Senate 2

Roll is called at 11:02

Senate is opened with prayer by Senator Ramirez

Minutes reviewed for approval, page 2 corrected to mean that senators respect srg at arms, senator hussey and Carly correct spelling of names, page 4 section 5 corrected, page 3 extra T, page 5 corrected by carter. Then on final page, boxes and markers will be held by RA, held to board by magnetic strips, minutes approved

Officer reports

PPT Penner - PPT Penner, I would like to make nominations for committees, for the constitution committee I nominate Senators Jennings, Kim, Meadows, Vanderweil and Scott

These nominations were seconded

Senator Carter – In the past we always listed all of the nominees, then divided them into committees afterward.

PPT Penner – Alright, here are the rest of the nominees. Senators Havard, Feirick,Moffit, and Ramirez; Senators Yammine, Mueller, Nemati, Havard, Oliver, Meadows, and Carter; Senators Turner, Smullen, Vanderwiel, Ortiz, Feirick, Wise, Turner, Meadows, and Shaver; Senators Yammine, Kim, Reynoldson, Supanich, Broda, and Hussey.

Senator Nemati – Senator Carter was on the academic committee last year, could he continue to be on that committee this year?

Senator Carter - I can show up to some meetings but my workload has increased so I don’t want to commit to the committee full-time.

Approval of nominations

PPT Penner nominates committee heads

Nominations approved

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| **Constitution (5)** | | **FAC (5)** |  | **Academics (3)** | | **Student Life (5)** | | **Public Records (3)** | | **Elections (5)** | | **Events (3)** | |
|  |  |  |  | Leila Yammine | |  |  |  |  |  |  | Leila Yammine | |
|  |  | Adam Havard | |  |  | Adam Havard | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Andrew Oliver | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Thomas Feirick | |  |  |  |  |  |  | Thomas Feirick | |  |  |
| Steven Jennings | | Steven Jennings | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | Josh Mueller | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Curtis Wise | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Logan Turner | | Logan Turner | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Mark Smullen | |  |  |  |  |
| JunDo Kim | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | JunDo Kim | |
| Alex Meadows | |  |  |  |  | Alex Meadows | |  |  | Alex Meadows | |  |  |
|  |  | Abby Moffitt | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Jonathan Vander Wiel | | |  |  |  |  |  | Jonathan Vander Wiel | | |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Josiah Carter | |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Josh Shaver | |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Tyler Hussey | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Cora Reynoldson | |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Marisa Supanich | |
| Richard Scott | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  | David Nemati | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  | Alex Ramieiz | |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Josué Ortiz | |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | John Broda | |
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Chairs will meet with VP and PPT after session

Sergeant at Arms brings up dress code, asking that senators be in dress code, 4 Senators today are not in code

**Committee reports**

**Old business**

**New business**

**Open forum**

Melanie Dittmer - I am Melanie, from Davis 3, and I am one of 2 chaplains on my floor, we have started setting up a campus wide girls devotional, which will be held on September 25, at 9 pm, in Speer Chapel. Carly has agreed to speak, and the theme of the devotional is identity. I would like to propose a $300 fund to pay for snacks and drinks for the girls there.

Senator Ramirez - Will any unspent funds will be returned to Senate?

Melanie Dittmer - Yes.

Senator Shaver - How many of these devotional meetings will there be?

Melanie Dittmer – This is a one time thing, we have not planned any more.

Senator Carter – How many people do you expect to show up?

Melanie Dittmer - We have nothing to go on, so all we have is a rough estimate of maybe 100 girls.

Senator Hussey - How long will the devotional last?

Melanie Dittmer – We plan for it to be about an hour and a half long.

Senator Hussey - What food are you going to offer the participants?

Melanie Dittmer gives a short list of snacks to be bought

Senator Carter - What time of day will this be held?

Melanie Dittmer - 9 pm.

V.P. Koreis - Next week, PPT Penner will bring a bill to the floor that allows this money to be spent for this event.

V.P. Koreis -Corey Ross, would you like to say anything?

Corey Ross – I apologize for arriving late, and I have a couple things to bring to Senate. As far as the Senate project on the student center, I would encourage you to consider a way for Senate to provide something long term. An idea that has come up is that in front of the student center, a grassy area be maintained to be used for watching concerts, and also to put a large 9-10 foot diameter globe on that site to represent international students. Senate would contribute to, and fundraise, for this item, and I think the University could maybe match the funds raised; I’m bringing this before you to consider in the days ahead. There are a couple ways to have this made; we could commission an artist, or, there are companies that make large globes like this, and we could maybe have a big cross in the middle of the globe, which would have real significance. I am asking you to consider how Senate can support this, and if you would please be creative, and design something that you think would be more specific to LeTourneau?

Senator Carter - 2 things, students might like a fountain with this globe, could that be incorporated? Also, could we commission students here on campus to make this?

Corey Ross - Sure? We just need to make sure that there are options involved.

Senator Kim - If Senate decides not to do this, would the whole thing be scrapped?

Corey Ross - We would have to wait for a donor, if Senate does not support this project. This is the best way Senate can support campus in a more-than-temporal way.

Senator Hussey – The globe would be great, representing where students come from, and where some of our missions go. We would also like to have a place for feedback about it.

PPT Penner - This is like the spirit of ingenuity.

Corey Ross - That came from the president at the time, wanting more sculptures and art on campus.

We are working on finding the artist of these things to see if they would like to do any more on campus

Senator Carter - I like the idea, but the financial portion I think will be difficult to get across to the student body, and get them on board, especially since the tuition raise.

Senator Kim - You mentioned LeTourneau matching whatever we raise?

Corey Ross - It was my idea, I don’t want to throw that out, it could discourage you to fundraise, but I want to dream bigger than your finances, and LeTourneau would like to help how they can.

Senator Kim - I brought up matching because students DO have high tuition, and pay too much. By saying LeTourneay will match, it could help students get on board, and also, could we put Senate ON the globe?

Senator Ortiz – I hope not to discourage you, but could Senate work through how we get this across to students, before we actually do this?

Senator Ramirez - When we start committee meetings, could we talk about this there? This is all very general here in Senate session.

Corey Ross - By all means.

Senator Nemati - About the cross on the globe, we already have a globe with a cross as university symbol, could we make the globe more like that?

Corey Ross - As we move forward with the student center, we will need to have a person to man the game room, as far as checking out equipment. Senate did this in msc1for game night on a volunteer basis, so maybe once a month, committing to an evening by yourself, or in pairs, Senate can be represented through this. Senators are IN the student body and available to answer questions, I wondered if we wanted to do this again and get back in the habit of it to make a space for people to come to in the evenings. This is just another idea for activities for exposure to fellow students.

Senator Carter - I want to go on record and say that I like to idea proposed by Corey Ross, for Senate with game nights.

Senator Havard - Can we put saga tables back how they were?

Senator Smullen - I have talked to the people in charge, we can’t do that unless we prank in return.

Corey Ross - Bon Appetite prefers it this way, it would be better if it stays this way. We shouldn’t continue to think of it as a prank or people will think they can come in and flip flop it around whenever they want to.

Senator Vanderweil moves to adjourn session, motion seconded