

Student Senate
September 19, 2018

Attendees:

Jody Byler, Ken Newbold, Corrie Steinke, Debbie Richards, Katja Norton, Laura Miller, José Chiquito, Rowan Miller, & Khampa Stempel

Minutes Approval:

Laura moves to table Minutes approval of September 12 to next meeting on Tuesday September 25.

President's Cabinet:

Ken Newbold & Jody Byler present on the new working Mission of Goshen College.

Jody begins talking about the soup talks that President Stoltzfus held early in her presidency. After holding those where she spoke with many students, the President drafted a new mission statement.

First part of the new Mission: "Goshen College will cultivate joy, growth and purpose, preparing students to thrive in life, leadership and service."

Proposed Mission Statement: "Goshen College integrates academic excellence with Anabaptist-Mennonite values by engaging holistically with the world and our local community."

Employees will have input about the new mission statement. Feedback from students is also being solicited. Newbold proposed that since the timeline for approval for the new mission statement is in October, that it made sense to begin getting input from Student Senate. Newbold also asked for ideas for reaching out to more students.

Question was asked by Steinke and Richards about what were Anabaptist-Mennonite values. Byler and Newbold respond that they are referring to the Core Values, which are rooted in the Anabaptist-Mennonite values.

R. Miller asks about what "engaging holistically" means.

Norton asks about adding to the Anabaptist-Mennonite values, so as to include other values now present in the college.

Regarding next steps, Byler and Newbold are looking for ways to get more short but thoughtful responses from other students. Thoughts about doing this over an Open Space was good. Another idea involved having a booth at Club Day. Richards commented on the need of having a form where anonymity would be possible for LGBTQIA+ students who would prefer that.

New Business:

Club Recognition:

Norton begins by reading the application for Sustainability Potlucks. R. Miller motioned to approve the Sustainability Potlucks as a student organization and L. Miller seconded the motion. All senators unanimously voted in favor.

Norton introduces the application for FIRST. R. Miller motioned to approve the FIRST as a student organization and Chiquito seconded the motion. All senators unanimously voted in favor.

Norton introduces the application for Astronomy Club. R. Miller motioned to approve the Astronomy Club as a student organization and L. Miller seconded the motion. All senators unanimously voted in favor.

Norton introduces the application for Aerial Silks. R. Miller motioned to approve the Aerial Silks as a student organization and L. Miller seconded the motion. All senators unanimously voted in favor.

Steinke exits the Senate Session.

Communication Plan:

Stempel gives a brief overview of the communication plan.

Regarding the State of the Student Address it was agreed to have it in the morning and apply to obtain a status of a convocation credit. Senate agreed to have November 19th at 10:00 am as a date set for the event.

Regarding club communication, Senate agrees to “play it by ear” until the middle of October.

For office hours, Senate decided to have office hours once a month and have Open Spaces be part of those office ours, so that in total it would be twice a month that Senate would have open conversations with the student body. Plugs for Senate meetings could also be announced at Open Spaces.

Club Day:

Schedule of Senators at Club Day booths

11:30 -1:30..... Chiquito
11:30 - 12:00 Richards
12:00 - ? Norton
2:00 - 3:00 Stempel
3:00 - 4:00Laura

Feminine Hygiene:

Norton comments on the useful feedback of all other Senators on the feminine hygiene survey questions sent over email during the weekend.

Meeting Adjourned:

5:05 PM

Minutes by: Jose