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Thursday, April 3, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 14

2/3: 18

I. Call to Order
Call to Order at 7:08

II. Roll Call

III. Executive Reports

a. President

VP Search: Checked References on six candidates. We have selected four finalists to bring on to campus for an interview. One of the interview bodies will be members of the SGA. I will contact a few of you when I receive further instruction. Timeline for interview dates have been set for April 21-25 and 28-30. President's Cabinet: We received an updated version of the Student Health insurance plan. I would like to discuss this with you should you have any questions. Change in virtual college course cost. All virtual classes will cost a specific price and will not be subjected to the on-campus cost as they are now if you are enrolled in on-campus classes. An effort to boost the on-campus environment and make it fair and equal for all students. My only concern is when student do not have the option of taking a virtual class versus an on campus class. Dr. Hammond has Dr. Gould looking into this issue now and visiting with deans and chairs. He is to provide me with their feedback once he as it all gathers. At that time I will share it with you. Statement regarding English Club bill: During the discussion of senate bill 08/S/117 I misspoke and possibly misled the senate regarding members of an organization of who can and cannot defend appropriation bills. I would like to publicly apologize to the student senate, executive staff, and the students of Fort Hays State University for misrepresenting the SGA constitution last week. I take full responsibility for my actions. I do not feel that it is my responsibility to micromanage the senate or to restrict the powers to be of the student senate.

b. Vice President

I made it back from Edmond, OK on Friday evening and played catch-up over the weekend. This week I spent my office hours discussing some constitutional issues with all of you regarding the English Club speaker/event request (senate bill 08/S/117). You all received a formal official notice of intent to rescind that bill from me. You also received an informal informational statement regarding the specifics of the situation. As most of you are aware, there was a large amount of discourse in the office this week over this issue and I believe that this discourse is not only important but extremely healthy for a political administration. Without discourse, all sides and arguments regarding an issue cannot be thoroughly examined and important information would never be released. I am happy to let you all know that I had a very pleasant conversation with Ms. Thomas earlier this afternoon. Ms. Thomas is the president of the English Club and is present in the audience this evening to represent her

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organization and to present and defend the organization's request. We had a very constructive conversation in which I explained to her what was proposed by members of this senate to take place this evening. She was very understanding of the situation and very much so wants to resolve it in a professional and correct manner. She informed me that she does not want the English Club to be treated any differently than any other student organization on campus. She is prepared to present to you all this evening and answer your questions. I thank her very much for our conversation and for being here in the audience. By executive order I am adding first reading of Bill 08/S/121 to the agenda which is a speaker/event request from the Black Student Union. Finally, should the senate bill be rescinded this evening I have authorization from the appropriations committee to add by executive order first reading of Bill 08/S/122 which will be a re-submission of the English Club Speaker/Event request.

c. Executive Assistant

Attended the Women's Leadership Conference and attended Pack the Park on Friday. On Tuesday attended the Langston Hughes event; Wednesday was Orientation Advising training. Booth on Wednesday and Thursday, and if your willing to work that would be wonderful, and to side walk chalk for elections, not personal elections.

d. Treasurer

Reconciled all of our accounts. Contacted organizations from hearings and recommendations from last week's hearings. I sent out a final copy of the allocations bill to all organizations and copy of rationale and recommendations that were passed. Prepared material for the appropriations committee and also attended the Orientation Advisory training. Prepared the treasurer's report, and will be printed for you guys next week.

e. Administrative Assistant

Your simple majority is 13 and your 2/3rd's is 18. Another typical week, taking phone calls and assisting the staff as I could and revised minutes.

f. Legislative Affairs Director

Attended Orientation Advising Monday and Tuesday, and spent this week prepared items and questions the student review committee had concerning the athletic fee budgets. Last meeting next week so be prepared for a statement concerning the CPI from that group.

g. Webmaster/Historian

Pablo is working on minute reports on the allocations week and Soccer Proposal and will be posted as soon as he is down preparing them.

IV. Committee Reports

a. Appropriations

Trip Request from the Management and Marketing club, trip request for Phi Alpha Theta. BSU First Reading

b. Senate Affairs

We are responsible for organizing the elections committee, sign up sheet for

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elections next week for those listed by Sen. Manly (Newman Newton Davis Lalicker Gillogly, Pres. Gillogly)

c. Student Affairs

Draft for the recycling resolution is up and should be out for First Reading next week, and looked into the virtual vs. campus rates and once we have more information on that we'll let you know.

d. Legislative & Political Action

Discussed the proposed athletic fee in committee and plan to have the administration present to us next week, Second Reading of the Student Health fee recommendation is this evening.

