



## **Student Government**

Senate Agenda

April 1, 2014

1. Call to Order  
Roll Call: Caleb, David, Laura, Bill, Elizabeth, Karsten, Ellen, Joanna, Maddie, Ben, Ezra
2. Approval of Minutes:  
Approved
3. Old Business
  - a. Mennonite Governing Process Information Night
    - i. April 2nd, 8:00pm ad28
      1. Panel members: President Brenneman, Carlos Romero, Bill Born, Anita Stalter.
      2. Good number of people turned in questions.
      3. Moderator: Laura, Ellen
      4. Need to set time limit, but don't want to short-change people.
      5. Bill: Jim may try to answer a lot of these questions in his 15 minute power point which will show the inner workings of the Mennonite Church, MEA, GC, etc.
      6. Ben: Four is good number of people on panel.
      7. Senate: Ask that powerpoint be starting point, no more than 15 minutes, then moderators will relay questions.
      8. Caleb: Food will be there.
      9. David: Seats should also be up front facing audience for moderators as well as panel speaking.
      10. Caleb and Joanna will open up the night with some things Senate has done, introduce guests.
      11. Ben: Moderators, make sure to not ask questions covered in powerpoint. If we are crunched for time, make sure to only to the most important questions.

12. Bill: Make sure, moderators, to not be afraid to keep the pace. It's your event.

#### 4. New Business

- a. Constitution Approval Vote
  - i. Decided to send out constitution to student body vote for fairness
- b. Emergency Response Education for students
  - i. Students and Administration discussed timing, recommend pushing event to beginning of next fall for multiple reasons. Having Senate help represent this as an ongoing initiative. Senate agrees.
- c. Vacuums Signs in dorms
  - i. Maddie: Haven't printed them yet. Will take care of that. Will give to Katie for RA's. Will laminate them.
- 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. Publicity for the candidates of elections on posters.
  - v. Make sure to advertise to those who don't get elected, elections for at-large next fall.
  - vi. Maddie will take pictures after all applicants have turned in applications.
- e. President's Council Weekly Update for 3/19
  - i. Strengthen Integrative Learning Environment
    - 1. Looking at academic calendar through 2017.
    - 2. Trying to synchronize calendar with other student service areas and online education.
  - ii. Increase Enrollment
    - 1. Structure going forward to kick off adult and online education.
    - 2. Adult and Online report from James Townsend for determining Merit Awards for financial aid, so awards can be sent out.
  - iii. Resource Allocations
    - 1. None
  - iv. Reporting
    - 1. Capitol Education Venture reporting.
    - 2. With stock market back up, overall endowment's which went underwater (current value under initial gift) in 2008 with stock market crash/recession, are now paying back money to

- college. Great news for cost of education for students.
3. Bill reported on tornado test. Plans to make voice louder.

## 5. Open Floor

- a. Maddie: Peter Wise suggested we buy a cheap piano and paint it and put it near KMY or somewhere outside where people can play them.
  - i. Bill: Cool idea, I'd like to see it done. Some questions I know will come my way.
    1. If Miller two quad is willing to donate Piano, we need to take care of safety. We can hire people if need be to move it.
    2. The question will be asked, when school is out, what happens with piano? We host summer conferences and events, and need a plan if people want it moved.
  - ii. Ben: What about the platform/stage on west side of Umble?
  - iii. Senate: \*gasps and amazement\*
  - iv. Maddie and Ellen and Laura will write up proposal.
  - v. David: Will check in with Miller 2 men about what they are doing with the piano after the end of the school year.
- b. Maddie: Covers for the bike racks?
  - i. Caleb: We talked about this last year, and out of that conversation we got the new bike racks by westlawn.
  - ii. Joanna: Group of students and faculty are looking at process that would make GC a certified bike-friendly campus. Goshen the city is certified, and GC is working on it.
  - iii. Caleb: Space Planning would have to be with this process.
  - iv. Joanna will check in with Hannah Barg, who is involved with this group.
  - v. Joanna: We are also working to become a Tree Certified Campus USA.
- c. Maddie: Emma Gerig suggested we make sculptural instruments that would be musical instruments.
- d. Maddie: Joe Bean in Printing and Mailing says we should be able to use printing money from student's ID card account for posters.
  - i. Could be different then Munch Money and Printing Money because both are Goshen College and possibly housed within ITS.
- e. Caleb will email ITS and ask why Westlawn TV is not centered.
  - i. Bill: Let me know what you find out.

## 6. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned: 9:50