

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
September 16, 2012**

I. Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call**
 - i. GREAT SUCCESS. I would say I successfully roll called.
(better than Rick Rolling)
- b. Approval of minutes**
 - i. My minutes are too cool to be not approved
- c. Changes to the Agenda**
- d. Gallery Introductions/Business**
 - i. Cole
 - ii. Jarrod
 - iii. Michael Baharaeen (spelled it right on the first time. I
DECLARE SUCCESS)- DPS oversight committee chair
 - iv. Aaron
 - v. Matt
- e. Membership Appointments**
- f. Oath of Office**

II. Executive Reports

- a. President of the Student Association**
 - i. From now on, let's do friendly amendments before
meetings to save time. [Ironic given the meeting that went
down after he said this]
 - ii. Transfer student forum is Wednesday in alumnae room at
3:30- senators please attend, if you are a transfer student,
be part of the discussion. PLEASE!
 - iii. Registration drive will officially start TOMORROW! Can I get
a whoop whoop?
 - iv. No shame in saying no report
 - v. If you want to, wear your polo and name tag on Friday to
give us publicity
- b. VP of the Student Association**
 - i. Retreat is Sunday from 12-3 in SUB conference room. Be
there or face Kelsey's wrath!!
- c. Secretary**
 - i. Name tags- leave at your seat after the meeting. Now we
get to be official and stuff.
 - ii. office hours start this week
 - iii. reminder to let me know if you will not be around or late.
 - iv. Resignation of Zach Brandt ☐ ☐ ☐
- d. Treasurer**
 - i. Funding request forms are online
 - ii. Budget is almost finished!!!!!!!!!!!!

III. Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - i. 11 packets are turned in, which is the exact number of seats open!
 - ii. If you have an **Other Report** let Brendan know beforehand
 - iii. For **Discussion Items** you will have to first move for time for discussion
 - iv. During reports feel free to ask questions, but if it pertains to resolutions please keep questions and comments to the **New Business** section
 - v. Elections are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
- c. Faculty Advisor
 - i. Faculty Members signed a letter in support of Same Sex benefits, and it was sent to the Board of Governors
- d. Staff Advisor
 - i. **Do not come to the retreat on Sunday not yourself (still drunk), or you will be sent home. We will not party with you.**
 - ii. MU had an article in the Perspectives section about student government working with the school.
 - iii. If you are in Ex Comm, and will be filling out FRF's she'll be discussing it on Thursday.
 - iv. If you want to bring speakers or people or bands, please talk to Laura first because you cannot sign contracts. Even if it's someone awesome like Bill Nye!
- e. Academic Affairs
 - i. Sent some questions for a survey about student's feelings about various parts of the university. Hopefully it gets done in the next millennium!
- f. External Affairs
 - i. No Report
- g. Environmental Affairs
 - i. Glass recycling program has support of Dr. Paino because he just loves awesome photo ops!
 - 1. Right now, we are just waiting on a place to store the glass for the co-op
 - 2. If you are interested in joining, let Ryan know
 - ii. Went to PSAC- looking for energy saving (light sensors, temperature control timers); Campus Sustainability Day is October 24—look for how to get involved; Maybe have a sustainability office
 - iii. Local foods dinner tickets go on sale tomorrow until Wednesday (\$5 or 1 meal swipe)
 - 1. Monday at 7pm in the Georgian Rooms
 - 2. It won't Suck!
- h. Student Affairs

- i. Gordon is taking over role of Student Affairs chair. Applications are open if you're interested, or encourage your friends to sign up
- ii. **Purple Fridays**
 - 1. Discussion of the budget- total of \$3000
 - a. Want 2 big semester prizes ie. a computer to be raffled off the week before finals
 - b. Had a Truman week awareness event, and want to continue trend into next semester
 - c. Lanza- is there varying levels of prizes, so that you are not giving out expensive T-shirts for someone with a purple stripe
- i. Diversity Chair
 - i. Nothing to Report
- j. Webmaster
 - i. Nothing to Report
 - ii. Looking to update the homepage to grab attention

IV. Old Business

- a. Revised Standing Rules (Malin) [PASS 8-0-0]
 - i. They've been revised many many times and sent out about 8 times (or even more. In fact, my inbox begs to differ.)
- b. Resolution in Support of Prop B (Malin) [PASS 8-0-0]
 - i. Add Beth Kral, Assistant Dean of Student Affairs (facilitator (really hard of Truman's MOPIP)
 - ii. LET'S MAKE SOME MONIES!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
- c. Voter Registration Resolution (Malin) [PASS 8-0-0]
 - i. By voting yes, it is saying that you both support it and you want to help out, because cute Hannah will be so sad if you don't.

