

Senate 4/15/08

- I. Call to order: 6:34pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
- IV. Reports
 - a. Vice President
 - i. EW – Recycling bins were supposed to be here today but they were delayed so they should be here tomorrow.
 - 1. MF – How are they going to look differently?
 - a. EW – They will be properly labeled, the first wave is primarily for classrooms and offices.
 - 2. AntBar – In every place that a recycling bin is located will there be a trashcan next to it?
 - a. EW – There will be a wave of bins coming to campus, once that is complete there will be recycling bins and trashcans next to each other.
 - ii. EW – If any of you are considering being a senator next year or if any of your constituents want to join please let others know so we can see if we can get these numbers up.
 - iii. EW – Any other questions.
 - 1. MF – What about fall break?
 - a. KC – Explanation.
 - 2. AntBar – I heard that teachers were displeased with the way it was structured this year.
 - a. KC – Explanation
 - b. President – Not present.
 - c. Speaker of the Senate – Not present.
 - d. ADOS
 - i. LS – Hopefully you saw the email for the new executive board. There are a lot of things happening for the rest of the semester, please check out the website for the full schedule.
- V. Unfinished Business
 - a. Great Plains Landscaping
 - i. EW – This is something that we've addressed several times but we never decided on anything. Since we can't vote on anything we can just discuss...
 - 1. MF – Does the chair of the facilities committee have any new information?
 - a. SM – I have no new information.

2. MF – Did we ever come to a resolution as to what we want to be done?
3. AB – My resolution has not come before the body; I think we just need to make a decision as to what it is.
 - a. SM – I'll pass it onto Steve, he just wants a consensus from the student body.
4. MF – Whatever is taken care of will happen over the summer?
 - a. SM – Probably, there are a few big projects that need to take precedence but whatever is decided should happen soon.
- ii. EW – So next meeting we'll have a vote on what we should do.
- iii. LS – Spend this next week talking to people about what they want. The reason the path came out was because people said they wanted it out.
 1. MF – I guess you just have to take into account the logic behind the decision because there will always be division. Would it be reasonable to reconsider redoing one of the grassy knolls so that could be redone for people to play on them?
 2. LS – I would bring it up with Steve though because he did say that it would.
- iv. AB – I wonder if our experts in the areas of grass and concrete could find a solution in between the two like woodchips or mulch or something like that?
 1. SM/LS – Great idea, we'll mention it to Steve.
- v. EW – If you can I think the seniors and juniors will be influential to your discussions.
- b. AB – Could you give us an update on the Williamson Artwork resolution?
 - i. EW – That went to Dean Johnson because he was the person that brought it to campus. I think the best thing to do as far as that resolution goes to meet with Dean Johnson.
 1. AB – I've had with Dean Johnson, and the resolution called for further discussion and I haven't heard of anything.
 - a. EW – There hasn't been any movement.
 - ii. LS – I think there needs to be acceptance of it being here. If you would like this to be revisited then these appropriate people can be brought into the senate meeting.

