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## **Student Government**

Senate Agenda

March 25, 2014

1. Call to Order  
Roll Call: Bill, Caleb, Ellen, Joanna, Ben, David, Isaac, Karsten, Ezra, Elizabeth, Maddie, Laura
2. Approval of Minutes:  
Approved
3. Old Business
  - a. Coed floor
    - i. Ben: Friday Meeting. The feeling on the administrative side is that this will be seen outside the college as wrapped up with Hiring Policy. We accepted Bill's proposal to take another look at this in the Fall, because more time will allow some other things to settle, like administrative budget review and EMU's listening process.
    - ii. We will see who takes this back up in the Fall after Cabinet elections, along with other continuity issues.
    - iii. Bill shared letter from concerned prospective student's parent painting broader picture of church-college relations concerning homosexuality.
  - b. Mennonite Governing Process Information Night
    - i. April 2nd, 7:00pm ad28
    - ii. Panel Members? Marketing? Acquiring questions
      1. Panel members: President Brennehan and Carlos Romero confirmed, possibly others.
      2. Need to advertise more that questions are needed. Have not received any so far.
      3. Laura: Are there paper advertisements?
      4. Ways to improve poster
        - a. Add where to submit questions to.

- b. Fix “college” typo.
  - c. Don’t abbreviate President’s Council.
  - d. Change sentence to “Do you have question on different Mennonite organizations, sexuality in the church, and the hiring policy?”
  - e. Remove blue border.
  - f. Turn poster the other way, so it goes the long way of the paper instead of the short way.
- iii. Elizabeth: It’s been hard communicating with Quinn, he is busy. Will keep trying to contact him.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Constitution Approval Vote
  - i. Postponed to next week while final grammatical revisions are done.
- b. Election Code Approval Vote
  - i. Having election code attached to form for those running.
  - ii. Approved
- c. Vacuums in dorms
  - i. Joanna: Met with Phys Plant, they’ve replaced 18 so far this year. Vacuums are \$350 each. Problem that not enough responsibility and ownership by students is taken for maintaining cleaning equipment. Mentioned shop vacuums as a possibility.
  - ii. Bill: Will check in with Chad tomorrow, general feeling that we are catching this issue at the tail end because it might just be time to replace some en mass.
  - iii. Idea of checkout, but too many complications.
  - iv. Isaac: Announcement to RAs at beginning of year to tell floors how to use vacuums.
  - v. “How to vacuum for dummies” sign on vacuums
    - 1. Maddie
- d. Elections:
  - i. Filling by April 8, 5pm
  - ii. Voting: April 14-20
  - iii. Announcing winners: April 21
    - 1. All current members should plan to attend.
  - iv. Caleb sent note to Java
    - 1. Winners will be announced there
  - v. Caleb talked to Shirley about vote formatting.
  - vi. Publicity for the candidates of elections on posters.
  - vii. Maddie will put together posters and pictures of candidates.
  - viii. Communicator announcements will start tomorrow (Caleb)

advertising to run.

- ix. Bill: Make sure to ask diverse connections to run. We'll have paper ready by tomorrow morning.

## 5. Open Floor

- a. David: Minutes Update
  - i. Schedules: simplify to just saying when instead of every one.
  - ii. Tab for minutes, Caleb will take care of.
  - iii. Senate summary posted every month on senate activities. Role of VP for marketing.
  - iv. Initiatives: Have past and current initiatives (year to year) published at end of year and beginning of year.
  - v. Joanna will look into getting codes to take care of posting and making these changes on the Senate GC page.
- b. Bill: There was a question about club funding rollover. For clubs that do external fund raising, those roll over. Those that only get funding from Senate, it does not roll over. Bill has list of clubs if needed.
- c. PC Update from March 12:
  - i. Strengthen integrative learning environment
    - 1. None
  - ii. Increase Enrollment
    - 1. Talked about 20+ recommendations from outside firm.
    - 2. James Townsend talked about ongoing marketing plan.
      - a. Connections through technology.
  - iii. Resource allocations
    - 1. John Roth made a recommendation on managing the GC archives.
  - iv. Reporting
    - 1. Horizon of Elkhart County is getting an early enrollment college program started here. Goal of 1000 in two years, 300 enrolled this fall.
    - 2. Some conversation about changes in SAT scoring. Some conversation about whether to walk away from test-score admissions.
    - 3. President Leadership Awards were announced for incoming class.
    - 4. Bill gave update on national safety act implementation at GC.

## 6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned: 10:00