



## **Student Government**

### Senate Agenda

October 28, 2014

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
  - a. David, Launa, Brian, Jill, Cecilia, Erin, Alma, Hannah, Jenae, Crystopher, Jieun, Karsten
3. Approval of Minutes
  - a. 10/21/2014- Approved
4. Old Business
  - a. Co-ed floor proposal
    - i. Brian: Justifications for the proposal, responses to objectifications
    - ii. Karsten: lots of discussions last year, proposal was not accepted, continue the conversation for the future, possible proposal for the apartments, "didn't work out this year, we will try to pick it up next year", Student Senate did a great job evaluating pros and cons of the proposal
    - iii. Cecilia: email from Ben Shelly, not much work left to be done, voted and approved by the Student Senate
    - iv. David: should be on-board as a Senate, stick with the written proposal or create a new proposal with slight modification, address concerns and issues, what is the best way we can do?
    - v. Crystopher: new conversation with Launa
    - vi. Cecilia: interested in hearing from other representatives
    - vii. Erin: we should move forward with it, it would impact the broader campus, open-minded
    - viii. Alma: people are not up to idea, stand in the middle, but leaning towards saying "no", both pros and cons exist

- ix. Jieun: need strong support from the student body to move forward with it
- x. Alma: student body has to be informed about both sides
- xi. David: already did 2-3 polls last year, more surveys sent out will result in less responses, what if we get similar results, have to wait until next semester to compile all the responses and results
- xii. Jill: more in favor after hearing more support, haven't gotten an idea of what students want on campus, people are indecisive
- xiii. Jenae: don't think it's a bad idea, it shouldn't be the biggest thing we do this year
- xiv. Brian: relevant, aligns with other issues, might not be the most effective way to deal with gender issues, we could work on other things that could impact gender related issues
- xv. Erin: co-ed floor would be long-term
- xvi. Jenae: series of shorter term solutions to solve gender issues
- xvii. David: how this initiative would be perceived by student body in a long-term, students will be talking about it in relation to student senate if problems rise, major initiative that would impact student body good or bad
- xviii. Hannah: approach this as a one-year, get feedbacks, and then write a proposal for second year, can't anticipate everything, adds flexibility
- xix. Brian: broader issue is gender relations, longer term plan/proposal to work on gender issues
- xx. Launa: ideas for part of initiatives/conversations, hub for different clubs interested in those ideas
- xxi. Jenae: Reasons would be more clear
- xxii. David: look out for both long-term and short-term work, framework for larger issue provided by Student Senate
- xxiii. Cecilia: Admissions can use it
- xxiv. Launa: Starting out, make floor just for sophomores
- xxv. Cecilia: having freshmen and sophomores on the same floor is important for community & res life, should not change other variables in the trial
- xxvi. Launa: could implement fall of next year if do sophomore floor
- xxvii. Jenae: intermediate step
- xxviii. Erin: other issues, increase number of ratio of freshmen to sophomore, sophomores room with friends, entire sophomore floor would cause other issues

- xxix. Brian: keep sophomore pilot floor as small as possible can be helpful, need to be aware of how it affects other floors
- xxx. Erin: where people are on this proposal
- xxxi. Brian: Senate will work on a multi-year plan on gender issues, make it part of broader plan
- xxxii. Cecilia: modification to the current proposal, come to meeting next week to ideas to add, after convo next week
- xxxiii. Vote to overturn the Student Senate initiative as it is from last year: Approved, Vote Count: 7-2
- xxxiv. Vote to have a plan to address gender issues on campus in general: Approved, Vote Count: unanimous

b. Crime Report Concerns

- i. SMRT- email to SMRT, SMRT had a meeting, they asked if Senate can outline specific questions SMRT can address
  - 1. Cecilia: Article in the Record, outlines the information legally required, why is college constrained
  - 2. Erin: Why is legally required not represented what students are hearing
  - 3. Cecilia: not addressing the law, it's about what the school tells students
  - 4. Can SMRT explain what the crime statistics report means, why the numbers are reported the way they are, can SMRT give us information going beyond what is legally required?
  - 5. Launa: additional meeting with SMRT? go over the crime report
  - 6. Erin: this conversation needs to happen with the student body, not within the senate solely
  - 7. Alma: good idea, it's a small campus, should be careful with confidentiality when talking to the student body
  - 8. Erin and Hannah will work on the proposal

c. Board of Directors Meeting followup

- i. Publicity
- ii. Proposal for updated website
  - 1. Approved

5. New Business

- a. Tree Swing proposal in progress

6. Open Floor

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned: 10:07, started at 8:30pm