

A.S. STUDENT SENATE MEETING
November 20th, 2007
VU 567

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

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm by Chelsea Fletcher

Summary of Motions:

Motion #011-F-07 to postpone the minutes from 11/13/07, made by Aaron

I. Approval of Minutes – 11/13/07

Motion # 011-F-07 to postpone the approval of the minutes from 11/13/07, made by Aaron

Second: Tyler

Vote: 9-0-0

Passed.

II. Revisions to the Agenda

III. Public Forum

IV. Information Items

None

V. Action Items

None

VI. Discussion Items

a. By-Laws

Morgan, Kristina, Tyler, Annie Jansen, Chelsea, Aaron, and Erik Lowe agreed to sit on the By-Laws committee. One more Senator was needed. Nicole offered to sit on the committee as well. Sitting on the Outreach committee is Sally, Lurdes, Danny, and Nicky. Judah and Chelsea will sit on the website committee. Senators are waiting to approve these to be sure members who are absent did not want to sit on any of these committees.

VII. Other Business

a. Jena 6 Event Monday

There is going to be a forum held next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday for the group of 6 African AmErikan students who were imprisoned for defending themselves while being attacked at their high school. It is a forum for racial injustice, recently the family members and 6 teenagers have been receiving death threats and hate mail has been sent to the families homes and to the prison where the men are still being held. The Social Issues Resource Center is putting on a 3 day event next week beginning Monday in VU 555 and the Fairhaven auditorium. A document will be sent to the teenagers from Western students showing them our support.

Diana entered at 6:12

There will be a table out on Vendors row from 10 – 3 where students can write letters of support to the teenagers.

VIII. Senator Committee Reports

- a. **Kristina Mader** there was an AC meeting yesterday that she attended. Gave FDF money for an event they are going to be putting on either winter or spring quarter. Attended the ACC meeting.
- b. **Aaron Hayman** went to his first ACC meeting. Was in Ohio all last week so he was unable to talk with any students about their concerns.
- c. **Diana Beilman** has been speaking with students in her PE 301 class, they recently had a visitor who had taken the class about ten years ago who said the class was still the same. There are about 50 students in a very small room they discussed classroom sizes and how they utilize class time, students feel classes are poorly planned.
- d. **Sally McLaughlin** recycle day last week was a success, and now she is working on what they are calling go for the green which is something they are doing with the residence halls. They are going to talk about sustainability and measuring wattage. She spoke with Sara the legislative liaison today about trying to go to Olympia to testify on the behalf of mothers because they do need more money. Also excited about the outreach committee and she would like to be the chair.
- e. **Mark Provenzano** found three people who would be willing to testify that they have been hit by bikes, since there are currently no statements on record for on campus accidents. He would like the information for someone who he can speak to about this. He also attended Jackson Katc and River Houston both of which he thought was amazing.
- f. **Morgan Holmgren** the past week he met with a few students and spoke with them about food issues and outdoor seating issues.
- g. **Nicole Brown** heard from a lot of students about smoking on campus, she found out that Westerns rules were a little vague on smoking. She also looked at other colleges rules; the only college campus' in Washington to have banned smoking altogether was Clark College and TCC. She is going to try and find more information on this subject.
- h. **Danny Tonty** last week he went to watch Superbad Wednesday night at the PAC, tons of students showed up and it was free so students were happy. But people were upset with the sound system it was very hard to hear the dialogue. A few Senators will be staying after the meeting to discuss dining issues. Last week he went to a vegan thanksgiving. He also discussed lighting on campus.
- i. **Matteo Tamburini** two weeks ago he mentioned the idea about national health insurance, it was suggested to him that he should email Erik Lowe the VP for Legislative and Governmental Affairs, and speak with him about this issue. He has not yet heard back. The director of the graduate school emailed the legislative agenda to all of the departments and he is not aware of what happened in the departments other than that. He did some research on the admissions policy in Texas which he spoke about at the previous meeting, they grant automatic admission to the top ten percent of every graduating class of every high school in Texas regardless of what high school it was.
- j. **Chelsea Fletcher** went to the ACC meeting where they talked about writing proficiency which was approved. This means that depending on the class the credit level and the writing amount it can count for either a whole a half or a third of a writing proficiency. She has been in contact with Erik Lowe who would like to meet with Morgan and Matteo. Andrea and Cindy have a list of committees filled by the Senators; they will be notified next week which committees those are.

Meeting adjourned at 6:31 by Chelsea.