, but he did apologize for his actions.
- k. EW – I have thank you letters for the judges so hopefully we'll get that to him soon.
- l. AntBar – Perhaps it was also because the timing wasn't convenient.
- m. EW – When you agreed to do the Gong show, were you excited to do it as a team or were you just doing it because you thought it would be a good idea?
- n. SM – I was talking to Professor Mirchandani about it, and I was sad because I couldn't go this year, but I was very excited leading up to that.
- o. DeGo – I was in the library last week and in 1989 they had a faculty non-talent show, perhaps that might be a good way to approach it next year.

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

a. Elections, Candidate Forum

1. EW - In the past it has been an hour before senate, and based upon the number we have it might not fit within an hour. We just have to decide whether or not we want to have the forum before senate. Right now this means 2 ½ hour form (given the restrictions of discussion within the constitution).

a. AZ – Could we have the form in place of senate.

b. CO – I would be a very strong advocate of not replacing it because we as a senate should not comment on the forum.

c. AZ – I meant just hold it during senate time.

d. LS – Could senate happen from 6-7pm and then the forum from 7-9pm.

e. DeGo – I think we should focus on the student bodies needs rather than the needs of the current senate.

f. CO – I move that unless there is pressing business that must come before this body that the meeting be suspended for next week. AZ – seconds. Passed unanimously.

b. Westminster Journal

1. AntBar – Apparently we used to have a paper and I wrote Ed an email about perhaps being the person to re-launch the Westminster Journal. Have it start small and have articles that pertain to the arts and I wanted to know this bodies response to bring the publication back.

2. CO – PoInf – You just need to find a faculty member to reactivate the journal.

3. DG – I would love to see this come back, I just don't want to see it under funded.

4. RG – Was or is the journal an RSO.

5. EW – Yes.

6. CO – PoInf – For funding all you have to do is submit a budget to the SFB since it is an RSO.

7. EW – I would also encourage you to work with the Rider News and see if they can perhaps work with us. So you should talk to Laura about this from this point on.

8. AZ – Perhaps Professor Goodhardt?

c. Artists-in-Residence Sub-Committee

1. AntBar – This is something obviously that the senate in conjunction with the SFB would have to seriously consider. Last week I was talking with several people and how wonderful it was for many visiting artists be able to come to campus. What I heard that this is not common for these thing to happen within the

school. Having the master classes or an artist in residence for a few days is really wonderful. The idea that I've had is that if we were to use the SFB funds perhaps to ensure that one guest artist comes during the semester. The senate would start some sort of sub-committee to coordinate with the other departments in the school to bring in artists. Before I started writing any legislation I wanted to hear your ideas.

- a. DeGo – They thought that it was really nice having Lauridsen was here on campus, but that it was the students that took the time and effort to make this happen.
- b. AZ – I thought it was great that we had Lauridsen as well, I feel that if we were to have one person come a year or a semester that people would ultimately be unhappy because it might not affect the entire student body. I feel money spent for that thing should be for the whole student body.
- c. RG – When this passed through the SFB we were worried about the precedent that it would set, perhaps we could find alternate sources of funding.
- d. SM – I agree that it is a good idea to have these master classes, I have no qualms that we used the SAF for Lauridsen but if all departments looked to it could be dangerous.
- e. DeGo – In my mind the SAF, having a guest artist is a student activity. I would get more out of the experience of working with these people rather than a movie night.
- f. CO – The SAF is for funding recreational activities not educational opportunities. These funds are earmarked for recreation, and that is something that our students desperately need.
- g. DL – If a sub-committee is set up, then dealing with issues of funding are decided upon in the subcommittee.
- h. AntBar – Unfortunately when you have people like this come in there will always be people that are left out; ideally you would rotate what department would be the recipient of the student initiative. I whole-heartily agree with what Derrick said about the SAF, when I spoke with a large majority of people they were incredibly receptive to our money being spent on an activity like this. I think it would also send a great message to the administration that the students are willing to use their money and perhaps they would be willing to allow more of these opportunities.
- i. AZ – When Wadesworth came in it was funded by the voice department. Also there are more departments than

we have semesters in school, I just don't think this is where our money should be going.

j. DeGo – PoInq – The way the SFB is governed and the SAF is spent is decided by the SFB constitution and the SFB officers?

k. SM – There are not strict definitions on what it should be spent on which is why we could approve the Lauridsen residency.

l. CO – I move we close discussion. Passed with two abstentions.

m. AZ – As far as showing our willingness to pay for these things, isn't it easier to talk to someone rather than spending money.

n. AntBar – I'll investigate what the precedence is on the Lawrenceville campus and then I'll draft a resolution from there.

VII. For the Good of the Order

a. DG – I was approached by one of the students last year that the Conservatory has different blinds than the residence halls. And that some of the blinds that we have in the residence halls are in disrepair, they were hoping that there might be some solution.

b. AZ – I know since we were talking about the master classes; a lot of them were held during ed lab and that limits the number of students. Also we keep getting new shower curtains but the curtain keeps getting shorter and shorter and then it doesn't keep the water in the shower.

c. DL – I'd like to mention that Fred Kerner had wanted us to raise with senate about how students would like to pay for postage in the mailroom.

d. DeGo – One of my constituents had approached me about when they had lived in Ithaca hall, the conservatory being in Princeton do not apply to the conservatory.

1. LS – Email me the information and I'll inquire.

e. EW – Westminster Wednesday is tomorrow

VII. Adjournment: 7:59pm.