

Senate 4/22/08

- I. Call to order: 6:35pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Brittany Godfrey – most of you know me, I'm really excited for next year we're going to get a lot done I hope and I hope you all return to Senate next year!
- IV. Reports
  - a. Vice President
    - i. EW – Recycling bins are here, there will be more to come. It was a long journey but it is nice to see it finally done. Also I did email you all about Erin doing amendment to the constitution for SFB
    - ii. AB – Could you give us an update on how to post things on the web.
    - iii. EW – Nothing really needs to happen they will just be posted online.
  - b. President
    - i. KC – WHP, Facilities & Appreciation Day, Fall Break.
  - c. Speaker of the Senate
    - i. CO/EW – Unfortunately this evening I have my dress rehearsal for my recital on Sunday at 7:00pm (hint hint). Therefore, I cannot be here for the final meeting of the year, which
  - d. ADOS
    - i. LS – Midnight breakfast is tomorrow at 10pm. We are working through the transition process and I'm glad Brittany is here tonight, the SGA e-board will be having transition meetings over the next few weeks. We are also having a lot of programming events for the last few weeks before the end of the semester.
    - ii. AB – I motion to order Dinner – LoSp – seconds – passed unanimously.
- V. Unfinished Business
  - a. Health & Wellness Club
    - i. EW – I emailed a lot of you the Health & Wellness constitution for your comments and approval and I open the floor for discussion. Also a lot of discussion has been happening between myself, the exec board, and the SRC and because of that there will be more health and wellness on our campus next semester. We might be hosting some classes at the high school across the street.

1. MF – Do we know what the cost will be to rent rooms in the church or the HS?
    - a. EW – we’re negotiating that but it will come out of the SRC fund not our budget. Just a reminder some of these things included the counseling services and other excerpts in health and wellness trying to find a way to bring this more to our campus.
  2. AB – so what are we doing exactly?
    - a. EW – approving the convocation.
  3. AB – I motion to approve the health and wellness club to be an RSO – LoSp – seconds – approved unanimously.
- b. Commencement
- i. EW – There are some revisions from the last time this was emailed.
  - ii. AB – The last time that this was before the body there were implications that this was an imposition on the administration rather than a statement of the views of the student body so I’ve included that. Also language has been added to state the official colors of the school and this also asks for the executive board to discuss and uphold the resolution in regular meetings.
    1. MF – I believe that the 2<sup>nd</sup> page 1<sup>st</sup> line the new added whereas could be redundant since the purpose of the resolution is to address the issues of the student body. S
      - a. AB – Are you proposing an amendment?
      - b. MF – No just expressing an opinion.
    2. MF – Also it was brought to my attention that BA’s were graduating with pink hoods rather than white hoods and I don’t know how we are doing that. I’m proposing a addition of a amendment that music hoods should be pink and bachelors of arts should be white.
      - a. KC – It might not matter since its moving to Lawrenceville
      - b. DG – It is generally dependent on the school
      - c. AB – Be it further resolved that bachelor of music degree hoods shall continue to be pink while bachelor of arts in music shall return to white.
    3. DG – I move that we approve the amended resolution. MF – seconds. Passed unanimously.

- c. Great plains Landscaping
  - i. EW – In our last meeting we agreed that we would talk about the pathway and decide that something be done so if we decide to install a pathway or decide on another course of action.
  - ii. AB – I think it might be easiest to admen the resolution to say reseed the plains.
    - 1. DG – Most people believe that the path should be repaved.
    - 2. LoSp – Unanimously everyone said it should be repaved.
    - 3. BG – Shane’s constituent also asked for it to be repaved.
  - iii. MF – I motion to approve the resolution as is. SMR – I second. Cannot be past because of 5 abstentions
    - 1. AB – Can I ask for those who did not vote to state their reasoning.
      - a. RG – I didn’t get responses
      - b. MG – I had split responses
    - 2. MF – I feel that if we do not hear from a particular constituency then we should vote in a manner that that would best represent them so I would ask those senators to reconsider and ask to decide which would be best.
    - 3. AB – It’s my feeling that the senate should act on behalf of the students who are speaking up and asking for something to be done.
    - 4. AZ – I personally am torn myself as well as having a split constituency.
      - a. LoSp – even though it isn’t a great distance by making a hypotenuse through the Great Plains people still use it more that using the parallel side walks.
      - b. DeGo – Also there isn’t grass there right now anyway.
    - 5. EW – When the pathway was reseeded do you feel that facilities did the best job?
      - a. AZ – Those signs were confusing they weren’t clear on what we weren’t supposed to walk on.
      - b. AB – I would encourage people to vote against the resolution if you think there is a realistic chance of grass going to grow there again, people will still walk on it.