V. New Business

- a. Resolution in Support of the Parking Appeals Chair (Malin) [VOTED ON TONIGHT- PASS 5-4-0]
 - i. Lammert- The committee appealed an unprecedented amount of tickets and turned in the forms Friday morning. A few hours later they discovered she had checked the wrong box and tried to fix the mistake by asking for the forms back. She was told that was impossible and instead was asked to attend a meeting with the secretary on Tuesday about what her job was supposed to be. Lammert and Malin both worked many more hours on Friday that should have been necessary to change a checked box on the forms.
 - 1. DPS decided they would not ticket anyone before September 4 who did not place their decal on their car, no matter what color lot you parked in. If you did not place the decal on your car before that date, you

could park anywhere. If you did your work early and placed your decal on your car and then parked in the wrong spot, you did receive a ticket. The committee felt that this unfair, and therefore appealed the tickets.

- ii. Baharaeen- Went with Malin and Lammert to DPS to pick up the appeals forms after a lot of other visits with admins. When they went in, there were 4 DPS officers and 2 other staff members waiting for them, which was completely unnecessary for the simple act of handing over paperwork. The resolution is a necessary measure by the students to let DPS know that the students are not ok with how the relationship has been treated up until now (on both sides).
- iii. Nely- Since he wasn't involved, he would like to know more details of what happened Friday and why this resolution would be so necessary.
 - 1. At every step of the way, DPS did not treat Allison with respect.
 - 2. The group had to go through multiple chains of command in order to finally pick up the appeals, and eventually had to go to Dave Rector.
 - 3. When the group finally went to get the appeals, there were 4 officers who were simply there in what appeared to be an intimidation tactic on Allison. When the group returned 30 seconds later, every single officer had vanished, showing that they didn't actually need to be there.
- iv. Nely- We need to think about how this resolution will be perceived by everyone else. And it will not earn any friends over in DPS, but let's review the goal
 - 1. Maybe write a personal letter in order to better communicate with the individuals who were involved in the situation either instead of or alongside of the resolution.
- v. Malin- Students and officers have already created relationships—positive or negative—with each other. Currently want to reform that relationship on both sides. Our body will not be able to change what is going on now, and this resolution is to grab the attention of the whole administration that the students are no longer ok with sitting back and letting things continue as they are.
 - 1. DPS are not horrible people, and we want to work for a symbiotic relationship. The attitude from students to DPS and DPS to students is not one we want to continue.

- vi. Lanza- What will the resolution do? This resolution may just harm the relationship we want to repair.
 - 1. Malin- The point is to draw attention to what happened and call for change by the students. The administrators that are in a position to work for a big change need to know that what has been going on is no longer acceptable. It also shows that the body is not going to put up with the unacceptable treatment of any student by University departments.
- vii. Overfelt- She cannot support the resolution because if we want to ever reach a symbiotic positive relationship with DPS, this resolution will burn that bridge. There is an oversight committee that will be doing that job.
- viii. Foley- This resolution is encouraging a reformation of DPS. Is there any specific action that will be taken?
- ix. Baharaeen- His concerns before came from the provocative nature of the original draft. But now that it has been toned down, he thinks that students need to hear about it and have this concrete information. This resolution will also help let students know why the committee needs to exist. Friendly- adding under therefore be it resolved a bullet to encourage working together to fix the current problems.
- x. Schroeder- Her concern is that our job as senators is to have the students' backs, not necessarily other senators'. How will this affect the students? Will it make it harder for students to appeal tickets or work with DPS in the long run?
- xi. Polwort- It seems discussion is going back and forth from "let's have a symbiotic relationship" to discussing the negative attitude towards DPS. He believes that most students have encountered being treated badly by administrators because of our age. Obviously, this situation went beyond simple disrespect. But maybe this resolution isn't working towards fixing the problem. Maybe take Allison to Dr. Paino and let him know exactly what happened instead. We shouldn't be thinking about "well we already have bridges burned, so now it doesn't matter." We shouldn't bend over and take it, but this resolution isn't the way to fix the situation.
- xii. Van Genderen- Is there a way to amend the resolution that will allow us to say we want to work towards a new and better relationship?
- xiii. Smith- I responded but I didn't write down what I said. Basically I answered currently unanswered questions and pointed out that we are doing this in order to provide

students with hard and fast information, and to prevent any student from being treated like this ever again.

