

04 October 2021 Student Senate Meeting

*Meeting Called to Order at 7:03PM*

Quorum is met

## **Approval of the Minutes**

- I. Minutes are approved.

## **Community Comment**

- I. Lighting on Campus
  - A. Students Abby Westendorp come to the Senate to address concerns about the lack of lighting on campus and the issues that arise from that with safety (specifically on the Hill). There is also a lack of the emergency lights/phones. Discussion is held.
- II. G-Sharp Representatives
  - A. Alex and Noah from G-Sharp (male a capella group) come to ask Senate to pass their budget request. It is the group's 10-year anniversary, and they are doing an alumni concert where they hope to pay an alumnus to compose a piece. They also wish to receive more funding for other activities for the group. Discussion is held.

## **Committee Updates**

- I. Co-Presidents
  - A. The Co-Presidents are starting the process to look for chairs and students-at-large for both the Anti-Racism and Racial Justice and Indigenous Relations Committees. The Senate also needs a representative for DLC meetings (Wednesdays 6:30-7:30). Last Friday, the Co-Presidents presented to the Board of Trustees. This upcoming Friday, they will be going to the Academic Operations Committee in order to try passing Election Day as a holiday for students.
- II. Academic and Students Affairs
  - A. Chair Hathy has contacted a music assistant about the issues brought up in the previous meeting. She will also be at the Academic Operations Committee meeting.
- III. Environmental Sustainability
  - A. Chair White is getting their committee together as well as working with the Sustainability Interns with the compost bin issues.
- IV. Ethics
  - A. The Ethics Committee ran a referendum last Thursday, which was approved by the student body. The COmmittee has also prepared a DLC referendum so they can get their stipends.
- V. Finance
  - A. Finance has been passing mid-year budgets.
- VI. Health and Housing

- A. Chair Hailu will be meeting with Advisor Megan Ruble to work on the Gus Bus issues. The Committee is working on its previous charge with the Technology Committee.
- VII. Inclusive Excellence
  - A. Chair Learned brought up the need for a DLC Representative. He has also been working on finding a meeting time for his Committee.
- VIII. Public Relations
  - A. The Committee had its first meeting today. There are some Senators working on the Student Senate board. There is another Committee member (Senator Walfrid) working on the Gavel Gazette. They will be advertising Community Comment soon. Another Committee member wants to look at the way we look at zero-waste initiatives on campus and revamping the PR on that.
- IX. Technology
  - A. Chair Doran will be updating the Gus Bus website with pertinent information. The Senate website will be updated with a better “About Us” section to increase visibility. The Committee will also work on advertising the newspaper readership program. There are updates on the laptop learner program.

## **Old Business**

- I. No old business.

## **New Business**

- I. DLC Stipends
  - A. Speaker Bailey motions to propose the referendum to the student body. Seconded by Senator Maurer. The motion passes. Senator Carlson motions to expedite the referendum timeline to the third week of October. Seconded by Senator Cochran. Discussion is held. The motion passes.
- II. G-Sharp Budget
  - A. Senator Maurer motions to introduce the budget. Seconded by Senator Zierman. Discussion is held. Senator Zierman moves to vote. Seconded by Senator Fischer. A vote is held. The budget passes.
- III. DLC Representative
  - A. DLC meetings are every Wednesday from 6:30-7:30PM. Senator Maurer nominates himself for DLC Representative. The Co-Presidents approved him as the representative.
- IV. Gustieware
  - A. Senator Alders charges the Environmental Sustainability Committee to look into bringing back Gustieware in the Caf. Seconded by Senator Maurer. A vote is held. The motion passes.
- V. Shower Heads

- A. Senator Alders charges the Health and Housing Committee to look into new shower heads for the dorms. Seconded by Senator Maurer. A vote is held. The motion passes.
- VI. Lighting on Campus
  - A. Senator Maurer charges the Health and Housing Committee to look into the lighting concerns on campus. Seconded by Speaker Bailey. A vote is held. The motion passes.
- VII. Pass/Fail Grading
  - A. Senator Alders mentions that many students have reached out about reinstating pass/fail grading. Discussion is held.
- VIII. Water Bottle Filling Stations
  - A. Advisor Ruble brings up that water bottle filling stations that were funded last year were still not installed. Discussion is held. Senator Davison charges the Health and Housing Committee to look into this issue. Seconded by Senator Fischer. A vote is held. The charge passes.
- IX. CF Representation
  - A. Speaker Bailey mentions that CFs are underrepresented in the Senate body. Discussion is held.
- X. Water Bottle Filter Indicators
  - A. Chair Learned speaks on the filter indicators on the water bottle filling stations. Discussion is held. Senator Davison charges the Health and Housing Committee to look into this issue. Seconded by Senator Fischer. A vote is held. The charge passes.
- XI. Communal Garbage and Recycling Bin
  - A. Senator Fischer mentions the lack of communal garbage and recycling bins in dorm halls. Senator Alders charges the Health and Housing Committee with looking into the issue. Seconded by Senator Fischer. A vote is held. The charge passes.

## **Announcements**

- I. (Co-President Menke) Thank you all for a productive meeting. The Nobel Conference is tomorrow. There is a workshop presentation tomorrow at 3:30PM (The Creative Side of Big Data) that is hosted by Co-President Menke.
- II. (Director Bluhm) You should have received an email from committee chairs about committee placements. Leave your placards where they are. Office hour information will be done this week.
- III. (Ombudsperson Nelson) If you have to miss 3 full Senate meetings, please let Ombudsperson Nelson know to create an attendance plan.
- IV. (Chair Brown) The PR Committee is trying to get a group photo of the Senate. Please do not leave early for the next Senate meeting in order to get a picture.

- V. (Chair Doran) The Dance Collective has its first event (Yoga and Coffee in the Arb) at 10:30am on Sunday.
- VI. (Co-President Olono Vidales) Thank you for the productive meetings. Look at Robert's Rules email from Parliamentarian Falk.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:19PM*