Student Government
Senate Agenda
September 29, 2015

I.   Present: Ben, Halle, Peter, Laura, Kevin, Achieng, Zach, Valentin, Reena, Danielle, Deeksha

II. CAC Brainstorm Session
   A. Ben: What are you thinking?
   B. Kevin: I'm here on behalf of Corey--she said to write down what we said
   C. Zach: We met with adult classes and a lot of them voiced that they'd like to attend more family-friendly events on campus, so the idea of childcare got raised, at events like kick-off, or changing times of events, and more marketing of events to adult students.
   D. Ben: And it's good to have an event every now and then that isn't at 10 pm so that commuter students and adult students can attend.
   E. Kevin: The problem with childcare, is who will care for the children?
   F. Zach: It's still worth asking
   G. Laura: And the child care providers wouldn't necessarily need to be students--they could be outside providers
   H. Kevin: A lot of students on CAC can't set up events for 5 pm because we're in sports and activities
   I. Zach: I think the big thing is having babysitting and making events family friendly. Like it could be Night at the RFC
   J. Kevin: The problem is that that is when the RFC closes to community members
   K. Ben: Well, that's just an example of something that could be changed--it doesn't need to be all CAC events, just a few
   L. Zach: And make it friendly for profs with kids
   M. Kevin: I'll talk to CAC about it.

N. Peter: Especially marketing events as family-friendly and inclusive to all students

III. Announcements/Organization:
   A. Proposals on FB before meetings
      1. Ben: If we could all post proposals on facebook and read them before the meeting, it would be more efficient.

IV. Continuing Business and Quick Updates:
   A. Agenda for Board Development
      1. Ben: Corey came and talked to us last time, so what do you think?
      2. Peter: Okay, let's schedule a time for board development.
      3. Deeksha: And we are also meeting with Gilberto in a week which is similar.
      4. Ben: **Wednesday, October 7th at 1pm in CIIE office**
      5. Deeksha: Having both Corey's and Gilberto's doesn't seem that helpful.
      6. Zach: So let's maybe meet with Corey once a semester.
      7. Agreement
      8. Halle: After fall break?
      9. Zach: Let's ask her what times are good for her
      10. Halle: What will we be learning?
      11. Ben: **Will ask her if she has dates available after fall break**
   B. Reusable bag proposal [Halle]
      1. **Halle will do it tomorrow**
   C. Update on diversity initiatives
      1. Ben: Senate will continue on with proposal to put a student on the search committee.
      2. Deeksha: Funding coffee hour this friday with extra food--tamales and hot chocolate--to talk about diversity with each other, write down student opinions about what needs to change, and then that information would be distributed to the clubs.
      3. Achieng: Kickoff seemed to go well.
      4. Zach: Come back to talking about the "diversity" proposals later this meeting.
      5. Zach: Idea is for Senate to go on autonomously with proposals while still communicating with other groups.
      6. Deeksha: I think what they said at yesterday's meeting is to back up other groups proposals.
      7. Ben: How much should we give to coffee club for this event?
      8. Achieng: 6 tamales for $5

9. Zach: if 100 people came, it would be about $100
10. Achieng: Are we giving this to coffee club or SRC? SRC right?
11. Zach: So we could give $100 to SRC for it
12. Approved by Consensus
13. Zach: I'll tell them to fill out a special request form.
14. Peter: So the impression I'm under is that we are going ahead with Senate moving forward with these proposals
15. Zach: We should turn in the search committee proposal now.
16. Ben: Let's separate it so that they know it needs to be done quickly
17. **Laura and Zach will finish proposal**
18. Achieng: And keep telling people to write Record articles about their experiences with diversity
19. Deeksha: SRC has a lot now, but the Record told us they'd only publish them every other week, which came across as racist
20. Agreement that that's problematic and ridiculous.

