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Gillogly/Engel

Minutes

Thursday, May 1, 2008
7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 13

2/3: 16

I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order at 7:03

II. Roll Call
Absences: 3

III. Executive Reports
a. President

Attended Drag Show: Job well done to all contestants, they made it extremely entertaining. Also Job well done to the 10% club for a successful show. Tiger Enroll: Helped with Transfer Tiger Enroll on Monday and Tuesday VP Search: Wednesday I participated in the on-campus interview with Dr. Tisa Mason. Today I met with the search committee and we discussed strengths and weaknesses of all candidates incorporating our constituency group's opinions. We formulated a list of our comments to send to Dr. Hammond as a resource to use as he makes his decision on the candidates. Next week he will travel to the candidate's residence to meet with them in their environment. We should expect his announcement of the position in the weeks to follow. Meeting with Shana: Cole and I discussed the various constitutional changes that are up for second reading this evening. If you have not had the chance to visit with the Executive Staff or members of the Senate Affairs Committee concerning the changes please make sure to address those during open forum tonight. Student Organization Banquet: Invited to Speak at the Banquet Cole and I assisted in handing out awards to student and advisor recipients. (Got a little blinded to all the camera flashes) Thanks to the CSI staff for putting on the banquet and give student the opportunity to recognize our fellow students for their hard work. Attended MAD Talent Show: I was impressed with all of the candidate's talents. Great Job! Congrats to the Black Student Union for putting on yet again another successful event! Classified Senate Elections: Reminder that Classified Senate is holding an election on May 7th to decipher whether or not they would like to change from Classified Staff to University Support Staff. This does happen to be one of the days that we will have a voting booth in the Union for the constitutional changes. SGA is responsible for running their booth that day. I need Senate volunteers to help man the table. Exec. Assistant Ohl will be sending around a sign-up sheet for both SGA and Classified Senate next week. The Classified Senate polls will be open from 8-4 in the Union. We need as many volunteers as we can have on that Wednesday and of course fill the day on Thursday as well. So please help out! I will sub an office hour for your help on either or both days.

b. Vice President

Last Friday I attended the Dare to Dream Part 2 press conference, that press release from University Relations was forwarded to each of you. I attended our weekly meeting with Shana where we discussed the proposed constitutional amendments. I participated in the last Vice President for Student Affairs candidate interview. Dr. Tisa Mason from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater was here yesterday. I participated in the Student Organization Awards Banquet last evening. Several outstanding students and advisors were recognized for their achievements this year, thank you to

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those of you who attended that event. I hope all of you have had a chance to review the proposed constitutional amendments before tonight's meeting. I hope we have a good discussion tonight regarding these amendments which have originated from many sources and from many discussions that we have held on the senate floor this year. If you have any questions please direct those to the senate affairs chair Sen. Manly or to our Legislative Director Tyler Hughes. Finally, I wanted to let you know that next week will be the last week that office hours are required for senators and it will be our last senate meeting of this session. You will not be required to serve office hours during spring break; however, the office will be open and your executive staff will be serving limited hours.

- c. Executive Assistant
Worked on the minutes and should have those minutes out to you tomorrow, and attended student awards banquet
- d. Treasurer
Reconciliation of our accounts. Tried to finish up the funding for the clubs that we have past legislation for since we are nearing the end of the school year. Treasures report held off this week for our final week next week. Typed legislation and emailed clubs on Second Readings. Phi Alpha Theta letter on returned allocated money.
- e. Administrative Assistant
Simple: 13, 2/3: 16. Took this week to work on minutes, I was out of the office on Thursday the past two meetings, and would like to than Executive Assistant Dian Ohl for taking over.
- f. Legislative Affairs Director
This week I made a considerable dent in the committee nomination for the academic affairs and the student affairs. Began writing questions for next week for the ballot baring the discussion on constitutional changes tonight. Attended the interviews for the VP candidates this week, and graciously accepted my award for the Most Outstanding SGA member, and am humbled by the honor.
- g. Webmaster/Historian
Updated legislation, agenda's and the university forums page, and attended the Mad Talent Show by the BSU.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations
Several equipment and trip requests up for First Reading, and the 10% request is up for Second Reading tonight.
- b. Senate Affairs
Looked at Constitution changes. Two bills up for Second Reading.
- c. Student Affairs
Discussed end of the year meeting and will meet at 6:30.
- d. Legislative & Political Action
LPAC committee met to discuss next year recommendations, and issues for the LPAC committee
- e. Executive Review
Thank you for turning executive surveys, and next week we will be going over the review.