V. Open Forum

a. Outstanding Member Nomination (Student Organization Awards Banquet)

Sen. Winter: Sen. Newman for nomination, 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier

Sen. Newman accepts

LD Hughes: Sen. Maseberg for nomination, 2nd

Sen. Maseberg accepts

Sen. Matsko: AA Pablo for nomination, 2nd

AA Pablo accepts

Sen. Newman: Sen. Davis for nomination, 2nd

Sen. Davis accepts

Sen. Maseberg: Treasurer Lalicker for nomination, 2nd

Treasurer Lalicker accepts

Sen. Brownfield: Sen. Engel for nomination, 2nd

Sen. Engel accepts

Sen. Quinonez: EA Ohl for nomination, 2nd

EA Ohl accepts

Sen. Davis: LD Hughes for nomination, 2nd

LD Hughes accepts

Sen. Brownfield: VP Engel for nomination, 2nd

VP Engel accepts

Sen. Kruse: President Gillogly for nomination

President Gillogly accepts

Ballots to be passed around, and recap on nominees

Feedback on the Emergency Notification System for Kent Steward, University Relations:

Sen. Newman: Went to voicemail, but no message. Did receive the text.

Sen. Engel: Received 27 min. later than Treasurer Lalicker's

Sen. Stegmaier: Received a voicemail and it was fine.

Sen. Hertel: Did anyone sign up for text message? Mine went directly to voicemail.

Sen. Newton: Received an email, but nothing on phone

Sen. Einsel: It called didn't answer, left a voicemail but no text

Sen. Zerfas: Received my phone call and no problems

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Sen. Manly: Received voicemail, but only last half of it

Sen. Miller: Voicemail was blank and text was incomplete.

Sen. Davis: Text too long to accept. Email appeared as spam. Said "leader alert" and nothing in regards to FHSU.

Sen. Brownfield: I received half a text message as well.

Sen. Shellnut: Email should be more personalized to FHSU.

Sen. Attig: Voicemail was fine

Sen. Newman: Synchronize the email and voicemail. Over 30 minutes between two timestamps.

Sen. Hansen: Call showed up as "unavailable" and voicemail was just tones.

Sen. Winter: Phone call with no message.

EA Ohl: Telephone rang in classroom with message.

Sen. Stramel: Received voicemail and email, but no text.

President Gillogly: Received during cabinet. Did not receive text, but did get email.

Sen. Davis: Test went well and snowballed, everybody knew what was taking place.

Sen. Hertel: 9:40 phone call in class, 45 min later received cell phone message.

Sen. Shellnut: There is a certain limit to messages that can be sent out. Will spread very quickly and heard rings in Rarick Hall.

Sen. Quinonez: No call, but no text.

Sen. Engel: SGA Office received but did not receive own.

VP Engel: Treasurer Lalicker's phone rang at the same time. At 10:20 received call and voicemail at 10:24. Mobile phone network overloaded, and could not call out or each other. Received the email. Word of mouth was effective if you did not receive messages or calls.

Sen. Winter: Student Affairs to bring more traffic into the Student Union and serving alcohol. Request for senate to talk to constituents.

Sen. Stegmaier moves to rescind bill 08/S/117, 2nd by Sen. Engel

Sen. Stegmaier: Rescind bill due to premature vote by the senate. Given lack of proper information provided and student representative came in late as well.

Sen. Kruse: We are all responsible to know the constitution.

Sen. Edwards: Request the speaker to the mic.

VP Engel: Calls motion out of order. Purpose of discussion is rescinding due to procedural error, and not bill itself. You can call the speaker to discuss rescinding the bill. If you wish to call the speaker to discuss the trip itself, it will need to wait until discussion of the actual bill. Which one did you wish to do?

Sen. Edwards: The first one.

Autumn Thomas, President of English Club to the mic.

Thomas: Apologizes for not having representation. Miscommunication between the group, SGA, and advisor. The decision to rescind the bill is up to the senate, and whatever is most appropriate to them is acceptable to the club.

