**STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

**GENERAL MEETING  
February 13, 2011**

1. **Preliminary Items**
   1. Roll Call
   2. Changes to the Agenda
      1. Replace first 2 orders of business with a new resolution because that is the real order of business when dealing with ethical violations (Robinson)
      2. Remove HIV Resolution because it has already been passed (Hague)
   3. Gallery Introductions
      1. Michael Baharaeen- interested in Senate and what it does
      2. Philip Zahnd- Reporter for Index
      3. Jackie Kinealy- Reporter for Index
      4. Colleen Pace- President of SAB
   4. Membership Appointments
   5. Oath of Office
2. **Executive Reports**
   1. President of the Student Association
      1. Psych department will be moving from the School of Science and Mathematics to the school of Social and Cultural Studies July 1
      2. Last Friday Paino held a meeting discussing budget updates
      3. No Ex Comm on Tuesday meeting Thursday at 6 in Violette 1400 Please attend if you can but it will not count against attendance
      4. ITS sent out a survey you should take it
      5. Golden Leadership Awards are live -- submit
      6. Time clock for office hours is on hold, university is looking into using the same system as FAC to save money
   2. VP of the Student Association
      1. Truman Seminar Program- Jay Self- wants feedback about what he has so far. There are still questions about funding as well as course objectives. Right now, students will be facilitators with Professors teaching
      2. Will be sending out retreat agendas this week
   3. Secretary
      1. Make sure you’re emailing the excuses address so I can mark you off
   4. Treasurer (No Report)
3. **Auxiliary Reports**
   1. Student Representative to the Board of Governors (Not Present)
   2. Faculty Advisor (Not Present)
   3. Staff Advisor (Not Present)
   4. Speaker of the Student Senate (No Report)
   5. Academic Affairs (No Report)
   6. Environmental Affairs
      1. Getting ready to launch a paper and printing campaign. If you’re interested, every faculty member will be contacted the week after spring break about duplex papers as well as margin size adjustments. They will need extra hands to help out with asking professors, so contact him!
   7. Student Affairs
      1. Working with AD/PR club and have a possible preliminary slogan
      2. Also working on ideas for branding/recruitment videos
   8. External Affairs
      1. Truman at the capital is TUESDAY- meet at 6 AM in the SUB Down Under
      2. Cancelling Thursday committee meeting
   9. Diversity Chair
      1. Working on Diversity Week: planning to have a gender-neutral housing discussion panel during this week. They need a senator, so you can volunteer. OR if you known any student that has a passionate view on the topic
      2. Good job on diversity events!
   10. Communications (Not Present)
   11. Webmaster (Not Present)
       1. No Report
   12. Technology Director (Not Present)
4. **Other Reports**
5. **Old Business**
6. **New Business**
7. Motion to Sanction Michael Dijak for Violating Student Government Ethical Code of Conduct (Hague) -- Passes 7-6-4
8. Ethics Justice received a complaint and put together a committee to review the issue. They came to the conclusion that Dijak did violate the ethical code of conduct and are asking for a public apology, reimbursement of the (potential) money he received, and for a member of Dijak’s committee to serve as a liaison between the Senate and News 36 to remove potential bias.
9. Also, if the motion to sanction passes, the old money motions dealing with this issue will be brought back to be voted on again.
10. Their conclusion stems from the fact that Dijak worked at News 36 with the job of finding new business, and has the potential to receive commission for the Senate job, and that he did not disclose either of these facts at the time the money motions were being discussed and voted on by the Senate.
11. Dijak-- spoke about his position within News 36, gave reasoning as to why he did not disclose information about his connection to News 36, and stated he would refuse any payment for the projects from News 36, and therefore stood to lose money from the endeavor. He also pointed out it was a committee decision as to who would create the campaigns, and that News 36 was not part of the motions.
12. Nolan-- Dijak is known as very ethical and responsible person. He has mentioned that he is associated with News 36 before that meeting and so the members of the Senate were familiar with his position. Also it’s Dijak’s job on the Senate to find a way to connect to the students, and he has just done his job.
13. Olmstead-- Full disclosure is important, and both opting in and out of the commission is always possible
14. Vedran-- Dijak’s actions were not out of malice and the small amount of money he would receive points to the fact that his intention was not to make money or benefit himself in any way.
15. Blankers—The original money motions do not mention any connection to News 36, it is just an idea floating around the committee at this point in time
