



Student Senate

November 16th, 2015

University Union, 1965 Room

5:15pm

- I. Call To Order:
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes from November 9, 2015: Moved to motion by Catherine. Seconded by
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Moved to motion by Catherine. Seconded by
- V. New Business
 - a. Registrar: Amanda Hruska –
 - You are not awarded two degrees when you are going for your undergraduate degree. You are only giving one degree, if you are going for two different bachelors then you have to pick between the two. If you come back and you want that second diploma you have to take at least 30 credits that go toward your new degree. The reason this happens is because you when you go back for a diploma, if you are going back for the same degree you will not be given financial aid. When you pass a certain number of credits you are no longer eligible for financial aid.
 1. Q: Why can you not put both the degrees on the diploma?
 2. A: We do not allow students to get both, that is simply how it is, and how it always has been.
 3. Q: What about emphasis?
 4. A: We feel it is too messy, instead it simply says the Bachelor of Art, Science, etc. It will also say any Honors on the degree if the student meets the requirements. The common practice on the field is to not have the diploma say the major you are in.
 5. C: Jobs look at your transcripts not your diploma.



6. C: Most graduate schools and employers ask for the transcripts. I have in my experience seen people falsify diplomas in order to get a job. When the employers call about the diploma she has told them that no they did not really get their degree.

b. Approval of New Senators

- Kevin Davis
 1. Catherine moved to motion. Mitchell seconded: 14-0-0
- Eric Fischer
 1. Catherine moved to motion. Gretchen seconded: 14-1-0

c. Student Court Report & Election Material Changes

- Rowan Isaaks
 1. Student court is supposed to be an impartial party in order to resolve any disputes for the SGA, and on the senate. They sit on committees and help RHAA, and other organizations. At the moment they are looking at the election rules in order to give recommendations to better the elections.
 - a. The first thing they want to do is make it clear that candidates must download the application from the SGA site and submit it on the site.
 - b. They also want to change the requirements for SGA President and Vice President, they want to increase the GPA requirement to a 2.5. Any student who is transferring or a new student would be excused from this requirement.
 - i. C: We had this discussion last year and there was an agreement that all students should have a fair chance of representing the school.
 - ii. R: Yes, we did have that talk, but the board still feels that the GPA requirement should still be raised.



- iii. Q: Why a 2.5 versus a 2.4 or a 2.3.
- iv. C: This is just a suggestions, we can change this and make it higher or lower as a recommendation. We felt that a 2.5 is a good place to start.
- v. C: Some majors may require a 2.5 so this is a statement that would be made in favor of the increase to 2.5.
- vi. C: Use the semester GPA not the cumulative semester GPA.
- vii. Q: What if your previous semester was bad?
- viii. Q: Who is this for?
- ix. A: President and Vice President of organizations. This does not apply to the senates.
- x. Q: Is there a way to add a contingency in order for a student who may have a good cumulative GPA but not a great semester?
- xi. C: Leadership and hard work is not necessarily connected to GPA. I just think that as long as you are not on any sort of academic prohibition.
- xii. C: The Vice president and president should have the cumulative GPA should be higher. If anything it should be higher than 2.5, after all they are there for an education nothing else.
- xiii. C: You should have to walk the walk and be held to a higher standard in order to be a part of SGA. If you have a lower GPA than you cannot be expected to lead.
- xiv. C: You don't have to get good grades in order to get a good paying job. Why should we cut people off with bad



grades when they might have great ideas in order to lead an organization?

