

Senate - 10/16/07

- I. Call to order 6:35pm
- II. Roll Call
- III. Introduction of Guests
  - a. Dean Campbell
  - b. Don Brown
  - c. Evelyn Thomas
  - d. Senate Diversity Chair – Lawrenceville Campus (initials DB)
  - e. Larry Johnson
  - f. John Fitzgerald (perspective Senator)
  - g. Moriah Wincop (proxy)
- IV. Statement of Community Values
  - a. EW – most of you know about the vandalism that has taken place on the Lawrenceville campus; even if one person is affected the whole community is affected. I would love to see our campus supporting our fellow students. We will take this time to talk about our community and our efforts to bring our community together and where we want to steer our community.
  - b. AC – The event: G-Hall, Sunday Morning 4-5am someone wrote on the doors 'nigger', it was rather indiscriminate but it did affect everyone. When we were told about it we reported it to the police as a bias crime. I find any form of hate repugnant, hate is wrong and that is not what an educated community does; hate comes from ignorance. We need to take a stand that we are united against hate and intolerance; we value inclusion. We have to be in order to be an educated and enlightened community, it is through out differences that we grow; our gifts make us a strong university. If we do not embrace differences then we are missing out on an educated world and we are marginalizing people; everyone's gifts adds value to our life's.
  - c. DB – Diversity Chair on the Lawrenceville Campus. We will be holding a candlelight vigil on both campuses at 6:30pm tomorrow on the Library quad. We ask that you as leaders on this campus please encourage your constituents to be there. Show support and diversity
  - d. DonB – the lights represents shedding light on these issues, we want to accentuate the positive.
  - e. DB – this is a blessing in disguise and we hope to find the positive. We will be going over the community values statement. We will light the candles to show that we are shedding light on the subject; then we will be singing the hymn 'Let there be Peace on Earth'.
  - f. EW – any questions or comments?

- g. DP – I think it is a great idea; I just wish there was some place that we could meet as one university rather than on two separate campuses.
- h. AC – we figured that if we did it at the same time than it would be unified; however it does impede on class times.
- i. DB – the BSU on the other campus will be holding a forum October 27<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm in the Luduke center. Also on prejudice reduction, Professor Marvin Goldstein, this will be the inaugural lecture and it will be held every year.
- j. LJ – not too many years ago if an incident like this occurred on the Lawrenceville campus; we would never have heard of it in Princeton. We had some issues on our campus last year and Lawrenceville came to us and helped to facilitate programs about intolerance awareness.
- k. CO - Who came up with the idea of a vigil?
  - i. DB – the student leaders.
  - ii. LJ – we also had a conference call with student leaders on the other campus; Moriah was present representing our campus.
  - iii. CO – are students going to be excused from class?
  - iv. LJ – no they will need to miss or come late.
  - v. DG – it is up to the professors, completely left to their discretion.
  - vi. AC – the ceremony will be short.
  - vii. CO – why were we as the Senate not included and told what to do?
  - viii. DonB - Response to this should be immediate and long range. We tried to gather all the student leaders together but we knew logistically this was impossible. Happened on Sunday, got to campus on Monday; we tried to pull as many people together as we could so that people knew that we took this seriously. The forum and the lectures series were already in place; what we would like from both campuses is an open exchange of ideas.
  - ix. AC – we did this through the student leaders at the Lawrenceville campus.
  - x. DB – it was the student leaders and not the senate; we were constricted by the lack of time.
  - xi. ET – look at the long range; we want to have an immediate response; but what is important it is necessary to not react to something in the moment but also have something that has more of a lasting impact. I would encourage you to move this to your community service committee.

