

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
May 15, 2007
VU 567

Present: Anne Walden- Newman, Ashley Schweizer, Seth Hersch, Elliott Hindman, Jake Massine, Jordan Smith, Lacey Stuart, Kelly Hansen
Absent: Brian Lewellen, Annie Jansen, Brandon Adams, Jared Zeretzke, Nikki Gossell
Advisor: Kevin Majkut
Secretary: Brooke Hayter

Meeting called to order at 6:08 by Seth Hersch

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 011-S-07 to approve the minutes from 5/08/07, with noted revisions

I. Approval of Minutes – 5/08/07

Motion # 011-S-07 to approve the minutes from 5/08/07, made by Kelly

Second: Anne

Vote: 7-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

Discussion item A, Meal Plans for Buchanan Towers Residence tabled indefinitely

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

a. Senate Reconstructing Part 1: Titles

Kelly first explained all changes that were made to the documents. The Senate then went over changes they felt still needed to be made, so that the language reflected what they discussed. A friendly amendment was made by Kelly to add into the document language that reflects the class system they currently have in place and state that if you change class in the middle of the year you will still retain your original position. Other decisions were made such as, the parliamentarian will be chosen by the Senate Chair, based on nominations. Senators also decided they needed to add into the document that designations will be made to the board members by the third meeting; preferences will be taken into consideration. Once you have been given your designation, that board member will decide which committees the Senators will serve on.

b. Carbon Neutrality in Colleges

Seth began to make the recommendation resolution, but he is waiting to receive input from Seth Vidana before he brings the resolution to the Senate. He would like to make sure it reflects many of the ideas Seth Vidana is trying to put forth.

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. Issue of the Month

The Senators read over the responses from the April issue of the month. The Senators discussed that they did feel as if the AS was insular, which many people expressed in their responses. However while they can see that this is not a good thing, some Senators felt that they would expect the board positions to be insular because you would want them to have some experience

in working with the AS. There was a lot of discussion between Senators about one comment made in particular which asked, why are the 7 most important AS jobs running unopposed, while every other salaried position requires at least 3 qualified applicants before the interview process even begins? A few Senators wanted to take this question to the board and possibly change either the AS Board election code or the bylaws. Other Senators however very much disagreed with this idea, they felt it was more of an advertisement issue and by requiring 3 candidates would only put more pressure on personnel to find more candidates, and people are supposed to run because they want to. The Senate decided not to press the issue or write a resolution to the board. They had some ideas for the Senate and AS advertisement; one idea was including packets about the AS in the bags freshman receive at summer start.

Jake left at 7:00pm.

The Senators decided they would like to see increased advertisement for next years election, they feel that if this happened the problem would solve itself, and if it didn't then they would look further into the issue for next year.

Lacey left at 7:15pm

Meeting adjourned at 7:16 pm