

## **STUDENT GOVERNMENT**

### **GENERAL MEETING**

**December 9, 2018**

**Called to order 2:05 p.m.**

#### **Preliminary Items**

- a.** Roll Call
- b.** Approval of Minutes
- c.** Gallery Introductions/Business
- d.** Membership Appointment/Resignation/Removals
  - i. Resignation of Kaylee Jacobson as Voting Senator (Jacobson)
  - ii. Resignation of Austin Derbak as Appropriations Committee Chair and Voting Senator (Derbak)
  - iii. Resignation of Caroline Deck as Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair and Associate Senator (Deck)
  - iv. Resignation of Kai Brewer as Voting Senator (Brewer)
  - v. Removal of Adam Moran as Associate Senator (Shimmens)
  - vi. Resignation of Maura Shimmens as Secretary (Shimmens)
  - vii. Appointment of Sam Tillman to Secretary (Leppanen)
    1. Approved
  - viii. Appointment of Joon Bang to Appropriations Committee Chair (Leppanen)
    1. Approved
  - ix. Appointment of Women's Leadership Conference Ad Hoc Committee Slate: Maddie Sarasio Meyer and Tiffany Middlemas (Leppanen)
    1. Approved
- e.** Oath of Office
- f.** Changes to the Agenda
  - i. 5 minute recess

#### **Auxiliary Reports**

- a.** Speaker of the Student Senate
  - i. It's the end of the semester. You have done a fabulous job. Sorry this meeting has been weird. I love each and every one of you. Have an awesome break.
- b.** Student Representative to the Board of Governors
  - i. No report
- c.** Faculty Advisor
- d.** Staff Advisor
- e.** Academic Affairs Chair
  - i. I'm excited for next semester's projects!
  - ii. Questions:
    1. How excited for Educator of the Year are you?
      - a. A: Very!
- f.** Parking Ad Hoc Committee Chair
- g.** External Affairs Chair
  - i. No report
- h.** Environmental Affairs Chair
  - i. No report
- i.** Student Affairs Chair
  - i. Finals Scream tonight from 9-11!
- j.** Diversity Chair
  - i. If you have any ideas for Diversity projects, feel free to let me know!
  - ii. Please bring 10 interesting, medium-sized, oval-shaped rocks back with you from break (don't ask why).
  - iii. There will be a resolution coming after break.
  - iv. In the words of the immortal Beastie Boys: Fight. For your right. To paaaarty.
- k.** Appropriations Committee Chair

- i. No report
- l. Athletic Fee Accountability Chair**
  - i. Application window closes Friday, December 14.
  - ii. Some big proposals came in (all the proposals add up 800% of our budget right now) so we will be working hard on those come January.
  - iii. We are working with the club sports reps to go over how those organizations can apply.
- m. Environmental Sustainability Fee Accountability Chair**
  - i. Application window closes this Friday, December 14, and several proposals are in!
- n. Health, Wellness and Safety Chair**
  - i. We are proposing a Faculty Mental Health award (named TEDDY), more details to come.
- o. Sexual Assault Prevention Designee**
  - i. I will be meeting with Dr. Millot on Monday, we are talking about what to work on, possibly inviting an alumna to speak about sexual assault prevention.
- p. SAB Representative**
- q. FAC Representative**
- r. Public Relations Directors**
  - i. Later this week, we will be drafting an email for the President's Roundtable.
- s. Legislative Director**
- t. Parking Appeals Committee Chair**
- u. Purple Friday Subcommittee Chair**
  - i. Thanks for everyone who helped with S'mores, it was great! Extras of marshmallows are in the office, take what you want.
  - ii. We're doing a giveaway of Truman gear the Friday we come back (January 19).
  - iii. Rachel and I had a conversation with another student on Friday, it was productive, and he may come to a meeting in the future to share his ideas about issues we have previously discussed (mental health, etc.). He also expressed his discontent with Truman, and mentioned that he no longer recommends Truman to people who ask about it. Some specific concerns he had were a lack of communication between administration and the student body, a lack of attendance by administration at public events (specifically Sue Thomas), and a general sense of not being in the know about what is going on behind the scenes.
  - iv. All things considered, we could think about how to improve transparency on University policies, perhaps we should publicize what legislation we are working on and have passed.
  - v. Questions:
    - 1. Slama - POC: we do send everything out to TMN and others, did you make him aware of that?
      - a. A: We tried to be diplomatic and just listen, while reinforcing the positive things that have been going on.