Sen. Engel: Believes that bill is unconstitutional. Concern that when Sen. Stegmaier addressed the senate last week, he did state that the bill was

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unconstitutional. President Gillogly incorrectly advised the senate that the bill was, in fact, constitutional. If you were told that it was not constitutional would you have supported the bill? (directed towards the senate)

Sen. Davis: Is Ms. Hutchinson a member of the English Club?

Thomas: Yes, I would classify her as a member.

Sen. Engel: Just because she is a member, I do not believe that the constitution allows individuals that don't pay student fees to represent organizations.

Sen. Davis: Reads Constitution: stating that she can be a member and of the English club and sees it as 100% constitutional.

Sen. Manly: Follow up to Sen. Engel: If had been told constitutional by President Gillogly, then the senate would have asked the representative to speak.

Sen. Zerfas: We have one chance to get this right, and apparently we didn't. In the future take more time and make sure it doesn't happen again. What we are trying to do is fix what we messed up, our procedural error. I don't see why there was a problem. I see the bill being right the first time.

Sen. Hansen: We do have one shot, and I feel we should take responsibility to not questioning the student once she arrived. I see the Ms. Hutchison as a member and it's a waste of time to discuss this issue and resending this bill.

Sen. Newman: Agree with Davis, and believe it was done properly and rescinding it would be a waste of time.

Sen. Engel: I Disagree. If we do not follow the rules, other groups would ask for the same. We need to correct this so no future organizations can come back on this issue.

Sen. Zerfas: To Sen. Engel: How are we doing this differently for English Club?

Sen. Engel: The constitution states that we represent paying student fees. We do not represent anyone who does not pay fees.

Sen. Stegmaier: To Thomas: If Ms. Hutchinson is a member of the English Club, why she not on the SOC roster?

Thomas: Because she's part of the English department, but she's not a student. She attends meetings but is not on the roster.

Sen. Stegmaier: Would you consider her more of a faculty advisor more than a member?

Thomas: She takes part as a member and does not advise.

President Gillogly: Clarification on considering members, the membership list while valid is not always proper representation of the group membership list, as groups get new members throughout the year.

Webmaster Gillogly: Allocations week there were clubs that showed up late and still received money, it was our fault we did not ask questions.

Sen. Hansen: We shouldn't penalize a club for one non member when a majority of the club have students that pay the student fees, we should consider the club as a whole.

LD Hughes: You're not penalizing anybody, and you're not zero funding them. Debate is what a member is. It only makes sense to do it correct again, regardless because it will be reconsidered.

Sen. Purdy: If the new bill was moved to emergency business tonight they would be getting their money just as fast, correct?

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VP Engel: Yes.

Sen. Davis: Point of Information: Is this new bill constitutional? Did the English Club represent to the committee?

Sen. Maseberg: No.

Sen. Davis: Then the bill would be unconstitutional.

VP Engel: Can you find that?

Sen. Davis: Reading from Constitution: For the new bill to be constitutional, it would have to be presented to the appropriations committee first.

VP Engel: Discussed with appropriations committee. They felt they had the information they needed to represent this.

Sen. Shellnut: If this is a new bill to be resent, we have all the info we need. It would be a waste of time to meet again with the group. I don't see why we could not consider this bill this evening.

Sen. Davis: LD Hughes says we need to do it again correctly. The bill would have to be represented to the appropriations committee and the senate.

Sen. Brownfield: Please clarify.

Sen. Davis: For the new bill to be constitutional, it would have to go through a First and Second Reading.

Sen. Brownfield: Would you want them to fill out another request form?

Sen. Davis: Yes, they would have to go through the process again.

Sen. Maseberg: I disagree with Sen. Davis. I interpret the constitution as the group must present the request, which they did, and there's no need for another meeting.

President Gillogly: When we adopted this motion, did you feel you made the wrong the decision? If you do, than it should be resent.

Sen. Gnizak: We didn't ask everybody who applied to present. The person who spoke was here, we didn't ask her specifically and don't see why we should end/cancel/resent this bill now.

Sen. Miller: Agree with President Gillogly.

Sen. Engel: I don't believe we have passed appropriations without a student addressing the senate.

President Gillogly: I would ask to see where it requires a student to speak on behalf of an organization in the constitution.

Sen. Engel: On page 18 it clarifies the following...