- xiv. Kohler- This resolution is one piece of the puzzle to help solve the situation. But it doesn't have to be a starting point. Passing it today will not necessarily work towards our end goal of changing the problematic relationship. There are other ways to keep the story moving along without passing a resolution tonight. We have the Index that will help publicize it.
- xv. Lammert- Not passing the resolution will act as simply a slap in the wrist and do nothing. Sometimes you have to take one step back in order to take 2 steps forward and reach your end goal. It is important to pass the resolution in order to show them that we are not backing down or letting unacceptable behavior go.
- xvi. Nely- He sees the biggest problem as the identity crisis with the resolution. What exactly are we trying to do with the resolution? The purpose isn't so much to have a legitimate effect on DPS, but more to communicate what happened. But if that is what we are going to do, then we need to be as specific as possible and this current resolution may not be how to do that. Take a recess and rewrite the resolution in order to pass it tonight.
 - 1. If Dave Rector got involved in one day, this situation will be evaluated by the administration. The image and message we send are important. He thinks the resolution is a good idea if we make the whole thing reflect the idea that something bad happened and we want to move on from there.
 - 2. The goal is to view long term results, not short term affects. Don't want to hand anyone an axe to grind, because they will take it.
 - 3. Lot's of what we do is wrist slapping, and it comes down to slapping the right wrists at the right time.
- xvii. Malin- If the body doesn't like it, let's amend it and pass it tonight. The reason we need to address it now is Dr. Paino is out of town, and not talking about if for a week would simply be seen as letting things go and allowing this behavior to continue. We can't allow DPS to see this as something else they can continue doing.
 - 1. Michael B approves of resolution, and he is the DPS oversight head, so if you think the committee should take charge of what's going on, he is trying to.
 - 2. As far as burning the bridge, we already burned it when Dave Rector became involved, and this resolution isn't going to affect that relationship.

3. The goal is to move forwards, for sure. We want to send a clear message that we are not going to back down or let things go and that this is something we want to move on from. If that means toning down the resolution, that's fine.
 4. Past history of simply slapping them on the wrist obviously isn't working. Dave Rector had to argue with the secretary, and he is her boss's boss's boss, so a simple slap on the wrist isn't going to do anything.
 5. Bringing this story to light could be a spark plug to reform. Trust his interaction with the administration that he knows how to act strategically to lead to the change we want.
- xviii. Baharaeen- Anecdotal evidence is always good, but not official. But a resolution that is official will be more helpful to the committee's purposes and interactions with the administration. It also supports the students. And Allison is a student, so supporting her is the right thing to do. It also brings the problems to light and shows that the situation is serious. It also allows students to see that "ok student senate does see that as a problem and they are working to have my back."
- xix. Nely- Agreed with Michael. But let's be very specific, including about the specifics of the minor error. Be more specific about what exactly DPS did and how they acted. And add a bullet point that says we don't think this is how all of DPS always acts, but rather that this behavior is not acceptable. Add that we encourage members of DPS to discuss what happened with us. This resolution is not a big bold spark plug, but rather something that will shed light on the situation. The reaction from DPS may not be anything but grabbing their attention and letting them know we are serious.
- xx. Hannah- Friendly amendments as to removing "strongly condemns"
- xxi. Erin- Friendly amendments so that we are addressing members of DPS, and not the department as a whole.
- xxii. Smith- this resolution has become something that is simply explaining what occurred on Friday and that we are not ok with it, and that what we are doing is standing up for the students and we are wanting to fix what went down, including the relationship with DPS. The resolution also emphasizes what specific members of the department did, not what the department acts like as a whole.

- xxiii. Malin- this resolution is just about perfect. It gets the point across without being too pointed.
- xxiv. Kohler- It is good that we are getting the message across without being reactionary. It is good that it will allow us to start a discussion.
- xxv. Bates- in 2009ish there was a safety chair from Senate (Molly Troop) that there was some safety committee that was supposed to be sent through DPS, but they just really dealt with emergency issues, but it didn't meet very often. It may be good for the oversight committee to look into that and see if it can be re-evaluated.
- xxvi. Nely- friendly amendment- a bullet point pointing out that we understand that the actions on Friday were not necessarily indicative of the interactions with DPS as a whole.
- xxvii. Polwort- the resolution looks a lot better. Disagree with the nature and necessity. Happier with it than 40 minutes ago.
- xxviii. Malin- this isn't unnecessarily strong. But it is more than simply allowing Dave Rector and Dr. Paino to continue dealing with the action as they have before. If Dave Rector had to argue with the secretary for 10 minutes, then obviously what has not been

VI. Discussion Items

VII. Announcements

- a. Friendly Amendments are for passing the resolution. If we spend an hour talking about a resolution, then you should not vote no.
- b. Cards won and in are the race for the wild card!
- c. Malin- glad that the body is able to have discussions such as this. no matter what your vote is, let's move forward and register lots of voters!