Senate Session 5: September 19,2013

Guests:

Brent Ahrend

Owen Goode

Session called to order at 11:06

Senator Jennings: The correction of the spelling of misspelling is misspelled.

Minutes approved

**Officer Reports**

No officer reports

Senator Turner: The new senate board has been put up, and it has gotten great reactions from the student body.

Unknown Senator: Senate budget for clubs is due the 30 of this month, remind the clubs about that.

**Old business**

No old business

**New business**

Senator Vanderwiel moves to bring a bill to the floor, motion seconded.

Senator Nemati: What is M.O.B.A.?

V.P. Koreis: Corey Ross would like to know who the students and faculty advisor for ATC are.

Senator Kim: Do societies have to be recognized yearly?

Senator Vanderwiel: To the best of my knowledge, everyone needs to be recognized annually.

Senator Wagner: I understood, from when we reviewed the constitution, that societies who have a house don’t need to be recognized.

V.P. Koreis: Everyone needs to be recognized by Senate.

Senator Feirick: Then how is AO recognized?

Senator Shah: Is Phi Sig a residential society?

V.P. Koreis: No.

Senator Carter: I thought we recognized them but don’t fund them, even though they aren’t residential.

.P. Koreis quotes constitution, Article 3, Section D

Senator Nemati: Are there any rules concerning what functions a club should serve?

Senator Vanderwiel: There isn’t a specific requirement, but each club is mandated to have a constitution to define what they will do and how they will do it, as well as a sponsor to show that they are doing what they claim to. All these things are an accountability function, to make sure clubs do what they say they will do.

No debate or questions on bill

Bill passed

**Open forum**

Senator Carter: I have an update on whiteboards; they are in facilities, they are testing glues to properly affix them to the wall

Senator Jennings: Corey Ross gave me a company to contact about the globe, it is in North Dakota, the shipping would cost as much as the globe itself. I talked to some MJ people, they suggested contracting though them but asking them to send the basic wires, then we can form them here.

Senator Wagner: How much is the base price right now?

Senator Jennings: I don’t know, he is getting prices as we speak.

Vp.P. Koreis: I have an update on the gate by the baseball fields; they are working on replacing the temporary gate. Cost would be $280 for the gate, and $310 for the fence. Our options are to not pay for anything, they will put up the gate, which would force facilities to pay for the fence, or pay for it all.

Senator Scott: Have we spoken of this before?

V.P. Koreis: Yes we have, there was a gap in the fencing. Now there is a fence, so runners have to climb over it. We will put a gate in to simplify the matter; this is a student suggested project.

Senator Carter: Did they give a time frame for when they plan to replace the fence?

V.P. Koreis: I have no idea, they will get around to it eventually. Once we pay for the gate they have to replace the fence immediately, though.

Senator Scott: Where can I get more information on this?

V.P. Koreis: Talk to facilities.

Senator Ortiz: Where is this gate?

V.P. Koreis: On the baseball fields, along the fence line.

Senator Olsen: An idea has been going around about a student run radio station; we would want a low power transmitter. In about 2 weeks there will be an opening to get a license for this, it won’t come again for about another decade. Our standing and position will make it much cheaper to get this license, myself and a few other people are interested in starting this project. It is time sensitive, or I would not bring it up, there is an open frequency available right now.

V.P. Koreis: What committee are you on? Can we refer it to them?

Senator Shah: Can we put a camera on campus, for security?

Senator Meadows: Security has a pretty good set up; there are cameras on and in every building already, just not visible.

Senator Shah: Can we put radios in to connect between dorms?

Senator Carter: There are already radios used by maintenance.

Senator Kim: Almost all students have cellphones, why do we need radios?

Senator Phillips: I think he is talking about a PA system to announce things campus wide.

Senator Meadows: I’m pretty sure most students have cells, so Facebook is used to announce things without being annoying.

Senator Shah: Yes, they have cells, but if they don’t have the numbers they can’t contact the people they need to.

Senator Hollis: Students have RA numbers, and the security number is spread around on campus bulletin boards and event boards. This is what RAs and RDs are for, contact them.

Senator Ortiz: Could we put a phone in buildings, to dial 444 on, maybe?

Senator Wagner: On my floor we have an open forum for announcements, or concerns, it is seen by all the floor, I don’t know how we got It but it is not expensive

Senator Hollis: On the phones, it would be a waste of Senate’s money, it is rare for a student to not have a phone.

Senator Ortiz: I don’t think our money should go there, but we can request this sort of thing.

Senator Nemati: How can a student add a cell number to the student directory?

Senator Shah: It is like the exchanging of money, we pay the school, we can ask for what we want.

PPT Penner: I don’t know about other floors, but on 41 there used to be a phone next to the door, it is gone now because nobody used it. I don’t think phones should be replaced, they have no use.

President Robinson: We can shed perspective on this, but it has multiple issues. If it is just floor communication, whiteboards is a good idea, as well as texting and cellphones. Announcements are now being sent out now to cell numbers, so you might talk to some emergency coordinators to see how they can meet those needs, instead of starting a project. Figure out what the need is before responding to something.

Senator Wagner: In the worst case, you can just pull the fire alarm.

Senator Shah: If we put phones in, then resources can be accessed directly to the dorm in need.

Senator Ramirez: We can put up a print out of contact numbers to make it easier to access anyone we need.

President Robinson: Some of that contact info is in the student handbook.

Senator Carter: Motion to refer this to student life committee.

Motion seconded and passed

Senator Carter: Senator Shah, could you email me with the main points of your argument?

Senator Wagner: I have seen water fountains, can we get a water bottle refill station?

V.P. Koreis: We talked about that last year. Senator Carter?

Senator Carter: Not much has been said about it, they can be implemented, as well as ice machines. This “plan” nobody has seen, I will bring it up to Corey Ross.

V.P. Koreis: We talked about this in Senate.

Senator Hollis: Lots of girls have come to me about the ice machines.

Senator Nemati: Can we move Senate from Thursday to Tuesday?

Senator Ramirez: What are your reasons for this?

Senator Nemati: It would open up Senate for science students, there are lots of them who have talked to me who want to be senators but have to go to science seminar, which is at the same time.

Senator Jacobson: What would prevent current senators from attending on Tuesdays?

Senator Wise: Yellowjacket and several other groups DO meet on Tuesdays, so whether its Thursday or Tuesday, there will be people not able to come to Senate.

Senator Lehman: We should consider this for next semester, our schedules are molded around this for now.

Senator Nemati: That’s good for now, next semester, I think we should move Senate to Tuesday

Senator Scott moves to adjourn, motion passed