**Student Senate Minutes**

**March 1, 2009**

I. General meeting of the Student Senate was called to order by Speaker Hogan at 6:00 PM.

A. Absent from the meeting were members:

B. Also attending the meeting was:

II. Preliminary Items

A. Roll Call

B. Corrections/Approval of the minutes

C. Gallery introductions/business - FAC, Lambda Pi Eta Member, Students for Sensible Drug Policy Member.

A. FAC wants to impeach a member of the FAC who doesn’t attend any meetings or respond to emails from organizations.

- Sumter - is there an attendance policy?

- FAC - One requirement to is to attend meetings and not showing up is grounds for impeachment.

- Hemmelgarn - Will you get a new member this semester?

- FAC - No. There wouldn’t be a special application process. This is a nonvoting member and is not hard to replace.

- Esfeld - Not familiar with process of impeaching FAC members. Is there a consensus in the body?

- FAC - Need ¾ vote of senate

- Removed by a vote of 10 - 0 - 1

B. FAC wants to amend bylaws to state they can use reserve funds for major office purchases.

- FAC - Computer is outdated. ITS will not work on it because it is obsolete. Do not want to have the computer crash. Not effective for working with organizational groups.

- Alberts – Here the last time they purchased a computer. Last time they just asked for a waiver to their bylaws. This is a better idea.

- Approved.

C. Lambda – Requesting money for communication week next week. The $100 will go to their key note speaker. She will be speaking on crisis communication and the economy. Paying for her gas and dinner.

- Crump – When will the speaker be on campus?

- Lambda – This Wednesday.

- Crump – Moves that no more than $100 be spent on Lambda Pi Eta’s communication week.

- Esfeld – Did you receive FAC funding? (No). Will this be open to all students? (Yes)

- Alberts – We used to get these all of the time because our budget has $100 set aside for each organization in the SOC.

- Approved.

D. Guests of Honor

E. Membership Issues

F. Appointments/Administration of the Oath

A. Esfeld – Elizabeth Crowell to Org Rep for Students for a Sensible Drug Policy.

- Crowell – Group would like to be more involved in the student government policy. Would like to see equal punishment for alcohol and marijuana offenses.

- Approved.

B. Esfeld – Appoints conduct board. Alex Jenkins, Samah Hassan, Pernita Kapila, Amy Eichenauer, Shannon Kelley, Elise Dye. And the following as alternates Christina Gamel, Krystal Logan, Alison Creighton and Christy Fraticola.

- Approved.

G. Changes/Approval of the agenda

III. Executive Reports

A. Secretary – Tom, Philip and Libby dominate at Cranium.

B. Treasurer – There is a stapler now. Use the copy log.

C. President – Curriculum Commission is moving along. Meeting with Dr. Krueger after Spring Break. Anything you want passed along? Email Lizz. Extra Ex Comm and regular ex comm this week. There will be a Senate meeting Sunday March 15th.

D. Vice President – March 22nd will be the retreat date in the University Club at 2:30. There will be a meeting following the retreat at 6 with Senate dinner at 7.

IV. Auxiliary Reports

A. Faculty Advisor – Heard lots of good things about the Smart Classroom and Senate. People are wondering how many we can get by the Fall. Lots of talk about the restructuring Truman into three colleges. Now would be a good time for an official opinion on the curriculum.

B. Staff Advisor – Storm the Capitol went very well. CSI is looking for nominations for the Leadership Recognition Award. Hopes that everyone has a great Spring Break.

C. BOG – Honorary Degrees committee will be meeting soon. The textbook committee has 33 members and has been broken up into 4 subcommittees.

D. Speaker – We will be meeting the Sunday we get back from Spring Break in West Campus because the SUB will be closed. Pay attention to your email for updates. Sent out the election packet with a few minor changes. When we get back from Break we will have to approve the packet.

V. Committee Reports

A. Academic Affairs - The Curriculum Commission has a lot of things going on. We should make a formal opinion. There are questions with HLTH 195 and COMM 170. There will be a task force meeting Wednesdays from 1-2PM for altering HLTH 195. Discussion item coming up about restructuring. Research Mentor of the Year is going well.

B. External Affairs – Thanks to everyone who attended STC.

C. Student Affairs – Discussing conduct code later. Met with Dean Gilchrist Friday concerning the Good Samaritan clause. Having a suggestion box in April. Meeting with Sodexho this week.

i. Campus Diversity – No report.

ii. Campus Environment – Beginning research on the bottled water campaign. Double sided printing is happening in Violet Hall. Recycling bins for the quad will be here after Spring Break.

D. Technology

E. Other Reports

i. Historian

ii. Communications Director

iii. Webmaster

iv. Ethics Justice

v. Recruitment

vi. Legislative Director

vii. Constitutional Review

VI. Old Business

VII. Money Motions

A. Hayes – Moves that no more than $25 be spent no later than May 1, 2009 on a survey incentive (Kirksville Cash) for the Graduating Senior Experiential Learning Survey.

