



## **Student Government**

### Senate Agenda

September 22, 2015

- I. Present: Zach, Laura, Halle, Valentin, Reena, Danielle, Peter, Deeksha, Ben, Corey, Launa, Sarah
- II. Revisiting Senate's Goals:
  - A. "Motivated" Senate culture -- our expectations?
    - a) Ben: being really involved, active, coming to meetings
    - b) Laura: working on proposals
    - c) Ben: not see this hour as the only time for Senate, but putting work outside the meetings
    - d) Valentin: How was Senate culture last year--how was it different?
    - e) Ben: last year the culture of Senate was not great--we didn't get as much done as we could have
    - f) Zach: And I think that the perception is that Senate wasn't active last year, so we want to change that
    - g) Valentin: Can anyone write proposals?
    - h) Ben: Yes
    - i) Launa: marketing and getting the word out about the changes you are working on. Are there ways to promote visibility that's not connected to proposals?
  2. Facebook page
    - a) Ben: Using the facebook page to communicate with one another to discuss things before we meet
    - b) Valentin: idea for a proposal--close off one of the small connectors for a quiet space available for people (on the wings)
    - c) Halle: weren't there tables two years ago?

- d) Ben: We put tables against the wall to make it better for studying two years ago
- e) Halle: also, we could limit how loud the sound could go on the tv, or put a sign on the tv asking people to make the sound quieter

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#### B. Visibility and trust

##### 1. Club day senate table (email list?)

- a) Reena: communicator announcements and posters?
- b) Halle: food--hosting times when people gather and do something fun--that would also help promote who is on student senate
- c) Deeksha: making posters about Club Day because lots of people didn't know about it--making it more visible physically
- d) Danielle: Could we change the location of club day so that it's more visible, like Schrock Plaza?
- e) Reena: Have you shown people what you've done, what proposals you've passed?
- f) Ben: there are sometimes articles in the Record. However, this year Senate will not get to post updates in the Record. They did say once in a while we could invite reporters to come. We could still do perspectives pieces.
- g) Launa: Could you have a reporter come to the public forums? Are you giving updates on the initiatives there?
- h) Deeksha: Are we going to have the next one next week?
- i) Peter: Could we get 2 minutes at the end of a few convocations to promote who we are and ask for ideas?
- j) Ben: Who do we get in contact with?
- k) Zach: Bev
- l) Ben: getting a student on the convo committee would help. Earning more trust? Promoting what student senate does?
- m) Zach: It's more about publicizing what we're doing--like we could promote that we got convo credit for the coffee hour and are supporting that?
- n) Launa: You could do something at kick-off
- o) Zach: we could sponsor something fun, like a prize
- p) Halle: underneath the seats we could put numbers and then the numbers are called they win something
- q) Peter: we could stand up and announce what we are doing

and make a big to-do and give a prize

- r) Laura: getting a group picture at kick-off by res-life
- s) Launa: you can all come for a bon-fire in my backyard
- t) Sarah: play into theme of the Hunger Games--like that you are from district 3
- u) Peter: we could promote numbers, like that Senate sponsored \_\_\_\_ # of convo credits
- v) Halle: we could say the number of clubs we funded this year
- w) Ben: Meet at 9:40 for a group picture at Kick-Off
- x) Zach: someone put the seat number before hand.
- y) Halle: prize local to Goshen?
- z) Launa: fleece blankets?
- aa) Peter: put four tokens under people's chairs and they all have to go to Venturi's together.
- bb) Zach: do a couple of different prizes
- cc) Halle: they should come up and get it
- dd) Peter: have the senate members stand up so people know who is in Senate and then have the winners come up.
- ee) Reena: not put the merch under the seats--have them come up to us to get the prize
- ff) Deeksha: or a scratch off?
- gg) Ben: that sounds complicated
- hh) Halle: as simple as possible: put a piece of paper underneath the chairs, then call them on stage so then they're forced to see each other (winners of venturi's card)
- ii) Launa: and maybe they should go out with senate people?
- jj) Peter: that feels less like a prize
- kk) Zach: small prizes announced first (call out seat numbers), then call four seats and they'll get the venturi's
- ll) Ben: Who from Senate is going up?
- mm) Halle: **will talk to admissions about the shirts**
- nn) Launa: blanket is \$30
- oo) Zach: try to get the shirts--three mediums, 1 large, 1 small
- pp) Zach: \$60- \$70 for Venturi's --will get the giftcard
- qq) **Peter, Reena, Zach will go up the night of**
- rr) **Reena will contact stage manager about bringing up house lights**
- ss) **Peter will coordinate with CAC**