- iii. DG – I talked with some people on this and perhaps it could be moved to the side of the library next to the everlasting gobstopper.
- iv. AntBar – It's a big problem and many students I know absolutely loathe the statue and actually urinate on it frequently.
- v. AB – The reason I bring this up as the weather gets nicer and the loathing of this particular facet of our campus is not something that is going away that as we approach the end of the year; the effort to speed up the deterioration process would increase.
- vi. LS – The more I'm hearing you speak about it your saying is that you don't want to discuss but rather let the administration know about what things might happen.
- vii. EW – That's where our discussion stopped.
- viii. LS – Since we've come full circle with this as being a concern and a warning. If you would not mind emailing me with those specific concerns; I don't think the administration even has a clue that these things are happening to it.
- ix. AB – I think the students feel that the administration is not paying attention to the issue.
- x. LS – That's why you need to talk to us.
- xi. AB – With all due respect that's why there was a resolution and why we had meetings, I'm not sure what more I can do.
- xii. AntBar – Why is there so many objections to this anyway, the real reason?
- xiii. DeGo – I think because it doesn't go with our campus, especially in front of Williamson.
- xiv. EW – A lot of what I'm gathering is that people want to hear about how the campus came to have the statue, what the story is.
- c. MF – Has there been any word on the dining commons resolution?
 - i. EW – I've been waiting on a quote, any word Shane?
 - 1. SM – Nothing.
 - ii. MF – Can we get an answer by the end of the month?
- d. AB – Dean's forums. There hasn't been any change.
 - i. EW – It's a very tricky situation as far as approving people; and he would direct people to the right people.
 - 1. AB – Yes but the message that sends to me is that he doesn't want them to ask questions.
 - ii. AntBar – I think the feeling is that he's not around enough for the students and they don't feel that he is a part of the community. He doesn't go out of his way to communicate

with students. I think people just want Dean Annis to show that he cares about the student body.

- iii. AB – He knows this, we've told him this and I'm confused as to why when we're not having active discussions there is nothing there.
- iv. LS – I think this is good feedback and what we've attempted to set up isn't working we need to know that so we can approve it. When I first got here SGA wasn't vocal but over the last couple of years we've in student affairs have tried to help him to become more involved. If our ideas are not working tell us what you think might work. I feel him a bit because he's out of his element but he's trying and he needs our help to bring him here but I think we need to give him some time. He never used to meet with the SGA on a regular basis but he does now. We've talked about Dean's forums, and need to communicate it better and I'm glad that we're saying now.
 - 1. MF – I don't meet to be rude but we've been told that before and nothing happened, I don't have that confidence. We need to see an active difference; and also I don't think the dean should have any trouble coming and speaking with the dean.
 - a. LS – He needs to know and the SGA needs to relate to him what you're saying. Its up to them to prove to you will happen; it will be a charge of the new executive board. Efforts have been made, I don't want you to think that they haven't been made but we need to revisit that and then build back up to that.
- v. AB – The dean knows that I'm willing to help him communicate with the students but I can't help but feel sat upon when I go and help him and then nothing happens. The sit in was great and that was hopefully the thing that I had hoped to continue but it didn't.
- vi. DeGo – I think it's a fundamental problem that we had to pass a resolution to ask question. Why do we have to beg for explanation, why isn't it offered freely?
- vii. AB – And when the dean is at dinner he did talk to me but he never talked to the other people at the table. The rest of this campus needs to develop that relationship with him.
- viii. AntBar – I think that because this is a service based institution and people expect a more personal experience.

- ix. DeGo – The way I feel that this feedback is easy to say in here and its not the thing I would say to him personally so I think we need to find the best way to communicate that.
- x. LS – What you need to communicate is what you need rather than communicating. I will try and make sure that he knows about your desire to have him at spring fling and midnight breakfast.
- xi. AB – It’s not about not liking him it’s about getting to know him and it will help things work smoother.
- xii. EW – I would like to move on if there isn’t anything else.
- e. AB – any word about the colors?
 - i. KC – Yes, purple and gold.

VI. New Business

a. Campus Safety & Security

- i. AntBar – This was brought to me by a constituent of mine suggested that the university employ someone to make sure that the people parking were actually students.
- ii. EW – In the mornings there is an overlap for security guards and one sits at the entrance of d-lot and checks decals. I know I emailed you about a student being employed.
- iii. MF – There was one point earlier in the semester that I phoned security and told them that someone was idling in a spot without a decal. I was told that if they were a conservatory parent they had every right to be there.
 - 1. EW – I’ve spoken with Scott Hoerl about it and he’s notified the parents but they can’t say not to or enforce it.
- iv. DeGo – It seems that people like to idle in the first to rows; this is Princeton borough and they have a no idling law.
- v. DG – Possibly for the green campus initiative we should initiative a no idling law.
- vi. AB – I speak as one who has researched this, many of the cars in the lot that are improperly decaled, I’m sure that if these were taken care of then we would have not problems with parking. I’m not sure what the parking committee has been discussing all year, but if someone who was able to ticket when the problem was occurring and then have them towed we’d be able to solve our problem.
- vii. DG – I think the larger problem is that the students who are getting towed are the students who are parking up on the grass.
- viii. MF – I think the parking and facilities committee requested an increase in tickets or having a booting policy.

