

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
February 5, 2008
VU 567

Present: Chelsea Fletcher, Danny Tonty, Diana Beilman, Kristina Mader, Aaron Hayman, Morgan Holmgren, Brianne Kumar, Judah Corsini, Matteo Tamburini, Sally McLaughlin, Lurdes Hurnandez
Absent: Mark Provensano, Nicole Brown, Tyler Woodard
Advisor: Greg McBride
Secretary: Brooke Hayter
Guest:

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #020 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 1/22/08, with the noted revisions

I. Approval of Minutes – 1/29/08

Motion #020 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 1/29/08, with the noted revisions, made by Sally

Second: Diana

Vote: 9-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

a. Eyes on the Prize Resolution – Tamburini

While the Senators looked over the resolution Matteo gave an explanation on the Eyes on the Prize resolution. *Eyes on the Prize* is a documentary on civil rights. This documentary was not available for commercial sales because until recently PBS could not afford to release it. They raised the money to release the film and while it is still not available for public purchase it is available in libraries including the Western library. The point of the resolution, Matteo stated, is to say that the AS and the University support having a showing of portions of the 13 hour long documentary at least twice a year. Senators questioned whether or not the University had a copyright to do this. Kristina suggested contacting offices in the ROP such as the SIRC, if it was a part of something like this they would be making sure that the documentary was shown every year, rather than just having it backed by the AS, someone would make sure it gets done.

Danny entered at 6:15pm.

Sally suggested that the Senators preview the film before they vote on it, so they know what exactly they are voting for.

b. IOM Technology Fee – Fletcher

Chelsea had prepared document 2 for the Senators which was her proposal for the issue of the month. The Student Technology fee, she informed the Senators will be up in 2010. The question asks students whether or not they would be willing to pay more in the future in order to continue having upgrades, new technology, along with technology classes offered to students on campus. One thing the STF is currently working on is the possibility of having stickers made that say brought to you by the Student Tech Fee and placing them on everything on campus that the fee has purchased. This way the students see what their money is going, as well as what they could potentially be losing if they decide not to vote for an increase in the amount we pay for the STF. One thing discussed by the Senators was that 70% of the STF budget goes to training and supervisor hours, the Senators discussed whether or not more money could be allocated to the actual technology coming onto campus. Other Senators however, stated that these people need to be trained in order to show the students how to use the equipment. Senators continued to discuss this item, it will be an information item on next weeks agenda as well.

c. Letter Writing for Legislative Liaison

Sarah Ishmael the legislative liaison is having a very successful time lobbying in Olympia with issues such as child care and safety; however, there are other issues she is lobbying for that needs support. Sarah has asked Chelsea if the Senators would look over the list of issues and write a letter in support or rejection of them. The Senators discussed holding a forum and having students come and write letters as well. They also discussed having a table on vendor's row, and having Senators asking their friends to write letters as well. Sally suggested when Senators are standing at the table on Vendors row that they should have conversations about the issues with the students, this way they may have more ideas to add into their letters.

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

None

VII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. Diana Beilman** Met with the health, wellness and safety committee, she is interested in writing a resolution for the health fee. The health center, the counseling center and other places like this on campus that have no state funding are having problems getting enough resources and help.
- b. Matteo Tamburini** Informed the Senators that this Thursday and every first Thursday of the month, the names of those who have died in Iraq will be read in Red Square at 11:30. He invited the Senators to come and join him in reading the names.
- c. Chelsea Fletcher** Informed the Senators to call her if they need any help with anything, also the Senators will be getting sushi after the next meeting.
- d. Brienne Kumar** Nothing new to report.
- e. Judah Corsini** Attended the Activities Council meeting, after the meeting he met with Brittney Otter from the Students for Disability Awareness Club, he is going to begin to attend meetings for this club.
- f. Lurdes Hernandez** Told the Senators about the Black Student Union heritage dinner February 9th. She also informed the Senators of other events going on within the ESC.
- g. Sally McLaughlin** Informed the Senators that she is working on setting up a forum about smoking. Also on February 27th from 10 – 2 she will be on Vendors Row working with the Recycling center, students can come to the table and win recyclable mugs, and learn about other facts and information about recycling.
- h. Danny Tonty** Spoke about an article he read in the Western Front written by a parent, about the intersection on Bill McDonald Parkway. The parent felt something needed to be done to make the intersection safer. He also informed the Senators that he received an internship at Children's Hospital for the summer.
- i. Morgan Holmgren** Attended the election code review committee, he informed the Senators that no big changes have been made.
- j. Aaron Hayman** Informed the Senators that the ACC is just about done approving minutes, they will now begin taking up academic issues. He informed the Senators about the group called Let's Talk. This group holds meetings in different neighborhoods to discuss safety in those neighborhoods. The Happy Valley neighborhood is having on Thursday, on February 13th the York neighborhood will also be holding one. He is going to hold off on setting up a safety forum and check these out first.
- k. Kristina Mader** Informed the Senators about events that will be happening on campus. The Ten Days that Shook Olympia event will be held this Thursday and the Vagina Dialogues will be taking place in Miller Hall 163 on February 13th. Also Dr. Cornel West will be on campus February 14th. Spring hiring for AS positions begins March 3rd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm by Chelsea.