Student Government
Senate Agenda
April 7, 2014

1. Call to Order
   Roll Call: Laura, David, Caleb, Joanna, Ellen, Karsten, Ezra, Bill, Ben, Maddie, Hannah Barg

2. Approval of Minutes of 4/1:
   Approved

3. Old Business
   a. Mennonite Governing Process Information Night
      i. Thank you Senate.
      ii. Big success.
      iii. Panelists felt it was a great event.
      iv. Overall, students found event to be really helpful.

4. New Business
   a. Constitution Approval Vote
      i. Going to be tied in with elections.
   b. Vacuums Signs in dorms
      i. Will get report next week.
      ii. Laura and Ellen will take care of it along with Maddie.
   c. 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.

d. Piano outside Umble Center
   i. Acquired from Miller 2 quad
   ii. $20 cost
      1. Approved by Senate
   iii. Will need to write up proposal to Space Planning Committee.
   iv. Laura’s idea about covers for piano.
   v. Laura will work with Maddie with proposal.
      1. Hope Space Planning will have ideas for winter storage.
   vi. Senate wants Maddie to paint it.
      1. And incorporate Student Senate logo in it.
      2. Senate will help pay for special wood furnish and other materials.
   vii. Ben: Make sure piano covering isn’t expensive.

e. President’s Council Weekly Update for 3/26
   i. Scott Barge opened meeting by sharing reflections from Lithuanian’s perspectives on Ukrainian situation after his recent visit to Lithuania. Noted complexities of situation.
   ii. Strengthen Integrative Learning Environment
      1. PC had been contacted about participation in safe zone training. Talked about logistics. PC response back was that would make it a priority to be involved in next session (August) when incoming Student Leaders were also being trained. IN conjunction with Damascus Road training.
      2. On-campus visit from higher learning collation.
   iii. Increase Enrollment
      1. None
   iv. Resource Allocations
      1. Looked at current budget for this fiscal year.
      2. Also looked at details ahead of PC retreat.
   v. Reporting
      1. James Townsend gave enrollment update.
      2. Jim Histand talked about conference meeting he recently attended. Goshen’s predicament is similar to other institutions in terms of traditional enrollment.
      3. Questioned the necessity of student-owned insurance given new landscape of health insurance for students after Affordable Care Act. Might look into further in future discussions with more information.
      4. Ross Peterson-Veatch gave update on online classes.
5. Scott Barge gave update on computer systems.
6. President Brenneman gave update on Mennonite College presidents meeting in Newton, KS. More consistency looked at between colleges.
7. Bill Born gave update on housing for next school year.
f. Minutes are now being posted to www.goshen.edu/senate/home/minutes.
   i. Elizabeth Franks-North: “It's awesome that we can read meeting minutes online! I read about the things that I'm interested in and learned about things I didn't know were going on. Thanks for sharing!”
g. Bike Rack Covers for Weather
   i. Joanna
h. Cabinet Sharing Senate Progress Friday April 11 at Leadership dinner.

5. Open Floor
   a. Hannah Barg: I'm in the Environmental Economics class this semester. Joanna and my projects are more campus related compared to other students' projects. My project is for “Bike-friendly University” certification. A lot of the questions are not applicable because we are a college, not a university because of size. I've been working in conjunction with Glen Gilbert and a community member who got the city of Goshen certified.
      i. Strong aspects of GC: Bike trails which go through our campus. Don't need to drive to get to building, bike-friendly. Lots of bike parking spaces. Lots of students on campus who use bikes.
      ii. Weaknesses: Mainly around education and committee organization of bike-related interests. Interest in forming Bike Club. We have the core members: Seth Miller(odo) and Lucas Harnish. Neil Friesen as faculty member representative.
      iii. Senate could help out by promoting DIY bike shop. Perhaps bench in phys. plant.
      iv. Should add to initiatives for Senate for the next school year.
      v. Ben: Bike protection and coverings are pretty important because weather does a lot of damage to bikes.

6. Adjournment
   a. Meeting adjourned: 12:55