

SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

September 18, 2008

Attendance – John Morton, Anthony Liuzza, Derrick Soellner, Joel Thomas, Christopher Coats, Dean George Blanc, William Barnette, Jerry Bates, Ralph Chew, Kevin Enchelmeyer, Kimberly Gragg, Ben Gray, Jeff Headman, Jen Hicks, Patrick Murphy, Brian Reed, Sean Teeter, Dustin Autry, Samantha Gamble

Chief Justice Christopher Coats called the meeting to order at 8:02 pm.

Chief Justice Christopher Coats briefly explained Robert's Rules of Order and the reasoning for their implementation this school year.

Vice President Derrick Soellner made a motion that Robert's Rules of Order be put in effect for the meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Welcome introduction by President Anthony Liuzza.

Introductions of Executive Board members and their primary roles.

Anthony Liuzza – President

Derrick Soellner – Vice President

John Morton - Secretary

Christopher Coats – Chief Justice

Joel Thomas – Treasurer

Introduction of Dean George Blanc and his role as SGA Advisor.

Chief Justice Christopher Coats performed the swearing in of each of the members of the Senate.

Vice President Derrick Soellner explained in detail each of the three offices that are open in the Senate currently. The three offices, as described by Derrick are President Pro-Tempore, Parliamentarian, and the Clerk.

After a brief discussion, Vice President Derrick Soellner made a motion to table the nomination and voting process for these positions until the following week's Senate meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Chief Justice Chris Coats then read each of the applications for Student Court Associate Justices. After each of the ten applicants' applications was read to the Senate, each received a motion for approval. All ten motions were seconded and approved.

Chief Justice Chris Coats then explained the necessity for two members of the Senate to sit on the Judicial Review Board. He explained that this board would meet only once before disbanding.

Willie Barnette nominated Jen Hicks for one of the seats on the board. Jen accepted the nomination.

Brian Reed nominated Patrick Murphy for the second seat on the board. Patrick then accepted.

Derrick Soellner then brought up the next order of business on the agenda, which was the Senate Committees. He immediately turned over speaking authority to Treasurer Joel Thomas so the Finance Committee could be explained.

Joel explained that he would need two senators to serve on the Finance Committee this year. He also explained that the committee would meet on an as-needed basis. It would not need to meet on a bi-monthly basis like the other Senate committees would.

Derrick Soellner proceeded to explain the other committees that were currently standing and in place in the SGA Constitution. He described the duties of the Public Relations Committee, the Cafeteria/Food Service Committee, and the Awards Committee.

Derrick Soellner then made a motion to open the floor to discussion on Senate Committees. His motion was seconded.

Anthony Liuzza proceeded to propose two ideas for new committees for this year. He suggested having a Public Safety Committee as well as a Green Committee. He explained that the Green committee would be in charge of assisting in making the MU Campus more earth friendly; from recycling to energy conservation.

Willie Barnette agreed with Anthony's statement regarding the need for a Green Committee.

Sean Teeter also agreed with Anthony's idea. He made the observation that a central location on campus would need to be established.

Kevin Enchelmeyer also agreed with Anthony's idea regarding the need for a Green Committee. Kevin acknowledged the fact that many students are unaware of the impact that they could have if recycling was implemented on campus.

Jeff Headman added that if recycling is to be implemented on campus, accessibility has to be one of the main priorities surrounding it. He pointed out that if it is not convenient to the students, it is not likely to succeed.

Patrick Murphy brought up an idea that Anthony Liuzza had discussed in the past regarding having an energy conservation contest between dorms. Patrick asked Anthony to elaborate on his idea so it could be better understood.

Anthony Liuzza went into detail about his concept, explaining that it would involve each residence hall attempting to conserve energy, and the residence hall that saved the largest percentage of money would have some sort of party or reward given to them. Anthony proposed that this contest occur on a monthly basis.

Jeff Headman then proposed having a Student Survey Committee, whose sole purpose would be to survey the student body about central issues surrounding the school.

Joel Thomas suggested that a committee, such as a Student Survey Committee, be an ad-hoc committee.

Anthony Liuzza then suggested that it be a sub-division of the Public Relations Committee.

Derrick Soellner made a motion to suspend discussion over committees until next week's meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner made a motion to open Senate Forum. His motion was seconded and approved.

Samantha Gamble explained a petition she was in the process of putting together regarding speed bumps on campus.

Brian Reed asked if copies could be given out to the entire Senate at next week's meeting so more signatures could be obtained.

Jen Hicks then brought up the issue of the meeting time. She explained that it interfered with the weekly Women's Bible Study Meeting.

Ben Gray agreed with Jen due to the fact that the Men's Bible Study Meeting was held at the same time as well.

Kevin Enchelmeyer pointed out that athletic team study halls are held at the same time as well. The baseball team, in particular, has their study hall on Thursday nights, he added.

Derrick Soellner then explained that the Senate was only to meet on a bi-monthly basis. There are weekly meetings now, he explained, so SGA could get started and moving in the right direction for the year. Once committees are established, the Senate will meet once every two weeks and the committees would be responsible to meet on their own time during the weeks between Senate meetings.

Anthony Liuzza then brought up his idea of a House of Representatives for SGA here at MU. He briefly explained his idea then made a motion to table it until next week's meeting so everyone could think over the idea and bring feedback about it next week. His motion was seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner then made a motion to end the Senator's Forum. His motion was seconded and approved.

President's Message - Anthony Liuzza thanked everyone for attending tonight's meeting and reiterated that our next meeting would be at 8:00 pm on Thursday, September 25th.

Dean's Message - Dean Blanc also thanked everyone for coming. He also spoke about the great potential for change that SGA has here at MU. He said that it was up to the members of SGA to come together and make the change happen.

Derrick Soellner then made a motion to close the meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Morton, SGA Secretary