- xv. The next change have to deal with infractions - When they receive a complaint to student court, there is an investigation, and depending on the result they will either get a percentage of their votes taken away, or even disqualification. We feel that this system does not work for the elections. We would like to change that from having the percentage system to just have major or minor infractions. A minor would just be a warning, and the major in fracture depending on the level of severity would depend. Repeat minor infractions or deliberate intent could equal a major infraction.
1. C: I support this and feel that the percentage system did not work very well.
 2. Q: Since you are taking out the percentage votes what kind of other major consequences did you make in order to deal with major in fractures?
 3. A: None, the consequences will stay the same with the warnings and with the disqualification.
 4. C: I feel that the numbers are picked at random, and that there really is no reason to have those set numbers for the referendum.
- xvi. C: We want to change the amount of days that student court gets in order to review the infractions. We want more time in order to really lead an investigation into the infraction.



xvii. C: From experiences in the past, I would rather give the court more time in order to do its due diligence properly but also have some sort of plan in order to build in a recourse in order to get the court to follow through. There were times in the past that we heard nothing about the investigations.

d. Jessica and Allison Presentation - Dining Changes

- Dining RFP Committee
- Last couple of months have been dealing with getting student feedback and the proposal down in order to give to vendors. The committee will go over the proposals and the vendor will be picked and announced.
- The proposal review will be 1,000 points total. 350 – Cost score, rate at which they provide services depending on the cost of the vendor. Technical score 500 this is much higher due to the change to a different kind of meal plan, the hours of operation, retail, and the earth friendly initiatives, personnel score 150 includes staffing and marketing plan.
- History of the school
 1. Always had the retail operation where you buy the product at face value and it gets reduced from your account. It is a declining balance system. Only few in the nation to do this. We are the only schools that changes every new contract period. The marketplace will be an all you can eat access place, for those on board plans there will be the garden cafe, etc. The current exclusions for this is the Golf course, and Phoenix club.
 2. Each member of the committee has a focus niche and is there to help pick a new vendor that will be able to work cater to their group.
 3. Main focuses for the school, which include sustainability, board plan (marketplace will be the only place with the board plan), RD



(labeling and updating nutrition information), hours of operation more hours on the weekend, Student org catering minimum from 50 to 100, health concerns (more vegan, gluten-free, etc), cornerstore (have more take home options, or produce options. Late night dining (diner in residence hall), cultural options (possibility for a full Asian concept pizza will be moved down to the phoenix club where it will only be sold there, franchises there may be more franchises on campus and moved down to where the grill used to be franchise will not be included in the board plan, meal equivalency, food during gaps (how they accommodate people who don't have a normal schedule, these people are the ones who are eating at breaks.

4. Q: What is the board plan schedule?
5. A: Monday-Sunday
6. Q: For the commuters would it be possible to have a special commuter plan for a small number of meals a week for commuters?
7. A: There is talk of a meal plan for commuters, where there are a certain amount of meal swipes you can use at certain hours. It would only be for the marketplace.
8. C: If there any other question e-mail Jessica or Allison.

e. Nate - Constitutional Amendment

- Board of executives would get a vote when it comes to senators.
 - When applying for a senator, they would get interviewed with the full senate, candidates will then be informed within 48 hours of the vote. The reason this is here is because of confirmation bias.
1. C: I feel that it should be less than 48, and instead they should get the answer done in 24 hours.
 2. A: We are allowing all that time in case of emergency, where the house speaker is not able to get out the information.



3. C: 24 hours should be enough time.
4. C: I feel that the second amendment is useless we are all leaders and should be able to say no, feelings get hurt all the time.
5. R: Yes, but there are still some concerns over that.
6. Q: How is the voting going to go?
7. C: It is open to interpretation where it can be open vote, or closed vote.
8. C: Are we going to tell them how many people voted no to them? For me, I would like to know why people did not vote for me.
9. C: The speaker of the senate would do it, I would not recommend showing a full list of people who voted.
10. Q: Can we lump them together and vote on them?

