

## SGA Senate Meeting Minutes

September 25, 2008

Chris Coats called the meeting to order at 8:10 pm.

Derrick Soellner asked everyone to briefly look over the minutes from the last meeting. Derrick then made a motion to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner introduced old business for the meeting. He opened discussion about the Senate Meeting times.

Candice Tynes asked if the meeting could be moved to 9:00 pm on Thursdays as opposed to 8:00.

Thomas Hutton asked why Senate Meetings were moved from Sunday nights. He added that Sunday meetings worked well last year.

Joel Thomas explained that meetings occurring on Sunday nights prevented students returning to campus late from attending meetings.

Jeff Headman suggested setting a barrier time limit if the meetings were to change to 9:00 pm, so the meetings would not run extremely late into the evening.

Pat Murphy added that he liked the idea of holding the meetings at 9:00 pm instead of 8:00 pm.

Ben Gray made a motion to move the weekly Senate meeting time to 9:00 pm. His motion was seconded and approved.

**The Senate Meetings will now take place at 9:00 pm on Thursday nights.**

Brian Reed brought a proposal that involved striking the awards committee from the SGA Constitution.

Pat Murphy agreed with the proposal, stating that the awards committee would serve little to no purpose during this school year.

Anthony Liuzza added that the Awards committee had not been a standing committee in the past several years at least.

Kevin Enchelmeyer also agreed with the proposal to strike it from the constitution.

Willie Barnette made a motion to accept the proposal and to strike the Awards committee from the SGA Constitution. His motion was seconded and approved.

**The Awards Committee has been struck from the SGA Constitution.**

Brian Reed then brought up the topic discussed last week about a Green Committee. He read a proposal he brought involving adding a Green Committee to the SGA Constitution. He read the proposed

definition and purpose of this new committee. Copies of the proposal are available from the SGA Secretary.

Pat Murphy made a motion to approve the Green Committee and add it to the SGA Constitution. His motion was seconded and approved.

**The Green Committee has now been added to the SGA Constitution.**

Derrick Soellner explained how nominations and voting would take place for the Senate officer elections.

Derrick Soellner opened the floor to nominations for President Pro-Tempore.

Willie Barnette nominated himself. Seconded and approved.

Brian Reed nominated himself. Seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner opened the floor to nominations for the Parliamentarian.

After no nominations were made, Derrick Soellner made a motion to table nominations and voting for the Parliamentarian until next week's meeting. Seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner opened the floor to nominations for the Clerk.

Willie Barnette nominated Pat Murphy. Seconded and approved.

Jeff Headman nominated himself. Seconded and approved.

Derrick Soellner closed nominations for all positions and collected ballots.

Derrick Soellner opened New Business for the meeting.

Anthony Liuzza explained that because of Dean Blanc's absence in the meeting, information regarding the academic committees would be postponed until next week's meeting.

Derrick Soellner turned speaking power over to John Morton in regards to the DSL Conference.

John Morton explained the premise of the DSL Conference and its tremendous success. He explained that the date for this year's conference has been set for January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2009. He also explained that the only detail left to finalize is who the guest speakers will be. John then opened the floor to discussion as to who the Senate would like as guest speakers for the 2009 DSL Conference.

Brian Reed suggested Elizabeth Dole.

Pat Murphy suggested Mike McIntyre.

John Morton explained that Mike McIntyre was the main guest speaker for last year's conference.

Brian Reed suggested Bob Etheridge.

Thomas Hutton brought up the fact that the date of the conference falls on the same weekend of the national PGA Golf Show in Orlando, Florida. He explained that a large percentage of the PGM Program would be attending the show and the DSL Conference's attendance would suffer significantly.

Jeff Headman was asked what time the conference would begin and end.

John Morton explained that ideas are welcomed as to the time it begins and ends. He also explained that last year's conference began at 8:00 am and ended around 2:00 pm.

Thomas Hutton proposed that the date of the conference be moved to either the week before or the week after the current set date.

Derrick Soellner closed New Business and simultaneously opened Senator's Forum.

Pat Murphy brought up the student court and the university judicial system. He asked that it be added to the agenda as a discussion item for the next week's meeting.

Derrick Soellner closed Senator's Forum and opened the discussion period.

Brian Reed suggested having student representation for the severe cases being handled in the university judicial system.

John Morton explained the severity of the topic being discussed. He pointed out that he was not discouraging it by any means, he was only pointing out that it was a topic that would completely change the university, not just SGA.

Pat Murphy brought up need for petitions to get process underway.

Derrick Soellner commented that he would add the university judicial process to the agenda for next week's meeting.

Derrick Soellner closed the discussion period and opened the Open Forum.

Joel Thomas explained an error he made while speaking in the previous meeting regarding the Finance Committee. He explained that he would need 3 student Senators to serve on that committee with him.

Derrick Soellner closed the Open Forum and turned speaking power over to Anthony Liuzza for the President's Message.

Anthony Liuzza thanked everyone for their continued patience with Robert's Rules of Order during these meetings. He explained that they were being used in order to help speed up processes in SGA but would take time to get used to.

Chris Coats made a motion to close the meeting. His motion was seconded and approved.

Respectfully Submitted,

John Morton, SGA Secretary