Student Senate Minutes

March 28, 2013

Guests:

Andrew Hoos

Josh VanLeer

*Call to Order at 11:03am*

V.P. Lowe:

* This meeting is now called to order.
* We will move into Officer Reports.

**Officer Reports**

PPT Huddleston:

* I have some new Senators to appoint to committees.
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V.P. Lowe:

* Are there any questions or debate on the nominations?
* All in favor of the nominations? All opposed?
* Nominations are approved.
* Are there any other Officer Reports? We will move into Committee Reports.

**Committee Reports**

S. Holmer:

* We are having a Student Life meeting in SAGA at 5. I will send out an email to remind everyone.

V.P. Lowe:

* Are there any other Committee Reports?
* We will move into Old Business.

**Old Business**

V.P. Lowe:

* If we have no Old Business, we will move into New Business.

**New Business**

S. Koreis:

* I move to bring an amendment to the floor. [second]

“Financial Report Amendment of 2013”

S. Koreis:

* We also have Andrew Hoos as a lobbyist.

V.P. Lowe:

* Are there any questions on the amendment?

S. Champlin:

* Is the presentation of the budget redundant at the end of the spring semester right before the start of summer?

Andrew Hoos:

* Yes, we discussed this at length. There is a rather large time delay from when we spend the money and when it is taken out of our account. We are not trying to hid our spending from you, but the numbers I would present would not technically be correct.

S. Champlin:

* Could you regardless of whether it’s clear or not just say that these actions are still pending. This is where we are going to be, how the year went and judge the whole year in retrospect on how spending went and stick to your budget?

Andrew Hoos:

* We could and we already do this at the beginning of each semester.

S. Champlin:

* However, the groups change over the summer. It would be helpful for the people who were in that group that year to present and not new people who may not know as much about what happened.

Andrew Hoos:

* Steve Conn is our faculty member and he briefs the president so that they always know what is going on and where the money is going.

S. Champlin:

* I’m not saying that they won’t answer the questions, but they might not have intimate knowledge or specifics.

PPT Huddleston:

* I would also like to see a third presentation of the budget at the end of the spring semester. Also, I would like to hear what the rest of Senate thinks and not just a debate between two people.

V.P. Lowe:

* For clarification, do you want to change it?

PPT Huddleston:

* Yes, but I would like to see it amended to include the last presentation in the spring.

Andrew Hoos:

* ???????????? I brought this to your attention and having a presentation that?????????????

S. Koreis:

* Another thing to consider is that our treasurer is supposed to be giving a presentation every fourth session so we will know what is being spent.

Treasurer VanLeer:

* An example would be that as of my last report, they still have $19,000 in there account.

S. Flores:

* I agree. I think that six presentations are redundant since our treasurer is telling us everything, but I also agree with S. Huddleston with the 3rd presentation at the end of the year. It gives us an overview and an opportunity to put a cap on the year. We can also look forward to summer allocations and projects for next year. It might be necessary to have that last report.

V. P. Lowe:

* Do we want a third presentation or a fourth?

S. Flores:

* A third presentation. There would be presentations at the beginning of each semester and then a final one at the end of the spring semester.

S. Ramirez:

* I agree.

S. Carter:

* During Christmas break are there any changes to your budget?

Andrew Hoos:

* Our account will have caught up with us.

S. Carter:

* So the budget isn’t changed at all? There are no events or money spent?

Andrew Hoos:

* Correct.
* As a proposal, if YAC was to present the two events that always happen in the fall semester at the presentation at the beginning of the spring semester would that meet your requirements?

S. Flores:

* No, because life changes and those events may not happen.

PPT Huddleston:

* Not at the beginning of the spring semester.

S. Champlin:

* One of the big reasons to present is to say, this is what we did, how it went and to give us an overview of the year. Not that we have control over you at all, but it is kind of nice as representatives for the student body, to have an overview of what happened so that the new senators can also know.

V.P. Lowe:

* Are you [Andrew Hoos], dramatically opposed to a third meeting?

Andrew Hoos:

* I am not diametrically opposed. The way it is stated in the Constitution is not happening and is a waste of your time. I still feel that based on my knowledge of how YAC accounting goes is that we usually get $27,000 a year. Those are not firm numbers.

PPT Huddleston:

* Even if it says $9,000, are you saying that you don’t know what you have spent? Even if we have a good idea of how much you spent it would be helpful.

S. Champlin:

* We are still cutting what you guys have to present in more than half.

S. Koreis:

* I move to friendly amend the amendment to include a third presentation at the end of the spring semester for LSM and YAC.

PPT Huddleston:

* One more questions. Who in these groups can give the presentation? I would be ok, with just a representative from YAC instead of a specific person every time.

Andrew Hoos:

* That would work well, because I don’t think that there is any such thing as an Executive Assistant on YAC right now.

S. Koreis:

* I move to friendly amend it to say that any representative from YAC can present to Senate.

S. Penner:

* Is the three presentations a year applying to both LSM and YAC? [yes]

V.P. Lowe:

* Is there any other debate on the amendment?
* All in favor of the amendment? All opposed?
* Amendment is approved.
* Is there any other New Business?

S. Koreis:

* I move to bring an amendment to the floor. [second]

“Expenditure Approval Amendment of 2013”

V.P. Lowe:

* Are there any questions on the amendment?

S. Carter:

* I would like to point out that it is found in section E.

S. Flores:

* What does changing the amount do?

Andrew Hoos:

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S. Koreis:

* An explanation from S. Champlin last night was really helpful for understanding this.

S. Champlin:

* Back in the day, when we wrote this….??????????????????????

Andrew Hoos:

* In response to that, I did request that it be removed permanently, but I understand the reasoning for it.

S. Carter:

* I was thinking that the number of events above $2,500 are not that many.

Andrew Hoos:

* We have at least 1 and sometimes up to 3 or more.

S. Holmer:

* What happened to Skate Night?

Andrew Hoos:

* There are not skating places in town that accommodate our student body.

S. Koreis:

* A reminder that there is no voting until two weeks from now, so be thinking about this amendment.

V.P. Lowe:

* Is there any other New Business?
* We will move into Open Forum.

**Open Forum**

S. Koreis:

* The flags on the flagpoles at the front of campus are old and faded and need to be replaced. What does Senate think?

S. Perez:

* South Hall received bike racks and the Trinities have been asking for them for quite a while.

S. Holmer:

* That is not up to Senate.

S. Perez:

* Bikes have been stolen and South Hall already had racks in the center and we have been told to use bike racks around campus.

V.P. Lowe:

* We have tried to get new bike racks, but the University will be the one to do it.

S. Perez:

* I thought that it fell under the Student Life committee.

S. Champlin:

* It happens periodically that we need something and the university says no. they are really selective as to where they put the racks. You can ask them again.

S. Carter:

* I would go ahead and talk to facilities.

S. Champlin:

* I don’t think that facilities has that authority.

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* Facilities did put the bike racks by South Hall.

S. Champlin:

* They installed them, but they didn’t make the final decision to put them there.

S. Carter:

* I will go ahead and talk to Corey Ross.

S. Ramirez:

* Going back to the flags, I think that is a really good idea.

V.P. Lowe:

* Again, I think that this is something else to bring up to Corey Ross.

S. Carter:

* I think that it should be taken care of by Belcher.

S. Ramirez:

* Who is in charge of that?

S. Carter:

* Cynthia Helen.

*Motion to Adjourn at 11:37am*