- ix. DeGo – When you go out and check decals what do you say to people?
 - 1. EW – Nothing they just don't come in. so that just presence helps.
- x. LS – We already visited this, I asked students if they got paid for doing this so many people sad yes, but we haven't the response.
- xi. AB – If we could somehow encourage public safety to ticket at key hours
- xii. LS – So what I'm hearing that public safety should be more constituent and more scheduled.
- xiii. AB – My suggestion would be for public safety to issue tickets when there is a problem in the lot. If the parking is enforced when there is a problem in the lot it would solve the issue.
 - 1. EW – I agree with what your saying and I've requested that.
- xiv. MF – Haven't we hired another public safety officer?
 - 1. LS – Yes during the evening.
- xv. MF – So we have two in the middle of the night but not during the day, why?
 - 1. LS – Because at the time there was a call for another officer to be on campus.
- xvi. DeGo – Can we talk to the conservatory parents?
 - 1. LS – I would not advise you to do that unless you are a paid employee of the university.
- xvii. AntBar – The C lot is technically a faculty and staff lot yes? It has a gate mechanism, can that be adopted?
 - 1. EW – It's very difficult to do that but it has been discussed many different times.
- xviii. JF – What's the policy with teachers being parked in the grass in C lot but not in D Lot, but if a student parks in the grass gets towed?
 - 1. EW – That question has never come up...
 - 2. LS – Parking for teachers is part of a union contact so we have to provide them.
- xix. AB – Is parking include in our enrollment contract? And could we more that to our enrollment contact for future generations.
 - 1. LS – Don't know how to advise you that.
- xx. MF – Where are the locations for the new parking facilities?
 - 1. EW – Behind the library and the re-locatable.

xxi. DeGo – With the new parking lot would there be any chance of saying that these 40-60 places is the conservatory parking lot?

1. EW – We don't know yet how will the spots be designated.

xxii. AntBar – Where will the new academic building be?

1. SM – In between Taylor and the playhouse.

b. EW – The safety walk was good what we concluded was that more lighting needs to be installed around Williamson hall, the playhouse and Taylor. There was also a request for the wattage to be upped in the residence halls.

i. MF – Can I suggest that the wattage in the residence halls not be turned up because it is not as comfortable for people in the residence halls to sleep at night? I just don't want to see the university spending more money than we need to.

c. Health & Wellness Club

i. EW – Please see the email I sent to you earlier today.

VII. For the Good of the Order

a. DG – Apparently there is a serious problem with the ants on Dayton second.

b. LS – There will always be something done if there is a work order.

c. MF – Work orders don't always work, it took our window being shattered before the issue was completely fixed.

d. LS – Its only those constituent issues and three or four work orders until you could call the issue severe.

e. SM – This particularly issue has come down to a specific point and we're over time for the meeting.

f. AB – Perhaps we can suggest that ADOS look at the ant problem with greater intensity.

g. AntBar – A few people have expressed concern about the mold in the ceiling of L4/5.

i. SM – I'll extend the concern to Steve.

h. DG – I'd like to thank Laura she answered a lot of questions.

i. LS – and I hope you all know that I do take things seriously and I take them to the appropriate people.

j. AB – I wanted to relay to the senate that the Morten Lauridsen residency was a great success, the students really enjoyed their time with him. Dr. Miller remarked that it was a great day for our campus.

VIII. Adjournment: 8:08pm