## **Executive Reports**

- a. Treasurer**
  - i. Good luck on finals, please take care of yourselves!
  - ii. As always, let me know if you spend money.
- b. Secretary**
  - i. No report
- c. President and Vice President of the Student Association**
  - i. Heidi finally got back to me on the StuGov student survey! Hurdles remain, however, because she is not the actually person we need to contact. We're trying!
  - ii. A CSI survey was sent out a little while ago about fee-based groups, we got to see how much students know and how they feel about student fees. There were many comments about StuGov, a lot of them mentioned that they want to see exactly what we are doing - *please* talk to your friends and peers about StuGov, share/comment/like our posts on social media, we all can do better with that.
  - iii. Grad cords were ordered! We will talk next semester about ordering them *in perpetuity*.

- iv. We have several voting senator positions open (sad, yes) - BUT, we are planning to appoint people to fill those positions, please talk to anyone you think may have interest.
- v. T-shirts are in, they are comfy and awesome, go get them!
- vi. Student body email will most likely go out on Reading Day, Friday at the latest, and it will be more of a semester recap.
- vii. Presidential Roundtable is coming up quickly, we're working with PR on a formal invitation. Get people excited!
- viii. On the subject of attendance, office hours still count! (Try to remember to log out.) We will try to be more clear on that next semester.
- ix. Alcohol in dorms - there is no formal policy yet. The Board of Governors is divided, and even though this would be an administrative decision, what the board says goes. As of now they are still in discussions on this subject. President Thomas will continue to consult with us, expect more on this going forward. Reach out to us and Tiffany for any questions (though we don't necessarily have concrete answers right now).
- x. No StuGov dinner this week
- xi. Don't think too much about StuGov over break, if for some reason you do, talk to us, we are always glad to listen.
- xii. Questions:
  - 1. Will there be something in the student body email about open Senate seats?
    - a. A: Yes.
  - 2. When is the Presidential Roundtable?
    - a. A: January 23.

### **Old Business**

- a. Second Read: A Resolution for the Direction in which the Student Government will Advocate for Sexual Assault Prevention (Costello)
  - i. Only changes from last week are those that were recommended
  - ii. Discussion:
    - 1. You did check with Laura about using the most updated policies?
      - a. A: Yes. I checked with Dr. Millot about whether it was in line with University policies, she said yes.
  - iii. Passed by unanimous consent
- b. Second Read: A Resolution in Support of Delaying the Implementation of the Dialogues Curriculum until the Fall of 2020 (Alexander)
  - i. Deanna and I have been working on this, and we made a couple of big changes. First, added a few bullet points about the S&S Seminar, we realized that was lacking in the original resolution. We liked the more "passive" phrasing of the Whereas section, we did not change the title, we felt it was direct and to the point.
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Kolok: in the Whereas, where we were dissenting with the decision not to delay, do you think that is clear enough?
      - a. Yes.
    - 2. Leppanen - we talked a lot about the title, could you explain?
      - a. A: we felt this was better to be clear about what we wanted
      - b. Schmidt: you have to have a title that is clearly stating the
    - 3. Middlemas: what did Faculty Senate pass in November?

