



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