



# Concordia University, St. Paul

## Student Senate

Meeting Minutes 09/18/2011

1. **Call to Order** at 4:02 pm
2. **Roll call of Senators**
  - a. Present: Adam Ave-Lallemant, Alex Wright, Anna Shaw, Caralyn Tignanelli, Danielle Fehrman, Dustin Christen, Hope Baker, James Peterson, Joanna Johnson, Latashia White, Leah Timm, Lieve Snellen, Meghan O'Neill, Moses Huerta, Nicole Klimek, Paige Joosten, Shon Hasstrup, Thomas Flack, David Johnson, Ashley Leiding, Meghan Lacek, Kyle Sorkness, Sara Peterson, Amy Abrigo, Austin Ertelt, Jackie Wiebold
  - b. Absent:
  - c. Excused: Ben Berteau
3. **Reports of officers, boards, and standing committees**
  - a. V.P. of Finance and Organization
    - i. Budget Report
      1. Work Study
        - a. Budgeted: \$25,200 Remaining: \$22,672.10
      2. Office Supplies
        - a. Budgeted: \$1,673.40 Remaining: \$1311.53
      3. Student Senate Internal
        - a. Budgeted: \$6176.25 Remaining: \$5880.82
      4. Student Senate Capital
        - a. Budgeted: \$8,367 Remaining: \$8367
      5. CTP
        - a. Budgeted: \$2091.75 Remaining: \$0
      6. Clubs and Orgs
        - a. Budgeted: \$10,040 Remaining: \$10,040
      7. CAB
        - a. Budgeted: \$30121.20 Remaining: \$22614.18
      8. Total Budgeted:
        - a. Original amount: \$83670 Remaining: \$70757.23
    - ii. Proposal for a change

1. At the end of last year the senate approved a new percentage system for allocating our budget to various categories. We did not take into account our inability to change the amount of the federally distributed work study money. Since the percentage we approved for work study does not align with the amount of money the government allocated this year, we are voting to change the internal budget percentage to compensate for this inconsistency. The difference in the numbers amounts to \$99, and it has been proposed that we take that \$99 from the internal budget and move it to work study in order to balance our budget.
  - a. The motion passed, \$99 from the internal budget has been removed in order to compensate for the difference in the work study budget
- b. C.A.B
  - i. Upcoming events
    1. Homecoming week!
      - a. Monday
        - i. Hypnotist on campus 7:30pm in the Buetow, Nerd dress up day
      - b. Tuesday
        - i. Tri Pi dodge ball tournament 9:00-11:00pm in the GC, Crayola dress up day
      - c. Wednesday
        - i. Sardines on the knoll 7:30pm , Crazy Accessory dress up day
      - d. Thursday
        - i. Coffeeshouse 7:30pm in Tier Zero, Dress like an elderly citizen day
      - e. Friday
        - i. Off-campus servant event at Feed My Starving Children, leaving from the Pearson Commons at 5:00pm, s'mores on the knoll/bonfire afterwards, School Spirit dress up day
    2. Homecoming coronation
      - a. Each night will be a different coronation by class, will hopefully increase attendance at event overall
      - b. Monday Seniors, Tuesday Juniors, Wednesday Sophomores, Thursday Freshman
  - c. Standing Committees

- i. Faculty/Senate Committee
- ii. Student Conduct Committee
  - 1. Needs to be filled as soon as possible
- iii. UAPC - Undergraduate Academic Policies Committee
  - 1. Working to revise the 2013-2014 Academic Calendar
  - 2. The 2012-2013 calendar has already been change to begin school a week later to meet federal regulations

#### 4. **New Business**

- a. Robert's Rules of Order
  - i. Senators received a "cheat sheet" on Robert's Rules of Order laying out the most common procedures that will occur during meetings.
  - ii. Changes in how we vote
    - 1. Majority means more than half of the people who voted, not the people in the room
      - a. We will no longer call for those who are abstaining, the majority will just come from those who vote
  - iii. We want to amend the by-laws to include leniency in follow Robert's Rules of Order to make it so we can create rules to help streamline our process
  - iv. Aspects of Robert's Rules to highlight:
    - 1. Parliamentary inquiry - you are allowed to interrupt and ask a clarifying question about parliamentary procedure
    - 2. Point of information - if you want more information about what is happening at any point you can interrupt to ask, and the floor will be given to whoever can answer the question
  - v. Kyle Sorkness proposed "to suspend the rules so that, during debate, members may remain seated and so that there be no limits on the number of times a member may speak or on the duration of any member's speaking."
  - vi. Austin Ertelt has seconded
  - vii. Motion has passed, the rules have been suspended
- b. Student Senate Contract
  - i. Senators receive a contract further outlining responsibilities that they are asked to uphold throughout the year
  - ii. Together the Senators read through and signed the contract
- c. "By-Law Amendment" Proposal
  - i. Proposed by Kyle Sorkness
  - ii. Seconded by Caralyn Tignanelli
    - 1. The proposal reads, "I move that we amend Article I Section I of the By-Laws of the Student Association Constitution by substituting the

existing section with, “The rules contained in the current edition of *Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised* shall govern the Student Association and Student Senate in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the Student Association or Student Senate may adopt.”

- iii. Shon Hasstrup has moved that we table the proposal until the next meeting
- iv. Latashia White has seconded
- v. The motion has passed, the proposal has been tabled until the next meeting

## **5. Announcements**

- a. Resignation of Senator
  - i. Taylor Fieldsted has resigned as a Senator due to health issues
- b. Nominations for Senators
  - i. Cassandra Weaver
  - ii. Gregory Kaszubowski
- c. Sign up for Homecoming weekend hours
  - i. Homecoming weekend there will be help needed for certain events, Senators will be sent a sign-up sheet through Google Docs to cover these hours
- d. Student Senate shirts
  - i. We are unsure if we are ordering polo shirts or button down shirts for senators, sizes were collected from Senators either way
- e. Student Senate Paperless Paperwork
  - i. There will be a folder in Google Docs containing all of the paperwork you might need as a Senator
    - 1. Proposal forms
    - 2. Executive Board Contact info
    - 3. Senator Contact info with constituents
    - 4. Robert’s Rules of Order cheat sheet

## **6. Adjournment at 4:48pm**

- a. Motioned by Thomas Flack
- b. Seconded by Shon Hasstrup
  - i. Motion passed