

**A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING**  
**May 22, 2007**  
**VU 567**

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

**Meeting called to order at 6:03 by Seth Hersch**

**Summary of Motions:**

**Motion # 012-S-07** to approve the minutes from 5/15/07, with noted revisions

**Motion # 013-S-07** for the Resolution regarding Carbon Neutrality for Travel Emissions to reflect all colleges

**Motion # 014-S-07** to approve revised constitution with the noted revisions

**I. Approval of Minutes – 5/15/07**

**Motion # 012-S-07** to approve the minutes from 5/15/07, made by Kelly

**Second:** Brandon

**Vote:** 5-0-4

*Passed.*

**II. Revisions to the Agenda**

Discussion item A, Racism was added

**III. Public Forum**

**IV. Information Items**

**a. Carbon Neutrality in the Colleges**

Seth brought a Resolution that he had created regarding the carbon neutrality for travel emissions, specifically for Fairhaven College. The Senators read over the resolution and recommended some changes they felt needed to be made. Some of the Senators were concerned that making the resolution directly for Fairhaven would not be the best idea, Seth however informed the group that he and Seth Vidana thought it would be the best college to go to because they have a greater budget to be able to buy into the idea with. The Senate members decided that if it was going to be aimed directly at Fairhaven they should utilize what Fairhaven has done in the past in terms of having an impact on the environment. The Senate members also made a few grammatical changes to the document. Some Senators felt this resolution was coming mainly from both Seth and Seth Vidana and that their input was not being taken into consideration. In the end the Senate members decided that Seth needed to come back with a new resolution for the next meeting with less contentious language. Brandon moved for the document to reflect all colleges and not just Fairhaven.

**Motion # 013-S-07** for the Resolution regarding Carbon Neutrality for Travel Emissions to reflect all colleges, made by Brandon

**Second:** Kelly

**Vote:** 7-0-2

*Passed.*

**V. Action Items**

**a. Senate Reconstructing Part 1: Titles**

Kelly first explained to the group all the changes that had been made. The Senators discussed the changes, and then Kelly motioned to approve the revised constitution with the noted revisions. Discussion continued on, some Senators discussed their frustrations about spending so much time working on our constitution and not enough time discussing issues coming from their

constituents. Other Senators however felt it was important to talk about these things because they need rules and guidelines to continue to be able to work with their constituents. The motion was called to question by Annie.

**Motion # 014-S-07** to approve revised constitution with the noted revisions

**Second:** Jake

**Vote:** 8-0-1

*Passed.*

## **VI. Discussion Items**

### **a. Racism**

Annie brought this item to the Senators because she felt something needed to be done about some of the racism that is happening on campus. Annie told the Senators about an employee at the Western bookstore who told her they did not have any of the medium sized t-shirts, because the Asians buy all of the small sizes. All the Senators felt Annie needed to write a letter to the Bookstore and let them know about this particular employee.

*Elliott left at 7:50*

The Senators felt this would be a good issue of the month, they may even hold a forum about it. They cannot deal with Personnel issues but they can recommend that since the bookstore is an AS representative they should be more open to all people and possibly hold diversity work shops.

## **VII. Other Business**

### **a. Senate Chair Selection**

Seth was the only applicant for the Senate Chair position, so they lengthened the deadline for applications to see if anyone else was interested. Seth wanted to make sure the Senators had a hand in choosing who was going to be their Chair Person.

## **VIII. Senator Reports/Concerns**

**Annie Jansen:** Has been attending ACC meetings.

**Seth Hersch:** The digital signage committee is 99.9% for sure going to go through, the VU ended up giving quite a bit of money to the project.

**Jake Massine:** Missed his last Rec center committee meeting as he had a presentation for scholar's week.

**Jordan Smith:** Has a Judicial Appeals Committee meeting Thursday.

**Kelly Hansen:** No new information.

**Anne Walden- Newman:** Genocide Awareness on Wednesday and Thursday will have a booth in Red Square.

**Nikki Gossell:** No new information.

**Brandon Adams:** Cannot make his ATC meeting as he has a job interview.

**Brian Lewellen:** No new information.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:07 pm**