

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
March 4, 2008
VU 567

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

Meeting called to order at 6:09 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #024 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 2/19/08

I. Approval of Minutes – 2/26/08

Motion #024 -W- 08 to approve the minutes from 2/26/08, with noted revisions made by Aaron

Second: Danny

Vote: 8-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

a. Election Board – Erik Lowe

Erik informed the Senators that the AS elections will be starting soon, the filing process ends April 3rd and elections are from April 28th – March 2nd. He wanted to introduce the Election Board Charge and Charter to the Senators as he needs people to sign up for this committee.

Sally entered at 6:13.

The election board consists of 12 students, if a grievance is filed both the candidate who filed the grievance and the candidate the grievance was filed about, secretly remove two members of the election board incase they feel this person may have a bias opinion. The total number of members that would actually hear the grievance would be six plus the election board chair. Many grievances have been filed in the past, last year only one was filed and then removed so the election board never had to meet other than for training. Erik then introduced the position of the election board chair, this is a paid position, and the chair receives at total of \$300 no matter how many grievances are filed. This position would run the meeting and educate the election board of the process they would take when a grievance is filed. They also would assist the AS Elections Coordinator and the advisor to count the votes and pass this information on to the candidates. The Election Board Chair cannot be a part of someone's campaign. The position will be opened soon.

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

None

VII. Senate Reports and Concerns

- a. Sally McLaughlin** Informed the Senators that the smoking forum is tomorrow from 3 – 5, people can show up anytime during the two hours. She is going to outline it as a health issue rather than a political issue. She would like to generate ideas, the possibility of smoking huts will be introduced, along with a publicity campaign for the current smoking policy on campus.

On March 12 she will be handing out free coffee and cocoa to people who bring their reusable mugs on Vendors Row.

- b. **Lurdes Hernandez** Doug North from the IPA came and spoke at the IPAP meeting, he is interested in speaking with students and staff who have studied abroad to see how he can improve the program.
- c. **Tyler Woodard** Did not have a chance to go to Naked Truth, but heard it was great. He also informed the Senator that the dorms are doing community service projects his dorm is making care packages for people in Iraq.
- d. **Nicole Brown** Will be attending the Promotions Committee meeting. She is going to be sending out emails to everyone on the Outreach committee and try to set up another meeting.
- e. **Mark Provenzano** Informed the Senators that the bike resolution will be finished the second week of Spring Quarter. He also attended Naked Truth and liked it very much.
- f. **Brianne Kumar** Attended Naked Truth and liked it very much. She would like to work with Sally on earth day. Her dorm is also doing a service project they are raising money to send goats to Africa.
- g. **Aaron Hayman** Attended the ACC meeting, they discussed the role of education and whether or not it would be better to get the broad minded liberal arts education or applied training in order to be immediately hireable. He stated this was an area for student input and he will probably be coming back to the Senate and asking for their input on the subject.
- h. **Danny Tonty** Attended Naked Truth and really enjoyed it, he informed the Senators that the Vagina Memoirs will be going on all this week. Also from March 5 – 24 the art galleries show will be on *Illegal Immigration: No Human Being is Illegal*.
- i. **Matteo Tamburini** Informed the Senators that this Thursday the names of those who have died in Iraq will be read in Red Square from 11:30 – 12. He spoke with the library about the Eyes on the Prize video about hosting a public screening, they informed him that he would need to contact PBS which he did and is waiting for a response. He also heard that it may make a difference in fees if the showing of the video was hosted by departments on campus and advertised through their classrooms, this is something else he is going to be looking into. He also spoke about instant run off voting. Erik informed him that this could not be done this year because of the software we have, but it is leased out every year and if the senate wrote a resolution it may effect future decisions made by the board.
- j. **Chelsea Fletcher** Attended the final Tech Fee meeting. She also attended the ACC meeting which went very well. She has been working with Brianne on the Senate website and helping Sally with the Smoking Forum.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm by Chelsea.