

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT
GENERAL MEETING
December 02, 2012**

I. Preliminary Items

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of minutes
- c. Changes to the Agenda
 - c.i. Add report for service board under other reports
- d. Gallery Introductions/Business
 - d.i. Paige- Index
 - d.ii. Taylor- Athletic Fee Committee
- e. Membership Appointments/Resignations
 - e.i. SAAC appointments (Malin)
 - e.ii. Ryan Nely, Paige Yungermann, Taylor
- f. Oath of Office

II. Auxiliary Reports

- a. Speaker of the Student Senate
 - a.i. Sunday the 13th at 6pm is our next meeting
- b. Student Representative to the Board of Governors
 - b.i. Meeting last Saturday
 - b.i.1. Donna Liss gave a
 - b.i.2. Passed a resolution pertaining to investments due to changes in the economy over the past couple years
 - b.i.3. approved a contract to improve Kirk memorial
 - b.i.4. Approved some equipment purchases
 - b.i.5. Amended Board of Governor's policy to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy
- c. Faculty Advisor
 - c.i. Faculty & Course evaluations- it goes to chair of departments first. if you don't do them, then how will faculty know how to improve?
 - c.i.1. These are anonymous until well after final grades have been signed off
 - c.ii. Tru-Scholars program is June 3-July 26. You can work with a faculty mentor and get up to \$3000 of stipends for the summer. application are at OSR.Truman.edu
- d. Staff Advisor
- e. Academic Affairs
 - e.i. Met with registrar and went over survey results.
 - e.i.1. She seemed extremely receptive and plans on meeting with administration to ensure that concerns have been reviewed
 - e.ii. Next semester will be Educator of the Year/ Extravaganza meeting planning
- f. External Affairs

f.i. Business Partnership Banquet: January 22—lunch banquet- MAKE SURE YOU PLAN ON GOING!

g. Environmental Affairs

g.i. Last meeting for Kohler. ☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️☹️

g.ii. Valerie will take up the position next semester

g.iii. Glass recycling- more volunteers than glass. Next semester, they will start working on getting it in the dorms. Plan on going dorm by dorm.

g.iv. Recycling bins. Got a lot of them, we should hand them out and paint them!

h. Student Affairs

h.i. Projects: library hours, wet tailgating

h.ii. Stephen- crosswalks along Patterson are extremely unsafe- don't know who is in charge of this or if we can affect it, but it's unsafe and we should bring it to someone's attention

h.iii. Nely- idea of a project to discuss after the meeting

i. Diversity Chair

i.i. Working on gender neutral housing next semester

i.ii. Working on poster series with Amnesty International

j. Grants and Sponsorships

j.i. Event happened yesterday- DPS put on karaoke fundraiser. Asked for reimbursements (\$200)

j.ii. Smith- do we allow reimbursements?

j.iii. Stephen- why do we need to reimburse them? did it flop?

j.iii.1. Gordon- the \$2 entry fee was for charity. the \$200 was for equipment

j.iv. Malin- they're not actually seeking reimbursement, they applied ahead of time

j.v. Erin- with grants, there should put senate as a sponsor

j.v.1. Gordon-only advertising was on facebook, which said that Senate was a sponsor

k. Purple Friday

k.i. Prizes are in! They're in the senate office (water bottles, pens, and keychain lanyards) will be handed out next semester/ next week

k.ii. Next semester- event will be February 15: Purple Friday bash

k.iii. On Tuesday, in the meeting they will hopefully approve banner designs to hang outside of events to use advertising money on

l. Comm Director

m. Webmaster

III. Executive Reports

a. Treasurer

a.i. If you are going to spend any money, let her know in advance

a.ii. Make sure you fill out FRF's!

b. Secretary

b.i. Resignation of Aaron Gershman, Ryan Kohler, and Katherine Scheidt (accepted)