2. Zach: do a communicator announcement of what Senate talked

about, and what if we threw in a prize and question--the first people to find this answer gets a prize

3. Valentin: tell people there will be a surprise in kick-off

III. Announcements/Organization:

A. Senate to present at Club Day Sept. 26 at 10 AM

1. Halle: was asked by Hannah Sauder to present to the prospective students about the club--**will ask Hannah to confirm** Halle

IV. Continuing Business and Quick Updates:

A. Student on PC proposal

1. Launa: Update on the proposal--when the cabinet met with Ken Newbold, they worked on how to communicate better between senate and PC. While that was in process, cabinet and I talked about different ways of working with that. Ken would really like to provide more of a formal written response to the proposal, but for now I will give more of an informal proposal.

2. Ben: Could we get a written response from PC?

3. Deeksha: Were you suggesting that you'd give us both informal and formal response?

4. Danielle: I agree

5. Launa: PC decided to have the cabinet meet with PC 3 times for breakfast in the fall and 2 times in the spring. Some VPs said they would like to attend Senate meetings. Have some conversations about how things function and to explain what PC members do.

6. Ben: Are those times separate meetings with students or is it a PC meeting that students will attend?

7. Launa: We could figure out how we want to use that time more specifically later.

8. Peter: It feels like part of the purpose of having a student on PC was to increase transparency, and they are avoiding that

9. Ben: But this is still a step forward. I think it would be helpful to have senate members be able to defend proposals.

10. Valentin: I would like to have a better understanding of what PC does

11. Launa: Basically it is comprised of VPs and a few others to support the President's goal in representing the college

12. Launa: I asked Corey to be here tonight to talk about our roles. In my role as Dean of Students, I serve as an advisor to student senate and Corey has lots of experience working with other student clubs--doing workshops on programming, collaborations, leaving a

legacy, conflict management within a club, goal-setting. I wanted to highlight that resource that is here for us. What kind of board development do you want to do to help you accomplish your goals.

**13. Put agenda for board development for next week.**

14. Corey: I have a lot of experience with student organizations and working with problems within organizations.

15. Launa: And thinking about how we can use this resource to support other clubs.

**B. Club Funding wrap up**

1. Deeksha: Disability club got their funding and ISC doesn't want the club funding because they have enough

**C. Initiatives needing work:**

1. AVI Feedback Team [**Halle**]

a) Zach: feedback team gathers what students are saying from suggestions to change the Rott

b) Halle: put in announcements

c) Ben: or a google doc

d) Halle: and have an actual group of students meet with Jeremy

e) Two problems: Fusion and hours

2. Students on Ken/Gilberto/etc. intercultural team

a) Zach: They meet about once a month and it's focused on work around intercultural dialogues.

**b) Valentin will do it**

**c) Ben will forward email from Ken**

3. Senate-specific discussion boards and suggestion boxes

a) Ben: needs a proposal and to meet with space planning

b) Deeksha: there are two boards in phys plant we could use and we would have to ask for the small board near java, or there's one near the game room

**c) Zach will do it**

4. Goshen.edu Senate webpage (picture, updates, links) [**Achieng**]

**a) go to Shirley to learn how to edit**

5. Computers in apartments

a) proposal to space planning

b) 3 or 4 computers next to the printer

**c) Reena will do it and Peter can help**

6. Convocation committee

a) Ben: role would be to attend meetings and be a student

voice there

b) Reena: Do you know how many meetings there are and what the time commitment is?

c) **Deeksha will do it (contact Bev)**

**7. Halle will work on updating the Facebook page**

V. New Business:

A. Update from Adult Classes

1. Zach: Adult classes said 5 pm is a better time to meet, childcare and family friendly events would be good, email and communicator announcements would be helpful, specific time to collaborate as a group (study time)

B. Child Care at kick-off?

1. Peter: Think about for next kick-off

2. Zach: talking about childcare with CAC, making things better for adult students--**brainstorm about issues, talk with a CAC member about it next week**

C. Gender statement [Peter] **Next week**

D. Alcohol policy [Peter] **Next week**

E. Senate photo to Sadie G.Z.

VI. Open Floor:

A. Fund (?) men wearing skirts **next week**

B. Deeksha: my reusable bag proposal from admissions?

1. Affirmed by Consensus

**2. Halle will take it to Admissions**

VII. Meeting Adjourned:10:07