



**Motion # 006-S-07** to table the item until next week.

**b. Visa Cards on Campus**

The University is trying to make a decision on which types of credit cards it is going to take. Right now they are leaning towards not accepting Visa cards for tuition payments because of the transaction fee that is charged. The Senators discussed whether this was a better option for the students, some of the Senators did not think so because many students do pay their tuition with Visa cards and they didn't understand how a fee towards them would effect the University. However it is not money the students have to pay, it is money that the University is not receiving, therefore all students end up absorbing the cost. A motion was made to table the item until next week when Stefan Kalb could be present and explain the situation in more detail to the Senators.

**Motion # 006-S-07** to table the item until next week, made by Annie

**Second:** Jake

**Vote:** 10-0-0

*Passed.*

**c. IPE and CEA Problems**

Jake started the discussion by giving a recap of his experiences with the IPE and CEA, two of the study abroad companies, to the Senators. The consensus of the Senators who have had experiences working with these companies was that they tend to let you figure out things for yourself, they are not helpful, and their secretaries seem confused. As discussion went on the question was raised as to what kind of training do their secretaries go through before beginning to work, and what the Senators should do about this issue. Seth suggested beginning a committee. Jake is interested in heading the committee but would like to think it over for a week. In the mean time Jordan is going to attempt to get some information from the IPE to help with our discussion next week. This item is being brought back as a discussion item at the following meeting.

**Motion # 007-S-07** to move as an information item to next week

**d. Senate Reconstruction Part 1: Titles**

Under section 4.1 of the Student Senate Constitution there was some confusion as to whether or not the Senators had passed that section with the addition that said there was going to be 2 Senators for every board member to create better communication between the two groups, and to try and accomplish more throughout the year, however after looking at past minutes they realized it had not been passed. There was some concern from the Senate that they felt this idea came purely from the board and that there was a dialogue going on that did not include the Senate and should have. Some Senators are afraid that they will not be Senators as they are now but they may become assistants to the board.

*Lacey Stuart left at 7:05.*

But the Senators also feel that it will help to get more resolutions from Senate. The Senators also expressed some fears that it may eliminate having Senators from all of the different classes, and from reaching out to their constituents. The board is currently waiting for the Senate to complete these documents.

**Motion # 007-S-07** to move as an information item to next week, made by Brandon

**Second:** Brian

**Vote:** 9-0-0

*Passed.*

**Motion # 008-S-07** to move as an information item to next week

**e. Carbon Neutrality**

Seth Vidana has been the coordinator of sustainability for 15 months. His goal is to further Westerns pursuit of sustainability. He wanted to know what the student body wanted in terms of sustainability, and thought maybe the Senators could ask some of their constituents. Seth is looking into the possibility of creating a class where they would have focus groups which would discuss this issue. Currently they have been looking toward some of the colleges, such as;

Woodring, Fairhaven, and Huxley, to see how they feel about spending more money on carbon offsets for when they travel.

*Jake left at 7:30.*

One question the Senators posed was how the colleges would pay for this if they do decide to absorb this cost. Kevin replied saying they would need to either add on to their travel budget or decrease the amount of travel they to. The Senate members came to an agreement that the issue of sustainability is something they are interested in, and would like to move the item to an information item at the next meeting.

**Motion # 008-S-07** to move as an information item to next week, made by Jared

**Second:** Elliott

**Vote** 8-0-0

***Passed.***

**f. Vehicle Right of Way**

Jesse Martin sent an email to Brandon with a piece of legislation he would like to propose. He would like to have a vehicle right of way in front of the Viking Union. The Senators didn't feel this was a large issue and it seemed to be more of a legal issue.

**VII. Other Business**

**a. Timetable for Election of New Senate Chair**

Seth has reapplied for the position, he feels he can not accomplish enough in the short amount of time he has been the chair. Currently they are not sure if the Senators will be the hiring committee or if the personnel office has set up a hiring committee.

**VIII. Senator Reports**

- a. Annie Jansen:** Was elected to the Board of Directors, and has already been attending ACC meetings.
- b. Anne Walden-Newman:** No new information.
- c. Brian Lewellen:** Rec Center meeting tomorrow about their budget.
- d. Jordan Smith:** No new information, excused himself at 7:45.
- e. Brandon Adams:** No ATC meeting this week. He has a softball game tomorrow at 5pm. And he is going camping this weekend.
- f. Seth Hersch:** Had an Academic coordinating commission meeting today. Met with Ron Bailey and went over building by building energy usage.
- g. Elliott Hindman:** No new information.
- h. Nikki Gossell:** Has a new house in Bellingham for next year. She also cut her hair.
- i. Kevin Majkut:** No new information

**Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.**