Senate October 10, 2013

Roll called at 11:09

Minutes edited and approved.

**Officer Reports**

**Committee Reports**

Senator Carter: There is a whiteboard in the corner, with changes to the design. We have made them lighter and stronger, they will be going up in all residence halls, and there will be about 28 of them. They will start putting them up soon.

Senator Wagner: Where will they go in the Trinities?

Senator Carter: R.A.s have discussed that and decided.

Senator Yammine: 3 of the 6 deans for academics have been met with, in addition to Dr. Mason. We have been hearing strong support for the academic committee to partner with the Teaching Faculty Organization.

Senator Carter: For student life, we are starting a project where there will be bowls of candy and signs for Senate in residence halls and class buildings, things will be given to random cpo boxes also.

**Old business**

**New business**

Senator Moffit brings a bill to the floor about appropriations to clubs, totaling $12, 115

Senator Lehman: Can you explain why Senior Design is being funded, since they are academic and we are student life?

Senator Moffit: Senior Design students are still students, and some lower classmen get to work on Senior Design also.

Senator Wagner: Are they allowed to work with Senior Design?

Senator Moffit: Yes, it is not just seniors; a lot of people are allowed to work with that.

Senator Lehman: Senior Design is a lot more likely to get money than organizations like Mosaic, so why are we funding them so much?

Senator Carter: They need some funding because what they bring in is from alumni and for the school, not for the actual project

Senator Lehman: How can we use this money to impact students the greatest possible way?

Treasurer Vanleer: The percentage to them is very small compared to the total available.

Senator Kim: Have they been recognized by Senate?

Senator Vanderwiel: They have not been recognized yet.

Senator Kim: Last semester we created something that would let them be recognized, I thought.

V.P. Koreis: Every club and organization on campus has to be recognized every semester.

Senator Wagner: The inner society things have to be recognized?

Treasurer Vanleer: We are not allowed to give money to resident societies.

Senator Thompson: What is the Alumni Association?

Treasurer Vanleer: It is a new group on campus, whose job is to raise money for the endowment scholarship, finals kits, welcome kits, selling cakes to parents who buy them for their kids, they conducted Date or Dash and raised money for endowment, they represent the school at different events such as the Scholarship Gala in the spring, they work with alumni during homecoming week, and to represent the school this year, they are going to set up pep rallies and get support for sports teams.

Senator Hoffman: Are they clubs required to present information to Senate on expenses?

Senator Moffit: I have all the information

Senator Hoffman: Is unused money returned to Senate?

Bill approved

Senator Carter brings a bill to the floor about improving quality of life for students, $375 for candy bowls, etc. All unused funds will refer back to Senate, effective on passage.

Senator Scott: What is Quality of Life Improvement?

SenatorCarter explains; knick knacks, candy, encouragement notes, etc.

Senator Scott: So this is a Senate thing, not a faculty thing?

Senator Carter: Yes.

Bill approved

**Open forum**

Treasurer Vanleer gives presentation about Senate finances.

Senator Nemati: I sent out an email, and we got replies from 10 students. Several were happy that I talked to them; 8 were against the globe project. I would like to encourage everyone here to talk to others and encourage them to talk to R.A.s.

Senator Jennings: It will cost about $32,000 for the globe…

Senator Scott: None of the constituents I have spoken with has wanted the globe.

Senator Carter: Could we make the globe with what we have here?

Senator Jennings: For the size of globe wanted, we would need special tools; we don’t have them.

Senator Scott: Since I see so much disdain for this project, I don’t think we should go forward with it.

Project is killed

Senator Carter moves to adjourn, Senate is adjourned.