- xii. AB – How many people on this campus are you expecting to come?
  - xiii. LJ – we don't know; it's being passed through the Residence Life staff as well Senate.
  - xiv. DB – we'd like everyone to come, we understand that everyone has commitments.
  - xv. DonB – we try to communicate as much as we can though email and word of mouth.
  - xvi. DB – and that's another reason that we're here to encourage you to come out.
  - xvii. MW – we're also putting flyers out tonight
  - l. EW – this is important, and please articulate to your constituents.
  - m. CO – if this is a statement coming from administration as well can we request that people have 15 min. leeway?
    - i. LJ – I can send an email asking them to have discretion.
  - n. AC – we'll send an email but we cannot force the professor.
  - o. EW – another part of the ceremony will be to read the statement of community values. I think it is very important to have Senators read these.
  - p. DonB – We're asking folks to wear cranberry as a sign of solidarity. One thing that we mentioned was that we made this into a positive thing.
  - q. LJ – Don is holding office hours here every Tuesday in the ADOS suite.
  - r. EW – I'd like to thank everyone for joining us.
  - s. LJ, AC, DonB, DB & ET dismissed at 7:02pm.
- V. President's Report
- a. DL – a couple of things that I wanted to mention. So far 4 positions in the presidents cabinet have been appointed. I know that you have formed committees that have similar interest; please be in contact with these people. The heritage project – next week we will be having our first administrative meeting. Also the e-board of the SGA will be meeting with the Board of Trustees; we'll be discussing our goals and where we want this year to go.
  - b. DL – excused 7:07pm.
- VI. Vice President & Advisor Report
- a. EW – thank you for those who responded to my last minute email, I learned yesterday that our meeting would be taken over. Because of that we did not put a resolution on this agenda; will be on next weeks agenda. One thing that I want to focus on is the structure; I study the constitution as well as I can; Joe is going to go over a few things, and hopefully we can get through things a bit more effately. It will eventually be second nature.

- b. JW – I’m sure that most of you have felt that we’ve hit a few bumps in the structure of meetings. Some of the things have been because of inconsistencies in the by-laws. We have certain ideals that we wanted to get through when we started work on the constitution in 2003. We are going to iron out these inconsistencies. In terms of the meeting structure itself, we do use a loose version of Roberts Rules of Order. There are certain rules in the by-laws that we need to review. When you as a senator have something through the floor please address it to the chair; we don’t want to get into personal attacks back and forth. In terms of motioning – you do have to raise your hand to motion (state motion clearly). And then any other business that is on the floor; all other business goes away; if a second is heard then the only thing we can discuss is that motion (with further discussion). Limit yourself to discussion of the motion that is on the table. There are specific debating procedures outlined in the by-laws, the chair however has certain controls. We will work to have debate go as smoothly as possible. Voting is by voice vote, not hand vote. If anyone cannot tell what the voice vote was, they can call for a division (hand vote) also there can be a roll call vote, or also a closed ballot vote.
- c. JW – Questions
- i. MF – I remember that you mentioned that the by-laws were never ratified by the Senate so I suggest that we finish them and bring them to the Senate for approval
  - ii. JW – the E-board should come to you for final input on the by-laws, but is only after the E-board approves them.
  - iii. AB – so the by-laws haven’t been approved by anyone at the school?
  - iv. JW – officially no
  - v. AB – unofficially?
  - vi. JW – yes, the executive board.
  - vii. PM – I did submit a resolution to get moving with the by-laws
  - viii. CO – two years ago a committee was formed to go through the by-laws, we only got through the first two laws. We pushed it aside last year & the E-board was supposed to take it on. We still have the ability to reactivate that committee until we get that resolved.
  - ix. JW – we did meet about them last year but somehow nothing got done.
  - x. DP – it was never as big of an issue last year as it seems to have been this year.

- xi. EW – also the former vice president and I have different guidelines that we follow. I agree and I think it would be good to not focus too much on them; use as guidelines.
- xii. EW – if there is nothing further I would like to continue.