- Hayes – Will give beneficial information when restructuring occurs.

- Approved.

VIII. First Readings

1. Flanagan – Moves a first reading of the Projekt Oskar resolution. Wants to make our opinion very clear for the sake of the administration when they make their decision regarding the event.

- Jenkins – Wondering why this is necessary?

- Flanagan – There was a miscommunication between Senate and the administration.

- Esfeld – Only problem is with the format of the footnotes.

- Wickell – When listing events say “a colloquium” and “a workshop.”

- Bates – Should you state that you aren’t going to give funding?

- Flanagan – After speaking with Projekt Oskar this weekend, they are not planning on asking for any financial support.

- Hayes – Moves to suspend the standing rules to pass this tonight.

- Passes 8 – 0 – 2.

IX. Discussion Items

A. Hayes – Moves 15 minutes of discussion time concerning restructuring.

- Hayes – the Provost has suggested splitting the university into 3 colleges. Three new deans will need to be appointed. Paino assures that student opinion will be included. He will have a decision by next week. Wants Senate’s feedback.

- Esfeld – Likes the idea. It makes sense and fixes some of the problems we’ve had. How will this affect the restructuring the university already went through? (It won’t). It makes sense to include psychology under the college of science but will it hurt them that they are not in the same building?

- Hayes – Feels these divisions are for more practical purposes than philosophical ideals. This way there will be fewer people reporting to one dean.

- Hemmelgarn – there needs to be adequate communication between the three deans.

- Lambert – This is a good idea.

- Jenkins – What is the big deal about the separation/division?

- Hayes – Prior to the last reorganization there were a lot of divisions of under one division head. Dr. Paino doesn’t feel the communication is as good as it could be.

B. Flanagan – Moves 10 minutes of discussion time concerning the conduct code.

- Flanagan – Met with Dean Gilchrist and Lizz this past Friday to discuss the Good Samaritan Policy and the Violent Crime Amnesty Clause. Wanted to compromise to call it the Responsible Action Policy.

- Hayes – While looking over the compromise, feels like this is something Senate was right about. Wants to eliminate hesitation rather than “minimize.” Normally wants to compromise but not on this point.

- Esfeld – Gilchrist brought up some key points. In our wording, it makes a clear distinction between the victim and perpetrator. She feels that there are times when it is not as clear cut. Would like for Senate to try and work with Dean Gilchrist’s compromise and amend it until we’re comfortable with it.

- Lambert – Agrees with Lizz.

- Alberts – Understands you want to be nice but this isn’t what you wanted. A responsible action policy sounds like it is your responsibility to report something even though you’re going to get in trouble. Feels this isn’t a compromise but is more what she brought earlier with a better name. Maybe you should look at what other schools are doing.

- Hayes – Troubled by the part after the examples where it states their punishments would be “less severe.” This still suggests that the student will be punished and would still cause hesitation. Would be less inclined to report a problem if this is all spelled out.

- Wickell – We can let her decide how to define victim/perpetrator.

- Esfeld – Feels like this could be taken advantage of. If we don’t go with her compromise we have the option of doing a pro/con list for each of our proposals to go in front of the board.

- Hayes – This is not an attack on Dean Gilchrist but this is something we have worked on and refined before presenting it to her. Does not feel this is a compromise.

- Flanagan – Dean Gilchrist would like to have the discretion to choose what is defined as victim/perpetrator. Feels like this should still be included in the wording so students are aware. Disagrees with Dean Gilchrist’s reasoning for changing the wording.

- Alberts – Found a couple of school’s with a Good Samaritan policy. They include wording that states they will not be charged with alcohol/drug policy violations but will still be punished for larger offenses.

C, Schutter – Moves 10 minutes of discussion time for Storm the Capitol.

- Wickell – Focused on higher education and the budget.

- Esfeld – Thought it was great. 45 is a great number. Really enjoyed getting APO involved and should incorporate more service organizations next year. Would like to see a detailed timeline for STC prep to avoid the night before cram.

- Serroque – Had an adventure/blast. Would like to make sure appointment times isn’t a time when they’re in session.

- Flanagan – This was better than last year. Was given caramel popcorn. =)

- Robinson – Was unable to attend but called representatives he has connections with before and after STC. They remember Truman students. So that’s great.

- Wickell – There will be thank you notes going out to all of the representatives and all those that attended.

- Sumter – A timeline will keep the next person in charge from being overwhelmed and will allow ample time for spell check and such.

- Crump – Happy to have Index coverage at the event.

- Wickell – Publicity from the Index was great.

- Esfeld – Able to go in and listen to a hearing. Would like to have a hearing schedule in the packet for next year.

X. Other New Business

XI. Announcements

Respectfully submitted by Secretary Piel on