Student Government
Senate Agenda
April 7, 2015

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
   a. David, Tiantian, Jieun, Alma, Jenae, Crystopher, Hannah, Ben, Jill, Erin,
      Peter Meyer Reimer, Laura, Cecilia Lapp Stoltzfus, Hannah Barg, Ben
      Wiebe, Maddie Gerig
3. Approval of Minutes
   a. 3/31/2015 - Approved by consensus
4. Old Business
   a. Final Meeting -
      i. 4/15 (Wednesday) at 8 PM
   b. Cabinet Elections for 2015-2016 Marketing/Promoting Diversity
      i. Thursday April 9 at 7PM in Java
      ii. Q&A session with panels
      iii. Free coffee provided by Student Senate
   c. Alcohol Proposal
      i. Erin- Thought the proposal was going to be sent today
      ii. David- Against constitution to send before voting
      iii. David- Pass it on to next year’s Senate to work with?
      iv. Erin- timeline for accountability for next year’s group
      v. Alma- summer will be difficult to hear feedbacks from students, it
         also needs to be reviewed before passing it on
      vi. Hannah- end of the year, nothing else to do
      vii. Erin- Another administrative meeting before the end of the month?
          Write up our intention for the proposal
      viii. Ben- Will write a paragraph
ix. Hannah- considering the work put into it, we should look at it
x. Ben- come to the meeting with ideas for editing
d. Piano
   i. Old piano- John Mishler will use it for Mayterm
   ii. Best location for the new piano (suggested by Space Planning Committee) is under the overhang at the entrance to the admissions office and the elevator
   iii. Switch with the piano in Java- it will likely to degrade when it’s outside
   iv. Maddie Gerig will paint the piano on spot during Mayterm- requires funding for paint and varnish, and commission for Maddie
   v. Laura- it has to be reimbursed, but it’s not fair for Maddie
   vi. Maddie- $500 would be good commission, plus supplies
   vii. Erin- Allocate money for moving the piano?
viii. David- not sure what Phys Plant will do
ix. Request for $650 for supplies and commission
    1. Voting: Approved (consensus)
    2. Could ask for additional funding if supplies cost more
e. GC Divest Campaign
   i. Cecilia- Written by a group of students, would like support from different groups on campus, planning to get the official endorsement from the ecological stewardship committee
   ii. Hannah- put seal on the proposal to show the groups in support of the proposal
   iii. Cecilia- continuing it to next year, link person between GC Divest group and Student Senate
   iv. Hannah- Meeting once a month, connecting the two groups more formally
   v. Alma- great idea to have the link, what if we don’t have a person from Divest group on senate?
   vi. Hannah- could recruit a Senate member
   vii. David- communication would be good, especially when dealing with institutions
   viii. Hannah- transparency and communication between administration and student body
   ix. Laura- propose to endorse the proposal and designate a link person from Student Senate
      1. Voting: Approved (consensus)

5. New Business
a. Additional Funding Request
   i. FIRSST - $50
      1. Approved (consensus)
   ii. Laura- Kendra Yoder suggested that we should allocate additional club funding for FIRSST to be used for training before next year’s Senate starts
   iii. Laura- update from FIRSST, training preview on Monday April 13 at 10AM in Church-Chapel

b. Potential new provost visit
   i. 4/10 at 10 AM

c. Responses to email concerning the defining gender conversation
   i. Erin- Administration are not being transparent about it
   ii. Jenae- can see both sides, institution is waiting for convention in the summer
   iii. Laura- not sure if administration knows what students think about this
   iv. Alma- agree with email, institution is in a difficult position with the church, we already voted on it
   v. We are not sure they received it
   vi. Jill- “dropping” it means taking it back?
   vii. David- what are the productive ways to channel this?
   viii. Jieun- in order to represent the student body with mixed opinions, we should be more constructive how we phrase the statement
   ix. Peter-
   x. David-
   xi. Jenae-important to preserve good relationship with administration
   xii. Peter- doesn’t often result in changes
   xiii. Crystopher- add objectives?
   xiv. David- since gender is the main theme we worked with this year, we should be cognisant of what we do next year
   xv. Jenae- helpful to include a paragraph for next year’s senate
   xvi. Erin- pressuring those in power
   xvii. Laura- confronting issue can ignore and alienate the hurt
   xviii. Ben- it shouldn’t be alienated, difference is that there are alienated people

6. Open Floor
   a. Alma- Students with complaints about racial issues or comments from faculty
      i. David talked to Norm Backit, there isn’t official outline, proposal
was written by Brian and passed; is now being processed by PC.

ii. Erin- there is a Racial Misconduct Team (Regina Stoltzfus, Skip Barnett and one more faculty)

b. Erin- Music Department and how they approach auditioning
   i. Sight-reading blue hymnals is exclusive
   ii. Cecilia- suggest talking in person before, could be a simple switch

c. Peter- RFRA proposal?
   i. Set up a timeline so that we can communicate to the student body, By graduation?
   ii. Send it to President Brenneman and PC
   iii. Voting: Approved (consensus)

d. Crystopher- changing the time when the Music Building closes from 10 to 11

7. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned: 10:06, started at 8:30