

SENATE

Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2006

Martin Room, Scheide Student Center

1. Call to order—6:32 pm
2. Roll Call and Introduction of Guests—Absent-Gina Molinari, Kathryn Stewart, Jordon Markwood, Dana Fiero, Siiyara Nelson, Erina Perlstein (Proxy present-Evan Figueras)
3. Approval of the Minutes—Minutes from February 15, 2006 meeting approved with the alteration that Amanda Weiss was present.
4. President's Report—Christian absent, sent in report via email, read by Chris Olson. There is development and progress with ATM, Still communication with OIT about nowires-Commuter Lounge looks promising, Christian will give a WAPC update next week, There are two proposals coming for new RSOs.
5. Speaker's Report—Chris talked to Sophia about absences, Sophia present. Sophia apologized and gave assurance she will be there from now on. Chris concerned over lack of response to email before General Assembly, concerned about lack of attendance of Senators at Assembly; Only two excused and only five present. Cliff and Chris spoke of Student Lobby Day in Trenton. Chris spoke of possible joint meeting with Senate of Lawrenceville SGA Senate, asked for ideas for joint resolutions. Joe S. suggested parking. Chris S. suggested something be done about student's names being read at graduation even if short requirements yet allowed to walk. Chris discussed new procedure that reports be limited to five minutes with the option for a request for an additional five minutes maximum. Chris discussed new format of meetings consisting of one hour of meeting time and thirty minutes of committee time.
6. Ad-Hoc Committees
 - a. Bulletin Board—Kim discussed making a theme to the board. Asked what else she could put on there. Asked that she be made aware of anything happening on campus.

- b. Parking Committee—Jordon absent. No report.
 - c. Facilities Committee—Need of a chair for committee. Joe S. volunteered. Ben B. moved Joe be accepted as chair. Amanda seconded. 14 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Joe S.) Ben suggested a commendation be made to Scott McNeeley. Chris O. suggested he write a resolution.
 - d. Activities Committee—Ben reported Gong show update, asked for more time to work tonight.
7. Constitution/Bylaws Discussion—Laura spoke of how the Constitution is a living document but the Bylaws are not approved. Spoke of how a committee needed to be formed to go over the Bylaws. Chris O. submitted a bill to form a Constitution and Bylaws Committee. Chris spoke on how this committee will look for any inconsistencies in the two documents, write new bylaws and possible amendments and educate Senate on what is in the two documents. Ben moved we accept, Cliff Seconded. Passed unanimously. Chris O. volunteered to chair committee. Kasie recommended Erina. Cliff moved we table nomination of chair until next meeting, Joe S. seconded. Motion passed.
8. For the good of the order—Ben requested a review of Roberts Rules so we are better prepared for our joint Senate Session. Joe W. agreed to put presentation together. Joe asked for ideas for facilities committee. Laura updated on restrooms progress. Amanda spoke of Gong Show. Chris O. relayed a request from Student Finance Board for any ideas for big projects. Sophia suggested new carpet for Seabrook, Laura suggested new furniture for Thayer Lounge, Joe S. suggested new pianos, Sara N. asked about soundproofing practice rooms, Kim suggested fixing keyboards in Cottages. Sophia expressed concern over the piano that was vandalized. Laura discussed the laundry rooms and the need to lock your rooms. Chris O. mentioned dryer in DIPS broken, Joe S. suggested cubbies instead of tables in laundry rooms. Kim passed on information that textbooks are being stolen and returned to bookstore.
9. Committee Meetings—No committee meetings this week. Time was spent on Gong show preparations.
10. Adjournment—Tom moved to adjourn, Joe W. seconded. Chris O. adjourned meeting at 7:55.