D. Bulletin Board/Boxes [Zach]
1. Zach: Where should the bulletin boards be? Not sure where I should tell them the bulletin boards would be. I think the fraker would be good.
2. Ben: A lock and key because last time students broke into the box
3. Zach: So I will also include that in the proposal.
4. **Zach will put that up on facebook and will take pictures/scout out places for the boards**

E. Coed Apartments [Ben]
1. Ben: Wrote the proposal and will put it on facebook, so please read it. It includes pieces from the co-ed dorm proposal.
2. Achieng: The data that you're using--is that updated?
3. Ben: Poll was from two years ago. For me, I think that the apartments are less controversial, so I don't think that's the main support for the case.
4. Achieng: Today Neal said that he supported coed apartments--are we including Reslife in this conversation?
5. Ben: Yeah, last year Neal, Katie, and Chad said they didn't support coed floors, but Neal and Katie said they were more supportive of coed apartments and Chad said no.
6. Ben: This is why we wanted a student on PC because we didn't get to present this to PC ourselves.
7. Deeksha: Could we write a proposal so that 1st and 2nd years wouldn't have to live in the dorms?

8. Zach: Not financially feasible
9. Deeksha: But there are not welcoming floors for non-binary students.
10. Achieng: I know someone who would push really hard on this, and I want to do this for the dorms too.
11. Ben: Keep dorm and apartment proposals separate

F. (Any other proposal updates?)
1. Reena: We have a list of proposal ideas that we have--**will put it on the google drive or facebook**
2. Halle: A proposal to compensate table grace hosts for extra food expense.
3. Ben: We could write a proposal for that, but that should be a campus ministries funded thing.
4. **Halle: will write proposal/talk to Bob Yoder**

V. New Business:
A. Promoting voting w/ Launa's announcement
1. Launa wants Senate to help us promote a person who is coming to campus to get people to vote
   a) **agreement to post it on facebook**
B. Gender statement [Peter]
1. Peter will post this on facebook--it's a formal request for PC to define gender. We gave it to them last year and Jimmy B said it wouldn't be good for the school to define it, so we want to avoid that this year by asking for a written statement by a certain amount of time and then tell them that we'll share their answer publicly.
C. Alcohol policy [Peter]
1. Peter will post it on facebook--says that the student body should have a say in the alcohol policy (not necessarily that the alcohol policy should change, just that students should have input)
D. Recycling proposal brainstorm
1. Valentin: We were thinking of writing proposals for those, though we could brainstorm more.
2. Zach: There would be some good people to talk to who were in Roots of the Environmental Crisis.
3. Reena: Yeah, apparently we are getting outside recycling bins.
4. Zach: Glenn and Ryan are in charge of recycling.
5. Deeksha: There was a project to convert Rott oil into fuel, but there haven't been enough volunteers.
6. Zach: Can also look into this

E. Quiet 4th floor connector brainstorm
   1. Reena: There are so many first years who can be loud in the connectors.
   2. Valentin: Because freshman tend to not have as much homework, it's harder for sophomores to study.
   3. Peter: Put a quiet study place in the prayer room.
   4. Zach: But that's not in the dorms. What about putting a sliding door or window to close off some of the side connectors.
   5. Ben: Whenever you write the proposals, put them on facebook
   6. Valentin: Putting out a survey to see what students think?
   7. Ben: A gray area--the administration says it's better to only do them once in awhile or else students wouldn't want to keep answering them.
   8. Zach: Crowdsource--advertise that whoever has the best idea for a solution gets a prize.
   9. Peter: Shirley has to send out emails for us.
   10. Deeksha: Can we reply from senate?
F. Men wear skirts [Peter]
   1. Peter: Would student senate support this?
   2. Achieng: What's your objective?
   3. Peter: Encourage gender fluidity by having men wear skirts for a week.
   4. Laura: Have an event to discuss issues of gender rigidity.
   5. Ben: Senate's focus is backing the reason you are having this event, not the event in itself.

VI. Open Floor:
A. Initiative to lower electricity/water use and cost in small group housing [Laura]
   1. Peter Wise and I are working on it.
B. Figure out Record **Next Week**
C. Danielle: For away games, we don't get enough food from AVI on away games for the teams. We only get the amount of food for the people living in the dorms with meal plans.
   1. Ben: That's a great proposal idea--you'll probably have to go through the administration, not the Rott.
   2. Zach: Michael Walker might be interested in writing something with you.
D. Valentin: Is there an outline for proposals?
E. Zach: I model them after the proposals already written in the drive.

F. Laura: Proposals usually include a short summary, justification, cost, and timeline.

Meeting Adjourned: 9:50