VI. Executive Board Reports

- a. President: Hannah Stepp
 - Sorry for being late, I was at the RHAA meeting for the app.
 - SGA bonding night, the two options are bowling, or a trampoline park, we will be doing a closed ballot for this decision.
 - Faculty senate, they approved the fourth college.
 - Negative comments were made toward SGA, and if any faculty says anything please let me know.
 - Phone usage during meetings, if you are on it, you will be asked to leave.
 - The app will be launched during the spring semester.
- b. Vice President: Lorenzo Lones
 - Next semester during February I was asked to come speak for an education conference, and I am trying to get students to go to this conference. If there are any problems with education, please let me know so that we can be advocates for it, and so that I can include them in the talk.
 - There is a discussion board in the suites in order to get the opinions of the students.
- c. Speaker: Gretchen Klefstad
 - There is a SGA contact sheet going around, put your name and phone number, because you don't respond to e-mails.
 - This past week I was working on the senate application sheet and made it look cleaner and easier to read, any suggestions for changes should be directed at me.
 - ARAs - After actions reviews, this would have thoughts and feedback on how everything is going this semester, exec board and senators will be allowed to do



them. Please turn them in.

- One on one with the senators please sign up on her sign-up sheet.
- d. RHAA: Brandi Kochera
 - Brandi changed her hours.
- e. Chief Justice
- f. Standing Committees
 - Academic Affairs: Chad Osteen
 1. Another meeting will be taken place, where students will be allowed to come forward and talk about their feelings on having conceal and carry on campus. My hope is to get that down on the 24th of November on Tuesday somewhere in the cloud commons.
 - Committee Engagement: Avery Faehling
 1. Meet with Brandi about getting funding for the app.
 2. Working on promoting events on Facebook.
 3. Will be meeting with Fiene about promoting Senator Johnson coming here to the students.
 - Environmental Affairs: Chrissy Bartelme
 1. Posters for the hydration stations are done, now I just need to get the funding.
 2. No meeting on Tuesday the 17th or at her office hours
 - Equity and Diversity: Chris Parker
 1. First meeting with the disability committee, the top being psychological issues with ADHD, and with the handicap buttons. Be aware that every time you press the handicap button it drains the battery. Don't use them to be lazy, because some students really need them.
 2. For Spring Commencement they want a student organization to help getting elderly people seated. There is only limited disability spots on campus.
 - Health and Safety: Alex Girard
 1. Veterans were given pins on Veteran's Day.
 2. CPR class scheduled for the week before finals.
 3. Meeting with Public safety to establish a better route under UPASS. To get a UWGB specific route to go to certain places only. Revamp the system because it is not very efficient at the moment.
 - Recreation and Athletics: Sami Dannhauser
 1. Wednesday met with the director of ticket scales in order to increase the sales and make it successful.
 2. Met with the assistant marketer, to talk about tailgating at any sporting games.
 - Student Resources: Jacob Immel
 1. Pie your professor is this Wednesday at the cloud commons from 12-1:30. \$1 to pie the professor and \$2 for a slice of pie.
 2. Courtney, there is a meeting scheduled to really talk about the commuter



- space and making it feel like one.
3. Survey was made by Fiona and him in order to get feedback for the animals on campus for finals week.
 4. Get space for technology rooms
- SUFAC: Eric Kissinger
 1. Intermurals are presenting their budget, people are encouraged to come to that meeting.
 - University Governance: Nate Fiene
 1. Forum on the 19th for representors has been canceled. Senator Johnson for the 24th is still on, the topics will include, abortion, student debt, etc.
 2. The SGA constitution has been updated, if you have any questions please do let me know.
 - Union and Dining: Jessica Murphy
 1. If you have any questions on the presentation don't be afraid to ask.
 2. Meeting at 2 and the project proposals

VII. Announcements

- a. How insane is Mary Jan, an hour talk about marijuana in the Christie theatre
- b. Ipat film in the Christie theatre called Crack in the World which is about geothermal energy sources.
- c. Climate change conversation talk on Thursday at the Mauthe center.
- d. Food drive from the 15-25th.
- e. Round of applause for Jessica and Allison for their presentation.
- f. Love your melon 10-1 will be giving hot chocolate and etc.

VIII. Adjournment: Adjourned at 7:16 motioned by Samuel, seconded by Courtney.