- a. Schmidt - The Self & Society Seminar. The framework for the curriculum changes have been already passed, the details are still in discussion.
- iii. Discussion:
  - 1. Slama - I know that we as a body feel strongly about delaying, but I personally think using “may” in “may need to delay the Dialogues” is not strong enough of a statement. We already have trouble getting faculty to listen to us, and I don’t know if this wording will be convincing enough. Saying more explicitly that it needs to be delayed would be the more honest statement.
  - 2. Kolok - I have been on the STEM Dialogues committee, and we have passed some items for it, so it is moving forward.
  - 3. DeWitt - I am also on the STEM committee, but I will say there is also a fair amount of dysfunction. I also think that because we say at the outset that we “respectfully voice our concern,” about the implementation of the Dialogues next year, following that with “needs to be delayed” instead of “may need to be delayed” would be better.
  - 4. Schmidt - I brought up our concerns from last week at the Symposium Committee meeting. Their first response about our resolution was about the lack of mention of the Self & Society Seminar (Which we are not in full support of anyway). A side note: Faculty Senate passed full implementation of the Self & Society Seminar in Fall 2019. Faculty Senate also said they were being “nice” by having a pilot program instead of going straight to full implementation. They had concerns and questions of the implications of another year of having a pilot program.
    - a. Schmidt - one more thing, UGC spent almost the entirety of its meeting on *one* resolution, which brings another concern about the implementation process: how slow they have been moving on everything. The immediate consequences are that a Health & Wellness requirement (for the Dialogues) that is somewhat time-sensitive was pushed off until January.
  - 5. Wissler - I am definitely concerned with how slow UGC and Faculty Senate move, will they have two meetings every month next semester? I agree with keeping “may” in due to the uncertainty of everything.
  - 6. Paris - I think “may” is too passive.
  - 7. Slama - I would like to offer a friendly about adding something about UGC having to delay the Health & Wellness requirement
    - a. Alexander - I think if you phrase it well, it may be possible.
  - 8. Meyer - I understand we are trying to be respectful and not make the faculty mad, but we need to be clear with what we want.
  - 9. Leppanen - I see the big picture of this resolution being that we think faculty governance are not capable of delivering the best and most finished product on time; we think they can do it well and after additional time, or on time and not well.
  - 10. Motion for a hostile amendment to remove “may” from “may need to be delayed.”
    - a. Passed 6-3-4
  - 11. Slama - Friendly to add something about about the Health & Wellness Dialogue - I think it makes sense to add a bullet point under the “Complex Components”
    - a. Alexander - I’m not sure it would be entirely relevant unless we adopt this.

- b. Slama - I think the whole thing is time-sensitive, I see this process, as it currently stands, being analogous to cramming the Monday morning of finals week.
      - c. Alexander - I accept the Health & Wellness bullet.
    - iv. Passed 9-1-2
  - c. Second Read: A Resolution in Support of Sodexo and the Formation of a Culinary Committee (Kolok)
    - i. Motion to table the resolution

### **New Business**

- a. Money Motion for Presidential Roundtable (Leppanen)
  - i. Motion for no more than \$400 to be spent by the end of next semester.
  - ii. This will be spent mainly on food.
  - iii. Questions:
    - 1. Slama - when will the invites be sent out? A: As soon as the PR Directors are done with them.
  - iv. Passed by unanimous consent
  
- b. Discussion Item: The Freshman Guide (Alexander)
  - i. Thank you all for your hard work on this! Deanna and I have discussed reaching out to Jack Holcomb for his opinion on what we may need to do going forward on this.
  - ii. Questions:
    - 1. Wissler - I noticed that a lot of it is text-heavy, which I don't think is that user-friendly. Is that something worth looking at?
      - a. A: We will looking at condensing/editing some of that
    - 2. Slama - What is the timeline for final approval? Could we have this approved by the transition meeting next semester? And perhaps could we have this as a discussion item every 2-3 weeks?
      - a. A: We could possibly have it approved by the transition meeting, I am not so keen on having it as a recurring discussion item.
    - 3. Holt - could we have links to jump to each page in the table of contents?
      - a. A: I will look into that.

**Adjourned 4:07 p.m.**

### **Links**

[Sexual Assault Prevention Legislation](#)

[Resolution to Delay the Dialogues](#)

[Sodexo Resolution](#)

[Freshman Guide](#)