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

3. 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.
e) 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)
i) Launa: and maybe they should go out with senate people?
j) 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?
m) 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