President Gillogly: It states... "upon notice" which can be interpreted in many ways, it's a matter of interpretation, ours differ on the matter.

Sen. Winter: We are not going to be penalizing the club. We are basically trying to correct what we messed up.

Sen. Davis moves to a direct vote.

Opposed by Sen. Engel.

Sen. Engel: In future years how would you stand on students not having to present for appropriations?

Sen. Kruse: Does the constitution define what a member of an organization is?

VP Engel: It defines what a member of the SGA is. It does not specify what qualifies as a member for other organizations. The constitution of the respective

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organization defines what a member is.

Sen. Kruse: Making the speaker valid.

Sen. Davis: When the member of the organization arrived they could not initiate the discussion. This was left up to the senate, and we failed to do so.

Sen. Engel: She was asked, but not here when questioned.

Sen. Zerfas: Why didn't you ask again when she arrived?

Sen. Engel: No response.

Sen. Hansen: The question is did we make the wrong decision to give them money?

Sen. Brownfield: The reason why we did not ask questions was due to incorrect information provided by President Gillogly. We need to fix what we did wrong.

Sen. Hansen: We are all at fault for not knowing ourselves.

Sen. Stegmaier: We made a mistake. President Gillogly is not by herself on this. We need to fix it.

Sen. Manly: Move for direct vote on motion to rescind 08/S/117.

VP Engel: Objections?

None.

Discussion ended and the vote totaled:

Y=13 N=14 A=0

Motion fails.

Sen. Davis: To allow LD Hughes to speak throughout Senate Resolution 08/S/103 and no debate on discussion rules.

2nd by Sen. Engel.

Motion Passes.

- VI. New Business (Executive Order removed the First Reading of 08/S/122)
- a. First Reading of Bill 08/S/120: Phi Alpha Theta Appropriations Request
 - b. First Reading of Bill 08/S/121: BSU Request for the MAD Talent Show
- VII. Old Business
- a. Second Reading of Resolution 08/S/103: Student Health Center Fee Recommendation
- Sen. Stegmaier moves to consider.
- 2nd by Sen. Purdy
- Discussion on Resolution.
- Sen. Newman: What/when was the last increase?
- Sen. Davis: Deferred to the proposal presenters
- Dr. Joey Linn, Associate VP for Student Affairs & Registrar to the mic.
- Linn: Last increase? In fiscal year '02-'03 there was a reallocation of 35 cents from housing bonds to student. Fiscal year '01-'02 saw a 25 cent increase per credit hour.
- Sen. Stegmaier: Why 75 cent increase?
- Linn: To be fiscally sound but also to have a little reserve to do additional things.
- Sen. Purdy: Additional things?
- Linn: More educational services to students (workshops).

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Sen. Newman: Estimate of how long of increase to be sufficient, and when you'll need another increase

Linn: Should be okay for next 3 to 4 years.

Sen. Purdy: Move for direct vote on 08/S/103.

No objections.

Discussion ended and the vote totaled:

Y=26 N=0 A=0

Resolution passes.

VP Engel: Correction in Therefore Clause: Bill 08/S/121 should read 150 dollars for the Mad Talent Show.

VIII. Announcements

a. Center of Public Safety (COPS) Tour TONIGHT at 8 pm, Custer Hall Lower Level

b. Civic Engagement Week, March 30 to April 4, 2008

c. Dr. Reggie Robinson, President & CEO of KBOR, Presentation Friday 4/4 @ 2:45 pm, Memorial Union Black & Gold Room

d. Mobile Teaching & Learning Conference canceled.

e. SGA Elections Weds. & Thurs. April 9 & 10 via TigerTracks, voting booth available in the Memorial Union from 10 am to 2 pm each day.

Sen. Newman: Announce to your classes to get out there and vote for elections.

Sen. Brownfield: Wear tigers in service tees tomorrow in support of Civic Engagement week.

EA Ohl: Take A Break will be April 23rd at 6PM in Chuck's Place, Wiest Hall.

LD Hughes: Sen. Newman follow up: Turn out for voting is disgusting. Speak with as many students as you can, get them involved get them to vote.

VP Engel: Congratulations to LD Hughes for outstanding SGA member.

IX. Adjourn

Sen. Purdy moves to Adjourn.

2nd by Sen. Stegmaier

Meeting adjourned at 8:20PM.