b.ii. Working with other fee based organizations to create a brochure

- c. VP of the Student Association
 - c.i. We have been approving a lot of grants. We should start having more participation in the events we are funding
- d. President of the Student Association
 - d.i. Going to miss Katherine, Aaron and Ryan. ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹ ☹
 - d.ii. Participated in Dodge ball Friday night put on by Minority's Ambassador's program
 - d.ii.1. It's great to get involved with other organizations events
 - d.iii. Library hours: seem much more open to opening earlier on Sunday, but not staying open later (potentially funded by a student fee)
 - d.iv. Went from 250 Mbs to 500 Mbs, although demand is 2000 Mbs; while this sucks, they are also more than willing to work to be funded by a student fee
 - d.v. Hurricane Sandy relief effort outside of Senate office
 - d.vi. Joyce Brown (Dr. Paino's aide/secretary) is retiring at the end of the semester. We should send flowers or something!
 - d.vii. BOG met and voted on a project that the Student Government began a year ago, to add sexual orientation to the nondiscrimination policy
 - d.vii.1. There were some unfortunate comments made, but still excited that the BOG voted 6-1 to approve the change
 - d.vii.2. Unfortunate because they have a lot of authority and credibility
 - d.vii.3. BUT the Board still voted yes, and Michael Bushur displayed a great showing of courage by giving a point-by-point rebuttal of both dissenting speeches. He deserves the highest praise—no one has stood up like him in such a controversial situation to stand up to the Board of Governors and share his opinions
 - d.viii. Schroeder- are BOG meetings open?
 - d.viii.1. Yes, open to everyone, and because of sunshine, the minutes are available to everyone online
 - d.ix. Nely- Employee benefits?
 - d.ix.1. Yes, this is definitely a project we are looking at. Also looking at adding "gender identity."

IV. Other Reports

- a. Service Board [Approved both]
 - a.i. Giving them \$500 in funding for grants they were giving out
 - a.ii. Had 2 applications that they approved: Kappa Pi (in the past, there is a student that goes to Faith Lutheran in town to teach art as a volunteer) asked for over \$500 (Service board approved \$216.24 for supplies for the program)
 - a.ii.1. Schroeder- confused by giving money to pay for art classes for a school that charges tuition
 - a.ii.2. Stephen- problem with the fact that the ability art has to generate fundraising, why is there so many problems with

finding money that they have to ask for money from the service board; will not block the veto, but a little hesitant

- a.ii.3. Overfelt- the money comes from the service board to improve the community, and these art supplies will assist the students in the community
- a.ii.4. Gordon- this program also helps the students who use it for experience
- a.ii.5. Malin- students may not have the choice to attend the school, but tread carefully in the future
- a.ii.6. Schuchardt- if we aid public schools, then we need to also assist private schools. Families make sacrifices to send kids to private schools
- a.ii.7. Scheidt- knows someone who works there, and it's not necessarily the most nice place of elite students
- a.ii.8. Gott- really good idea. Kids should have access to art. The problem is with the management of the program, not necessarily the program itself. As an art fraternity, they have one of the easiest access to funds
- a.iii. American Chemical Society applied for \$300 to purchase chemicals and do publicity for presentations they are doing to teach people the importance of chemistry (or something like that...) Approved for \$283.76 (the money that was left)

V. Old Business

VI. New Business

- a. Business Banquet Money Resolution (Overfelt)[
 - a.i. \$1500 for food and invitations on January 22
 - a.ii. Nely- is the business partnership thing going to be run out of external affairs? YEP!
 - a.iii. What was budgeted, but probably will only be around \$1000
 - a.iv. Working with local businesses
 - a.v. Other students will not be invited, as it's a professional banquet for senators and businesses to sit
 - a.vi. Kohler- seems a little weird to not include students, since we're spending \$1500
 - a.vi.1. The purpose is to have an open dialogue, to begin a relationship with students, not to automatically connect students and the business owners
 - a.vi.2. Scheidt- understand why there are not students invited, but maybe look for other organizations who would be beneficially to the banquet
 - a.vii. Lanza-it would be much more expensive to include students
 - a.viii. Kohler- now understands that it's more of a lunch discussion, so it seems much more understandable
 - a.ix. Malin- maybe we change the title to better explain the purpose, and image often precedes truth.

- b.** Money motion for no more than \$50 on Flowers, a card, and maybe a balloon for Dr. Paino's secretary (Malin)
 - b.i. She's great!
 - b.ii. Will also get a card and sign it. If you would like to sign it, it'll be in the senate office!

VII. Announcements

- a.** Malin- will not be seeking re-election in the spring. if you're interested in the role, feel free to ask him!
- b.** Shaw- on Friday, December 7 at 6pm, MAA will hold a poker tournament in Violette hall commons
- c.** Shaw- Friday December 7 at 2:30 in OP- demo of electronic instruments- jam sessions!
- d.** Polwort- Franklin street Christmas concert this Saturday at 4pm (NOT 7PM OR 8PM!) in Baldwin
- e.** Polwort- fog is zombie-apocalyptic
- f.** Nely- fog is the reason he was late, he was afraid there was zombies chasing him
- g.** Schroder- according to the university calendar, the franklin street concert is at 4pm!