



Student Government

Senate Agenda

March 10, 2015

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
 - a. Ben, Crystopher, Peter Wise, Hannah, Laura, Launa, Alma, Tiantian, Jieun, Peter Meyer Reimer, Jill, Erin, David, Jenae
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. 3/3/2015 - Approved
4. Old Business
 - a. SMRT
 - i. Meeting tomorrow to discuss outline for the meeting on Monday
 - ii. March 16 at 10 AM in the Church Chapel
 - iii. Convo credit available
 - iv. Student Senate sponsored
 - b. Ice Machine- Bags can be purchased at cheap price
 - i. Announcement in the communicator and Facebook page
 - c. Alumni Board Meeting
 - i. Friday, March 13 12:00 P.M. in College Mennonite meeting rooms
 - ii. Ben, Hannah, Laura, Alma, Jill, David, Jieun can go
 - d. Co-Ed Floor
 - i. Ben met with Launa, Katie and Neal
 - ii. Documents summarizing meetings and survey results will be shared with other members
 - iii. Ben also emailed Bill Born about where Senate is in the process, he confirmed that it is through Senate
 - iv. It should have not been brought up at the senate meeting last semester

- v. Launa suggested acknowledging that it is passed, but showing support from this year's senate will be good too
 - vi. Launa will take it to the President's Council once it is through ResLife
 - vii. If not implemented, it can be brought to the new PC again next fall
 - viii. Alma- modification can be made if it doesn't go through PC?
 - ix. Voting for affirmation: Approved (consensus)
- e. Retributive Violation Policy
- i. Ben learned about
 - ii. Fines, sending letters of notification home parents for underage drinking
 - iii. Students can go on SST even if they have a violation (*see clarification below)
 - iv. Senate can aid in conveying information and providing transparency to the student body
 - v. Academic advisors, hurting reference letters
 - vi. Sending letters home- GC Policy with federal element (FERPA)
 - vii. Students can request to have their situation heard by Standards Response Team comprised of ResLife professional, GC teaching faculty and GC student (current policy)
 - viii. 100% peers on the panel
 - ix. Making category system looser and moving to context-based
 - x. Erin- vision for moving forward?
 - xi. Ben- student body needs to know more about the policy, clearing up confusions and rumors
 - xii. Peter- ResLife guides, meeting with Neal at the beginning of year, too many rules to remember, 1 hour talk with Neal is not enough time to explain all the rules
 - xiii. Laura- transparency, it is important that RAs are clear on the policy
 - xiv. Ben- we can bring up other things for clarification
 - xv. Peter- difficult to navigate ResLife website, redesigning the website will be helpful
 - xvi. Erin- when searching for information on the website, no easy clicks
 - xvii. Ben- should take this separately along with violation policy
 - xviii. Hannah- to need more conversation with Katie and Neal?
 - xix. Ben- Neal offered to come to senate to talk
 - xx. Erin- talking with Neal and Katie and making sure that they communicate with RAs so that they know, writing a proposal for things are in writing

- xxi. Ben- how to get this out to student body? Record article?
- xxii. Erin- Dance, art show, movie
- xxiii. Jenae- Tri-fold sheet at the tables in the Rott
- xxiv. Erin- Library, Frakers
- xxv. Ben- explaining how rumors are not true
- xxvi. Committee will work on it
- xxvii. Launa- if a student have a violation prior to SST the situation is reviewed more thoroughly because there are risks assumed in an international context; review for pattern of abuse that could happen in international settings,
- xxviii. Ben- what will be published should be reviewed by Launa

- f. The Goshen College Board of Directors met on campus February 20 and 21.
- i. The board heard an enrollment update from Sarah Keating, Executive Consultant for Noel-Levitz and met with faculty for lunch and to discuss ways of enhancing board and faculty connections.
 - Indiana: The competition factor
 - 67,829 high school seniors / 2013-14
 - 115 institutions of higher education
 - ii. Recruitment
 - Focus scarce time and resources on those students more likely to enroll
 - Improve student search by purchasing and communicating with students who are a better GC “fit”
 - More strategic territory management
 - Increasing campus visits
 - iii. Committees met on Friday afternoon relating to budget, policy governance, and strengthening stakeholder relationships.
 - Impressed with student representation peace cranes for each signature of the Open Letter
 - Meaningful way to communication passion for change
 - Board is waiting on church assembly meeting this summer before making any decisions on changes in the hiring policy
 - iv. Faculty meeting: met over lunch to communicate concerns
 - Recruitment and overall enrollment
 - Allocation of resources and FTE for support for students of color
 - About unknowns in the midst of leadership transitions (e.g. VP for Academic & Student Life; Provost positions.)
 - v. Board members also reviewed the executive summary of the HLC self study report and were briefed on the upcoming HLC visit. They reviewed and approved the 2020 Grow Goshen Strategic Plan
 - vi. Anita Stalter, VP for Academic and Student Life and outgoing board member, Rick Stiffney (served as Board chair) were honored by the board at a Friday evening dinner. The board met until noon on Saturday morning.

5. New Business

- a. Financial update
 - i. \$5,339.03 remaining
- b. "A Gift for the 2015-2016 GC Student Senate"
 - i. Google Doc is shared
- c. Meeting next week
 - i. Proposed time at 9 PM
- d. Cabinet Elections for 2015-2016
 - i. Announce results at Snack Attack
 - ii. Election- Open Friday, April 17, close Monday, April 20 at 5pm
 - iii. Applications submitted by Wednesday, April 15 5pm
- e. Board of Directors Update (February)
 - i.
- f. Proposal for update of Constitution
 - i. Changing the name of position: Vice-President of Student Life to Dean of the Students
 - ii. Approved: consensus
- g. MCUSA Resolution
 - i. A resolution that seeks to include LGBTQ people in the church
 - ii. List of organizations that publicly declare their support
 - iii. Showing support as a representation of GC student body
 - iv. We could include links to website
 - v. Approved: consensus

6. Open Floor

- a. Peter MR- College's engagement with LGBTQ people, in context of co-ed floor, what is Administration's definition of men and women used "men's floor/women's floor"?
 - i. Ben can make the request for clarification
 - ii. Include where it should be posted (handbook, Facebook, etc)
 - iii. Peter MR- can the information be published so that everyone can see it?
 - iv. Jenae and Jieun will write the proposal
- b. Jill- Updating the picture of the student senate on the website and Facebook page
- c. Erin- Retirement and resignation of faculty, finding ways to pressure administration to hire faculty of color

- i. Jenae- qualified people of color have lots of opportunities to work elsewhere for higher salaries, being willing to pay more might be useful
- ii. Alma- Gilberto was going to push administration to have a position open for a faculty of color, Facebook page says that they hired a professor of color, it will be a good idea to help that initiative
- iii. Launa- HR is leading intentional institution planning for future position transitions to think more strategically about who in our network can we mentor, shoulder-tap for roles at GC? Entry-level positions combined with professional development is another avenue for developing future GC leaders of color. The institution is trying to work at different angles to attract, recruit and retain employees of color.
- iv. Erin- have been talking to other students, trying to make it not white-initiative, more conversations with people and try to represent a variety of voices
- v. Launa- It starts with each of us thinking about encouraging students of color to run for next year's student senate.
- vi. Alma- sometimes it is difficult to talk because she is a minority, lack of knowledge about issues, having more representations and faculty of color will change experience
- vii. Launa- a statement showing student support will affirm efforts already in process.
- viii. Erin will write and post on FB

7. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned: 9:25