16. Gyawali-- Dijak’s mistake was not in intention, just that he did not point out his affiliation as well as not sharing that he was opting out of payment the day the motions were being brought to Senate.
17. Salmon--Dijak is just using the money that has been budgeted and his committee is working with that budget together to create an ad campaign
18. Nely-- There is still a responsibility to do the right thing. Even if the intent was not malicious, there is the issue with the publicity of the problem, and that apologizing for the problem that occurred shows that Senate is working towards doing the right thing for the student body, so an apology is the appropriate action
19. Barger-- An apology wouldn’t reflect well on Senate’s reputation or Dijak’s
20. Blankers-- because there is no connection with News 36 and there is still research going into who will be the contractor, so there is nothing to apologize for because no rules have been broken yet
21. Nely—The purpose of apologizing is not to create embarrassment, the reputation of senate will probably be harmed no matter what, and the message from no action is that the Senate is following things word for word to try and find the loopholes.
22. A note that sanctioning refers to making an apology as well as reimbursement of the money, and that if the project wants to continue, Senate would revote on the money motions.
23. Cline-- There was a mistake, though unintentional, and there should be an apology for it
24. Barbosa-- If there is no action Senate will have a hit on its reputation for ignoring the issue at hand
25. Nolan-- Senate needs to show that it’s members are concerned with the issue, but because there is no rule broken since Dijak was not acting in his benefit but just doing what he was supposed to do, Senate would have a different light shed on it than would be favorable if there was an apology
26. Vedran-- Opposes the sanction based on the fact that it is occurring because Senate received an anonymous letter
27. Barbosa—The point of the issue isn’t that the letter was anonymous or the fact that there was not much money at stake, but that there was a mistake as far as non-disclosure goes
28. Ethics committee believes that there was a violation as far as non-disclosure and the fact that there was a potential for money to be passed to Dijak, and that because Dijak did not sharing either the affiliation or the commission on the day of the money motion that there was a violation. Also, the complaint was not some random complaint and was filed completely and correctly with research done into the matter before being submitted, plus there was research done by the ethics committee. One last thought is that if this motion passes, there will be a recommendation for the liaison to actively look for another outlet for creation of the advertisements.
29. Standards of voting according to student code of conduct is that you vote based on whether or not there is reasonable doubt over breaking the ethical code of conduct
30. Dijak responded to all the issues stated during the discussion and asks for all to oppose the motion
31. Reconsideration of Previous Money Motions (Hague)
32. Davis—The branding campaign will be associated with an ethical mistake and that this is a good point to rework financial issues
33. Robinson-- supports videos and thinks that until we get a new person in place to work between the two organizations.
34. Robinson moves to table the motion until there is a new person acting as a liaison in place-- Passed
35. Money Motion for Earth Week Movie [$305] (Nolan)--Passed
36. Time to purchase a video for (Earth Week) Tuesday evening for students camping out on the quad. The movie is called “Tapped” and is about the water issues around the world, and is more fun than just a documentary. Want to purchase a copy that can be used for both the quad viewing and then to be donated to the library.
37. Currently have $2000 budgeted for Earth Week
38. Having a one time use only video is $40 less
39. Alternate location is the gym in case it rains

**VI. Discussion Items**

1. Michael Dijak officially apologizes for what the Senate has found he has committed (In response to the motion to sanction)
2. Thanks everyone for cooperating in this issue of ethical issue (Hague)
3. Senate Branding Campaign: Dijak-- If the body is actually against the branding campaign, then that is ok. Just let him know because he thought it was what the body wanted to do.
   1. Cline says he supports the branding campaign
   2. Diana (from SAB) says that next week maybe there could be more facts on the campaign such as target of the campaign as well as more sources and issues on money
   3. Nolan said that the process of coming up with more issue is a very time consuming process
   4. Gyawali agrees with Nolan, says that the branding campaign was an issue that has already been dealt with
   5. Salmon says that Dijak’s committee has been very transparent about their actions
   6. Dijak says that he can’t get a contractor before understanding what they want out of the video, and that he had the money motion because he wants to make sure that whenever they know what they want to do, they can do the video