VII. Campus Involvement Approval

- a. EW – thank you to the senators who talked to your constituents and who got them to email the SGA Account.
- b. AnBr – there were other issues, the laundry facilities, there are bigger priorities than the water garden.
- c. MF – I had one constituent email me about the water garden; also discussing the possibility that we have bronc bucks work in town; however I was wondering if that was privileged information?
  - i. EW – no, let her know we are working on it.
- d. SM – is there any way to get the graphic of the garden to the student body?
- e. EW – All of you can take your own ideas, start blogging – talk with your constituents, this would also be a good place to post pictures.
- f. DP – Can we get exact email address of your constituents?
- g. CO – go to [directory.rider.edu](http://directory.rider.edu)
- h. DP – instead of a water garden, I would much rather see a gazebo, some place that people can sit.
- i. PM – what about combining the two ideas – a fountain with a place to sit.
- j. DP – we could also make building a gazebo a campus project.
- k. CO – I move that we accept the campus improvement project – SM seconds.
  - i. MF – I'd like to know more information about the potential builder – I don't think we have enough information to move forward and break ground. After the approval we can also ask for more detail and progress along the way.
  - ii. EW – once we approve the water garden we will be updated.
  - iii. SM – we are giving our approval as an affirmation? Even thought the SFB has already approved.
  - iv. AnBr – where in front of Talbott library will it be?
  - v. EW – we're only approving what was presented last week
  - vi. Voting – passed by voice vote.

VIII. New Business

- a. New Member Approvals
  - i. EW – we have John Fitzgerald joining us for this meeting. Please give us a picture of who you are as a student leader.
  - ii. JF – this year I didn't know if I could fit it in my schedule which is why I didn't run. Other than Senate last year I have been an Eagle Scout and a member of the OA.

- iii. EW – I'll allow 5 minutes for questions for John. If there are not further questions I'll ask John to step out of the room.
  - iv. EW – Motion to move on and accept John as a Senator.
    - 1. AB – moves, CO seconds – passed unanimously.
  - v. EW – congratulations on becoming a member
  - vi. AB – What about Jimmy Traum?
  - vii. EW – he was only sitting in and has decided not to be a part of Senate.
- b. Coffee House
- i. EW – after the Kantorei concert and student showcase. 9:30-10:30pm
  - ii. SM – we also have an open rehearsal for Opera
  - iii. EW – I need senators that day for support. We ordered food from Panara, and round tables for easier movement. Everything is pending the SFB approval. Making sure the table is set up for food and the stage is set up nicely. We need you to show up, set up, and strike the playhouse.
  - iv. AZ – where can you get a schedule for the weekend?
  - v. EW – I'll check with Melissa that we can have the schedule emailed to the student body.
- c. Make It Happen Day
- i. EW – we planned to have this happen next Thursday. Are we confident that this can happen? We need to have a full staff on hand.
  - ii. AB – what time?
  - iii. EW – 11:30-1:00pm
  - iv. JF – are we going to have the same format?
  - v. EW – It's based upon your ideas as senators. So far all I've received is a request for large poster board and markers.
  - vi. CO – last year we left the posters up for two days so that people will continue to fill them out even if we are not physically in the lounge.
  - vii. EW – what about positing things around campus.
  - viii. JF – possibly have something near all the entrances to the dorms.
  - ix. CO – since we are going on with this in a week, my idea is that we take two senators that will put a poster up that day and they will be responsible for putting these up.
  - x. EW – I agree. We already have residence hall constituents so basically you will be responsible to putting up posters. I want to see make it happen.
  - xi. DP – can we include something on the posters to try and get people to join senate?
- d. Minute Approvals

- i. EW – when I pulled up the minute approvals, I’d like to just email them to you and once we come to the meeting then we’ll approve them.
      - e. Dining Commons Seating Issue Resolution
        - i. CO – motion to table to next meeting so that senators can come back with well-reasoned discussion.
        - ii. EW – Ayes have it – tabled till next week
- IX. Focus Group Break Out Session
  - a. Parking & Facilities
  - b. Activities Awareness
  - c. Historian & Traditions & Student Life
  - d. Community Outreach
  - e. Health & Wellness
- X. For the Good of the Order
  - a. CO – moves to table till next week, SM seconds – passed unanimously.
- XI. Adjournment
  - a. CO – moves to adjourn, JF seconds – passed with quorum.
  - b. Meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.