**Senate 4**

Roll called at 11:03

Session is opened in prayer by Avery Cheeley

Minutes edited:

Senator Scott: Insert a space between an and update on the 3rd page.

Senator Jennings: On the first page misspelling is misspelled.

Senator Hollis: On the back page it’s talking about the logo of a floor, not the name.

Minutes approved

**Officer reports**

PPT Penner makes a motion to nominate new senators to committees, motion seconded

No debate

Nominations approved

**Committee reports**

**Old business**

**New business**

Senator Vanderwiel: Makes a motion to bring a bill to the floor, motion seconded, the bill concerns clubs and organizations to be recognized by Senate.

Senator Feirick: Did we not do this last year?

V.P. Koreis: It has to be done every year.

Senator Carter: What is L.O.C.?

Senator Vanderwiel gives a brief explanation of Lambda Omega Chi, a new female society focusing on service.

Corey Ross: Every organization needs to be approved by Senate and be passed through me in order to be official and recognized.

No more debate on bill, bill is passed.

**Open forum**

Treasurer Vanleer gives presentation on general Senate budget.

Senator Carter: Didn’t the white boards come out of last semester’s budget?

Treasurer Vanleer: They were approved; the money is still coming out of what we have left from last semester.

Avery Cheeley: The $7900, is that what Senate has available to use for Senate projects?

Treasurer Vanleer: It gets divided up, Senate will have about $5,000 to use throughout the year.

Avery Cheeley : We will make cuts to the budget, but we will make it work; with all the events we are doing this semester, some things have changed in cost, so we will work through the YAC budget.

Senator Lehman: Can you detail the big ticket items for the STOMP budget?

Avery Cheeley: We spent a lot on t-shirts and on inflatables, next would be the rental of tables and chairs.

Senator Scott: What is there about Gotcha Week?

Avery Cheeley: Gotcha Week is now being held in the spring semester, so it will not be factored into the fall semester budget.

Senator Carter: Why was Gotcha week moved to spring?

Avery Cheeley: Some of the weather-sensitive events played into it; like Lake Day, and other outdoor events.

Senator Penner: How about the Zombie week? Will that not happen?

Avery Cheeley: We haven’t planned out next semester, but Zombie week is so similar to Gotcha Week that it may not be planned, or held.

Senator Yammine: What is the cost for Art Week?

Avery Cheeley: Not-so-fine-arts week will be different from fine arts week, fine arts is art appreciation, not-so-fine arts week is where YAC will purchase supplies and students can come by and design their own art, their projects will be shown at the end of the week.

Senator Wagner: Please detail the costs of movie night.

Avery Cheeley: Costs were estimated to be nearly $600 for movie-rights fees, and $200 for snacks etc., and $75 for equipment costs. Our actual cost was only $446 for movie rental, and $146 for popcorn, so we were under-budget, but I will leave the budget as it is so we can account for contingencies in the future.

Senator Carter: What are the costs for Fall Fest?

Avery Cheeley: The banquet is the biggest cost for Fall Fest, second to that is the dodge-ball game.

Senator Yammine: What is planned for YAC-tive Day?

Avery Cheeley: It will be an Olympic-themed competition, but more silly games, so like, swimming, sprints, log throwing maybe? Just kidding on the log throwing bit! It’s a new event, we are not sure on cost, but we have an estimate and we have to stay in budget.

Senator Shah: What are the advertising costs for these events?

Avery Cheeley: We will work on that. Advertising costs will include printing, maybe radio publicity, it usually costs more than anticipated.

Senator Wagner: What happened to Film Fest?

Avery Cheeley: It has been less popular in the last few years. We are pushing for it to be moved to spring semester, but we need to get a feel for what students want before we do anything so we can get participation enough to make it worthwhile.

Senator Wagner: How about we advertise it for spring semester?

Avery Cheeley: We were thinking about advertising for it at the end of this semester, so students can make films over break.

Senator Meadows: Time is getting on to 11:30, how about we move on?

Brooke Bertche: LSM will be getting less from senate than we expected, for things like mission trips held over school breaks and summer.

Mike Hood, CFO, makes a presentation about the university’s general activities budget.

Corey Ross: So the university’s debt totals about $18 million?

Mike Hood: Yes, but we have a low debt, compared to most colleges.

Senator Phillips: Where do scholarships come in?

Mike Hood: We are just looking at net tuition here.

Avery Cheeley: As nonprofit, LeTourneau is required to release all the information about everything that we do, right? How does the public access that?

Mike Hood: Google search LeTourneau 9-90.

Senator Yammine: Across the school, there have been large amounts of money devoted to improvements, where is that allocated?

Mike Hood: Capital funds.

Corey Ross: I am working with someone to get information on the globe project.

Senator Nemati: I want to request that senators who arrived late to today’s session be recognized as present.

Rebekah Belcher: You have each been recognized and are listed as present on the roll-sheet.

Motion made to adjourn, motion passed at 11:59.