



Student Senate

March 20th, 2017

University Union, 1965 Room

5:15pm

- I. Call To Order: Courtney called the meeting to order at 5:19 P.M.
- II. Roll Call
 - a. Members Present: Myles, Elijah, Valeri, Abbigail, Justis, Josiah, Ethan, Mark, Sara G., Shane, Sarah D., Linnea, Courtney, McKenna, Kayla, Selena, Eric, Kia, McKinley, Nathan, Ashley, Nik.
 - b. Members Absent: Eduardo, Dennis.
 - c. Members Late: Alex, Fiona, Dylan.
- III. Approval of Minutes from 03.06.17: Ashley moved to approve the minutes. Eric seconded. Approved.
- IV. Approval of Agenda:
 - Selena entertained a motion to amend the agenda by moving Executive Board Reports before New Business. Abbigail moved to amend the agenda. Ethan seconded. Approved.
 - Courtney entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Abbigail moved to approve. Ethan seconded. Approved.
 - Courtney entertained a motion to amend the agenda by moving the Fund the Freeze presentation to before Ashley Keenan's exec board report. Shane moved to amend the agenda. Valeri seconded. Approved.
 - Courtney entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Abbigail moved to approve the agenda. Ethan seconded. Approved.
- V. Executive Board Reports
 - a. President: Nik Austin
 - Hope you had a great spring break!
 - b. Vice President: Dylan Tritt



- No report.
- c. Speaker: Courtney Zambon
 - There are two more senate meetings after tonight. Draft a resolution if you have an idea! Ask Courtney for help if needed.
 - Senate bylaws should be done before the next meeting.
 - Look over the part of your committee to revise!

VI. New Business

-Faculty Presentation on Fund the Freeze

- There is an ongoing budget discussion going on.
- Thursday, March 30th, there is a big event going- a panel discussion at 2 PM about higher education funding. There is a rally after. It's in Rose Hall room 250.

VII. Executive Board Reports

- a. RHAA: Ashley Keenan
 - Bingo this weekend with a big prize!
 - Looked over bylaws for RHAA and made them more readable.
 - NACURH in Indiana in the end of May. Applications are out and due next Monday.
 - 3 exec board positions open.
- b. Chief Justice: Dennis DeBeck
 - No report.
- c. Standing Committees
 - Academic Affairs: Mckenna Kelsey
 - Doing survey work- got 500 surveys out to professors, and hoping to get them into the coffee shop. Hoping to get 500 back by the end of the week.
 - Community Engagement: Eduardo Navarro
 - No report.
 - Environmental Affairs: Kayla Billett
 - There is an eco orgs gathering meeting tonight. 4 orgs said they were coming.
 - Equity and Diversity: Selena Deer
 - Loving, film showing tonight, MSU is putting it on in the Christie.
 - Soul food dinner is this Saturday, it's free, and there will be a guest speaker and poets. 4pm in the phoenix rooms.
 - Sharity event, we are looking at art galleries with donations from different multicultural organizations.
 - Health and Safety: Fiona Somers
 - Health and Safety committee meeting tonight (the official committee, not



mine) at 2:00.

- Recreation and Athletics: Eric Fischer
 - Tailgate softball game, cancoozies are approved, block 4 of intramurals starting, WBB ended last week but GBB meetings are still in session.
- Student Resources: Kia Murray
 - There is a homecoming meeting at 10:30 am next Wednesday.
- SUFAC: Nik Austin
 - Decision letters will be sent out next week, letter to the chancellor will be sent out soon as well.
 - There will be meetings for bylaw revisions, otherwise business is over with.
- University Governance: McKinley Lentz
 - Bylaw and constitution things are going on.
 - Trying to get informed about policy changes.
- Union and Dining: Nathan Rousseau
 - Still looking for Rick.
 - Working with SLO and Chartwells to grow food for Chartwells.
 - Composting should be done in 2 weeks, working with Kayla and Keenan to work out the dorm situation.
 - Chartwells chefs are going to Resfest!

-Empowering Student Voice Resolution

- Nik entertains a motion to amend the resolution by adding “and senators in a manner opposed to the majority of respondents provide reasoning for doing so” to the end of the second changed sentence.
- The dean of students would not have power over legislation, they would just have power over the email.
- If the dean of students refused to send out the email, the bill would still be voted on, so they don’t have power over legislation.
- List pros and cons to the bill, and make sure it is specified who is writing the survey.
- Abbigail moved to amend, Sara G. seconded, 12:0:0 approved.
- It will take some lobbying to get a student government account that has access to all students’ emails.
- McKinley entertains a motion to approve the amendment of “drafted by the author and reviewed” portion. Abbigail moves to amend, Sara G. seconds.



- McKinley volunteers UGov committee to draft the surveys.
- Shane friendly accepts the amendment.
- Justis moves to add 100 respondents minimum to the second therefore, Valeri seconds.
- Roll call vote: does not pass 3:9:0.
- Abigail moves to table, Linnea seconds, approved.

-Achieving Greater Transparency in Student Government Resolution

- This would be under the same email where the surveys from the previous resolution go out.
- An opt out option would be preferable to an opt in option.
- We should be thinking more about social media.
- The majority seems to think that social media in addition to emails would be best.
- Justis moves to refer the issue to the Community Engagement committee. Linnea seconds. Roll call vote: 4:5:0 not passed.
- Courtney entertained a motion to table the discussion of the resolution. Mark moved to table the discussion. Sara G. seconded. 9:0:0 approved.

-Senator Approval

- No show.

VIII. Announcements

- Eduardo: sending around a sheet for Paul's Pantry this Saturday.
- Dennis: confirmation emails have been sent. Campaigning window opens now. SGA debate- actually a town hall forum. Would senators like to be a part of that?
- Courtney: any senator who would like to be a part of it should participate.

IX. Adjournment: Courtney entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47 P.M. Shane moved to adjourn the meeting. Sara G. seconded. Approved.