- c. DG – I refuse to accept that there are any alternative to the concrete pathway that would be obtruding the plains.
    - 6. LS – If pushing the issue is something that you would like to do we can do that. I think the reason grass didn't grow there was because it didn't rain there. I just want to make sure that it is a final decision and that we don't run into this next year.
    - 7. MF – I would just like to read emails from my constituents. [Reading of emails]
  - iv. EW – Would any senator like to motion to revote on this issue?
    - 1. AB – So moved – MF – Seconds. Passed with four nays.
      - a. MG – So should we vote on what we feel is best or on what has been said
        - i. LoSp – I think we should vote on the half of the student body that has responded.
- d. Williamson Artwork – Isaac Witkin
  - i. EW – This is the follow up from our last meeting concluding that the student body should have some communication about what this is. We have found that the communication was there but I guess it goes along the line that the emails might have been disregarded so we as a senate can decide what to do as a senate.
  - ii. AB – I wanted to add that when I was researching the resolution I looked at all of the information that the university provided us with and that information was included as part of the resolution when we passed the resolution for it to be removed.
    - 1. EW – Do you feel that the student body is fully aware of the process it took to get on our campus.
    - 2. AB – No but I don't think telling them will alleviate the problem
    - 3. KC – Explanation of music connection
    - 4. AB – I feel if she ever found out what was happening to the statue the university would feel enormous embarrassment over what is happening to it.
    - 5. MF – Is there a monetary donation that we are considering for keeping this on campus.
      - a. LS – We can find out.
    - 6. MF – Did it call for removal?

- a. AB – It called for removal and if it were to remain on campus to decide where it should be.
- iii. AB – Thanks for inserting that this week.
- iv. EW – I'd like to close this discuss and is there any further unfinished business?

#### VI. New Business

- a. LoSp – I was going to put an resolution in this week to have an ashtray outside of Seabrook to dispose of the cigarettes and I wanted your opinion to find a place to put an ashtray so that they will want to put their cigarettes in but isn't an eyesore.
  - i. AZ – Our student won't walk the 100 feet to dispose of the cigarettes.
  - ii. SMR – The cigarettes outside of Seabrook aren't our students but the high school students.
  - iii. AB – Also there is a growing population of cigarettes around the bench where there is an ashtray so perhaps we could start a campaign to change the culture on campus to not smoke and put out cigarettes in the proper locations.
  - iv. DeGo – How often does public safety work on the weekend?
    - 1. LS – 1 during the day 2 in the evenings. I do believe that to create a better solution it is a multi pronged approached branching out into several different people.
  - v. EW – We can take this to the new exec board and make sure that this is something that Senate addresses next year.
    - 1. AZ – I think also that since we are going to have a health and wellness club that we should have a combined effort against smoking.
    - 2. MG – I was thinking that as much as I want to see the smokers care a little bit more I don't think its going o help but maybe if we made facilities aware of it and see if they could clean it up.
      - a. EW – I have seen facilities doing that.

#### VII. For the Good of the Order

- a. DG – There was a concern that Friday at the hip-hop dance that were was over enforcing because of their preference of music or because of their skin color that there was more than necessary safety.
  - i. EW – This event was advertised to other campuses and people had to sign up and we had to give public safety a number and that was why there was more public safety there (also one for every exit).
  - ii. DeGo – You mean other campuses and universities entirely.

1. LS – Its an issue we are going to bring up with the BHA and other clubs specifically and when someone. I think there also might have been some miscommunication between people planning the event. We will be talking with these people about this issue.
2. EW – I wanted to clarify that, was there some sort of random selection.

VIII. Adjournment: 7:38pm