



Concordia University, St. Paul

Student Senate

Meeting Minutes 10/31/2011

1. Attendance

- a. Present: Adam Ave Lallemand, Alex Wright, Anna Shaw, Caralyn Tignanelli, Danielle Fehrman, Dustin Christen, James Peterson, Joanna Johnson, Latashia White, Leah Timm, Lieve Snellen, Meghan O'Neill, Moses Huerta, Paige Joosten, Shon Hasstrup, Thomas Flack, David Johnson, Ashley Leiding, Kyle Sorkness, Sara Peterson, Austin Ertelt, Benjamin Berteau
- b. Excused: Jackie Wiebold
- c. Absent: Greg Kaszubowski, Hope Baker, Nicole Klimek

2. Call to order at 4:02pm

3. Approve Agenda

- a. No changes

4. Approve Minutes

- a. Minutes approved
- b. Kyle motioned to amend the minutes to include under the student policies...
 - i. Adam Seconded
 - ii. Motion passed
- c. "In the future" section of 10/23 minutes now includes:
 - i. Blackboard - Students would like to see all professors required to keep track of grades in Blackboard so that students can track their progress.
 - ii. All students pay for laptops - Students don't think it's fair that all students have laptop costs figured into their tuition when not all students check out university laptops. Students think only those who use them should have to pay for them. When the issue of continuing the laptop program was raised last year, it was said that tuition would not decrease either way, so this issue was really not addressed.
 - iii. Scholarships get "locked in" - Students have said that scholarship policies changed this year so that students get "locked in" to scholarships. This means that even if a student's GPA falls below a scholarship's requirements, his/her scholarship is not removed. It also means that if a student improves his/her GPA, higher scholarships are not awarded. Students think

scholarships should be awarded on the basis of whether a student meets the requirements.

- iv. Changes in scholarships not applied to students, but changes to tuition are - When scholarship awards increase, students do not receive this increase but stay "locked in" at the old amount. However, when tuition increases, all students experience this increase rather than being "locked in" to the tuition rate at the time they were first accepted. Students feel that this needs to be consistent.
- v. Financial aid complaints - Students have had more problems with the Financial Aid office than with any other office, and the frequency with which these problems occur has increased even more within the past year. Students say that Financial Aid frequently loses paperwork, rarely answers phones, is extremely slow in replying to voicemails and emails, and so on. Students wonder what can be done to keep these issues from arising on such an unacceptably frequent basis.

5. Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees

- a. Vice President of Representatives
 - i. Ben says "Hello," excited to take Amy's place, Amy did a good job.
- b. President of Student Association
- c. V.P. of Finance and Organization
 - i. See attached Budget Report Document
 - ii. Any questions ask Sara.
- d. C.A.B.
 - i. This past week was Nerf Tag, there was a break this weekend.
 - 1. Will resume tonight at midnight, showdown on Friday at 4:00 pm (if needed)
 - ii. This Friday Settlers of Catan Tournament at 7:30 in the BEC (theoretically)
 - iii. Blood Drive, November 9, in the Cross of Christ Fellowship Center
 - 1. Sign up today!
- e. Standing Committees
 - i. UAPC
 - 1. What is a syllabus
 - ii. SPC
 - 1. Met with financial aid.
 - a. Discussed phone and email policies
 - b. Gathered what issues are
 - 2. Discussed calendar
 - 3. Grade privacy and student graders
 - 4. Blackboard

5. Laptops and how it is included in tuition
 - a. Should it be in the tuition of those that do not use university laptops
- iii. Academic events
 1. Introductory meeting with Dr. Dave
 - a. Commencement for baccalaureate ceremony
 - b. Looking at planning the services and what order and attendance from previous years.
- iv. Fact finding
 1. Game room survey closed Friday
 - a. 25-30% of the undergraduate pop. responded
 2. Survey from Food services committee to be sent out next week
- v. Health and wellness
 1. Fair went well
 2. Smoke out day close to Thanksgiving
 - a. Smoke free day and information on that day
- vi. Food service
 1. Moonlight breakfast
 2. Commons open later during finals week
 3. 2-5pm stations closed in Union starting Monday
 4. Veggie selection, end of deli
 5. Ask for gluten free
 6. Monday suggestion box posted
- vii. Res. Life
 1. Holst hall clean up
 2. No meeting this last week
- viii. Constitutional concerns
 1. By-laws
 2. Structure
- ix. Communications
 1. Last chance to submit concerns
 2. Interested in more information, see Kyle
- x. Parking
 1. Hasn't met yet
- xi. Missing goals from
 1. UAPC
 2. Academic events
- f. V.P. of Public Affairs
 - i. Better attendance recording process

- 1. Google document shared with every Exec. Board member
- ii. Changed email title from “Concordia University Student Senate” to “Student Senate”
- iii. Developed protocol for electing senators
- iv. Looked over club requirements
- v. Discussed budget account descriptions, specifically Jason’s role
- vi. Decided to order t-shirts from a less expensive website
 - 1. Want to update sizes? Send to Austin
- vii. Discussed possibilities for future Sword articles

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Sisterhood of Empowerment
 - i. Jennifer Khang presented
 - ii. Cindy Yang is other leader, Faculty member Megan Yang
 - iii. Dani asked if they plan to meet weekly or bi-weekly
 - 1. Meeting bi-weekly, evening meetings
 - a. Not sure of when first meeting would be
 - iv. Thomas asked, “What is the main objective”
 - 1. Discussing changes in women’s life with others
 - v. Meghan asked, “What is the interest?”
 - 1. At least 50 sent back surveys of interest
 - vi. Sara stated that if a club is approved they are open to receive funding from Student Senate, but they do not have to take the money.
 - 1. Have requirements to fulfill as a club
 - vii. Kyle raised a concern that they submitted a form to SAC
 - 1. Sara approved that the form was submitted with required signatures
 - viii. Vote to approve club status
 - 1. Motion passed to receive club status
- b. Parking Lot Task Force Proposal/Elections
 - i. Need to vote on the other members of the committee
 - ii. Committee is formed to address concerns raised by student body, faculty and staff
 - iii. Open nominations to senators, if requirements are not met, sent to student body
 - iv. Nominations
 - 1. Latashia nominated Danielle Fehrman
 - a. Danielle accepted
 - 2. Meghan nominates Sara Peterson
 - a. Sara accepted
 - 3. Vote on these two members added

- a. Danielle and Sara were elected to serve on committee
- 4. Kyle stated that students did not necessarily have to be student senators, but it was open to senators first
- 5. Adam nominated Brian Weyers
- 6. Thomas nominated Cassie Weaver

7. New Business

- a. Mission Talk with Austin
 - i. Senators each wrote down their thoughts on what the mission statement should include.

8. Announcements

- i. Nerf Tag: ongoing this week
- ii. CAB Blood Drive, November 9th, Cross of Christ Fellowship Center (Chapel) 12:30-4:30
- iii. New Senator Elections Wednesday-Friday
- iv. Settlers Tournament Friday 7:30 BEC (theoretically)

9. Adjourned at 4:46pm

- a. Leah motioned
- b. Danielle seconded