

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
October 17, 2006
VU 567

Present: Annie Jansen, Ashley Schweizer, Brandon Adams, Brian Lewellen, Christian Opfer, Eddie Jenkins, Geoff Thilo, Jake Massine, Jared Zeretzke, Kelly Hansen, Nikki Gossell, Paige DeChambeau
Absent: Kevin Majkut
Advisor: Kevin Majkut
Secretary: Ellen Griffes
Guests: Chiho Lai, Student Trustee

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm by Christian Opfer

Summary of Motions:

Motion # 006-F-06 to approve the minutes from 10/10/06, made by Eddie

Motion # 007-F-06 to make Senate meetings on Tuesdays at 5:00pm next quarter, made by Annie

Motion # 008-F-06 to take the name proposal to the Board, made by Annie

I. Call to Order
II. Approval of Minutes – 10/10/06

Motion # 006-F-06 to approve the minutes from 10/10/06, made by Eddie

Second: Kelly **Vote:** 12-0-0

Passed.

III. Revisions to the Agenda
none

IV. Public Forum
none

V. Unfinished Items

a. Meeting times for next quarter

It was decided that the Senate meetings will be from 5:00-8:00pm on Tuesdays in VU 567.

Motion # 007-F-06 to make Senate meetings on Tuesdays at 5:00pm next quarter, made by Annie

Second: Brandon **Vote:** 11-0-1

Passed.

VI. Action Items

a. Student Government 1st Annual Popsicle Eating Contest

Christian said that the Bookstore will co-sponsor the event with Senate. Nate told Christian that he would contribute funds for the prizes. This event is going to happen the week before Westerns Really Big Weekend. Christian stated that the Board will help with the promotion for the event. The Senators came up with the name "Freeze or No Freeze: Western's Really Big Popsicle Eating Contest." Christian is going to take this name proposal to the Board tomorrow evening.

Motion # 008-F-06 to take the name proposal to the Board, made by Annie

Second: Nikki **Vote:** 12-0-0

Passed.

VII. Information Items

a. Ideas for the Student Senate Website

Christian needs all of the bios from the Senators, to post on the website. Senate pictures are going to be taken on November 7th. Everyone is to wear black shirts. There was talk about other promotional things that can be done, such as table tents and pamphlets.

b. Student Senate Goals

There was no discussion because the goals are the same from last week. This was made an action item for next week.

c. Senate Identity Task Force

Christian simply stated that he wants to make this a permanent committee. This was made an action item for next week.

d. Campus Overcrowding

It has been brought to Christian's attention that there is overuse of the facilities on campus. He asked the group if they think it is an appropriate issue for the Senate to handle. Annie thought that it is too complex for the Senate; maybe it should be broken down into smaller pieces. The Rec Center overcrowding was brought up, which Chiho said is an entirely too large of an issue for the Senate to deal with. This was made an Information Item for next week.

e. Student Senate Issues Forum

One of the rules for the Student Senate is that they must hold a forum every quarter. Eddie is going to head up this event. He asked the Senators to think about important issues that they believe the students and public would think are important. At an upcoming meeting, the top three or four issues will be decided upon to be discussed at the forum.

VIII. Student Senate Committee Reports

a. Student Government Visibility Committee

Annie volunteered to lead this committee and write it's Charge and Charter.

b. Student Senate Issue of the Month Committee

Jared volunteered to lead this committee and write it's Charge and Charter.

c. Student Government Press Interface Committee

Christian said that this is not going to be an actual committee, but that he will be writing the press releases.

IX. Senator Committee Reports

a. Annie Jansen

Annie is leading the Student Government Visibility Committee.

b. Ashley Schweizer

Ashley got approved for Activities Council, Campus and Community Affairs Council and Facilities and Services Council. None of her committees have met yet.

c. Brandon Adams

Brandon is on the Academic Technology Committee, Student Academic Grievance Board, and University Judicial Appeals Board. He also brought up an issue that was discussed in one of his meetings, that the University is considering getting a system that checks papers for plagiarism, and wanted to bring it to the attention of the Senators.

d. Brian Lewellen

Brian is on the Campus Rec Center Advisory Committee. They have not met yet. Students in Action is also starting up again and Brian encouraged people to join!

e. Christian Opfer

Christian is on the Academic Freedom Task Force, AS Legislative council, ACC, and the University Planning Council. So far he has only had ACC meetings.

f. Eddie Jenkins

Eddie is on the ACC, AS Budget Committee, Operating Budget Advisory Committee, Student Academic Grievance Board and the University Judicial Appeal Board Committee.

g. Geoff Thilo

Geoff is on the Academic Freedom Task Force and is trying to get onto the ACC.

h. Jake Massine

Jake is on the Campus Rec Center Advisory Committee, the Sehome Hill Arboretum Board and the Senate Library Committee.

i. Jared Zeretzke

Jared is on the Emergency Response Planning Committee, Student Technology Fee Committee and the University Planning Council.

j. Kelly Hansen

Kelly is on the AS Bookstore Advisory Group and the Student Technology Fee Committee. She is also starting up Students in Action again!

k. Nikki Gossell

Nikki applied for Activities Council, but there are no open seats left. She is also in the AS Bookstore Advisory Group

l. Paige DeChambeau

Paige also applied for Activities Council as well as for the AS Transportation Advisory Committee. At her first transportation committee meeting, they discussed fees, bus passes etc. and the possibility of a universal bus pass.

X. Announcements

Christian announced that he has been approved to allow there to be 20 senator positions. Today is Annie's birthday... **HAPPY BIRTHDAY ANNIE!!!** Eddie asked the Senators to think of ideas for the forum.

XI. Adjourn Meeting

Meeting was adjourned at 7:24, by Christina Opfer.