V. Open Forum

Sen. Shellnut: I have been speaking to Modern Language and concerned with fading out

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the program (French) in the university and students will be able to finish out their degrees, but as far as new comers, they will not have the opportunity.

Sen. Steamier: Reason why?

Sen. Shellnut: Reason being few numbers to keep the program. Cutting to lower tuition.

Sen. Newman: Completely disband all together?

Sen. Shellnut: Major as a whole but possibly leaving it as a minor.

Pres. Gillogly: Sen. Engel concern with the university book store selling back books, with the university book store not taking back books, due to the packaged cd. The cd not required for the class.

Sen. Stegmaier: Personally been an issue all four years of my attendance here at FHSU.

Sen. Hansen: Pass it on to the student affairs committee. Complications with packets and cd's in the class room, where one isn't needed although you must return them both back.

LD Hughes: Do what Dustin did, and approach the chair or the teacher, and asking faculty members who are or are not using the cd's. And be as accurate as possible.

Advisor Songer: My guess is it's a different copy write therefore they can't take them back. Let myself or Bill Smriga know and we'll try to investigate into it.

Sen. Engel: The book will be used next semester, the packaging with same copyright and chapters, just packaged differently.

Advisor Meyer: Reposition forms turn in the book store with this on it.

Sen. Engel: Can buy the book from the manufacture makes both packaged and not packaged books. Options to buy back books needs to be an option.

Sen. Newton: Order a certain amount of cd's for the store and students.

Sen. Engel: I believe the cd is supplementary to the text, leverage to only offer the new text.

LD Hughes: Possible that it's bundled and bundled only meaning the book stores hands are tied. Needs to be a collected effort by student and staff to investigate on the matter.

Pres. Gillogly: They do have the option of selling just the book back in the past, and can be done, needs to be looked into.

VI. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 08/S/128: Wellness Center Equipment Fund
- b. First Reading of Bill 08/S/129: KFHS Equipment Fund
- c. First Reading of Bill 08/S/130: Kaffee und Kino Equipment Fund
- d. First Reading of Bill 08/S/131: ATSO Equipment Fund
- e. First Reading of Bill 08/S/132: SAA Speaker/Event Fund

VII. Old Business

- a. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/124: 10% Club Appropriations

Sen. Edwards: Would a representative come to the mic?

Representative: Request was for \$250 for the drag show, and raised a lot of money for the Aid's Walk, and made T-shirts for Drag show thank you for participating and AIDS Walk as well, t-shirts from Matsko thank you very much. Outside donors and diversity affairs support on these events.

Sen. Engel: How much did it raise?

Rep: We raised \$130 for the drag show and \$40 for the AIDS walk, which were purely donations.

Sen. Winter moves to direct vote.

One abstention.

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Bill Passed.

b. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/125: SGA Constitutional Amendments

Sen. Stegmaier moves to consider, 2nd by Sen. Purdy.

Sen. Stegmaier: Senate Affairs committee would speak on why we need these constitutional amendments.

Sen. Manly: The first one was recommending page three in the constitution explains the membership of the student government association, and we think what we have is a little more clearer because it talks about students who are on campus and are full time, so for clarification. Striking the must be accepted into the teacher education program, because we don't have anybody from the elementary education counseling running for senate, due to early student teaching requirements. Last one was so we can allow a special election in conjunction with our other elections, due to low voter turn out.

Sen. Newman: Move to suspend senate rules to allow LD Hughes to speak, 2nd by Sen. Engel.

Rules are suspended.

LD Hughes: To elaborate on Sen. Manly: On page 3. Top of the page on article 3 reads that any body who is a full time student is a member of SGA. Division B: stipulates who can run for office. Teacher education program: Teacher Ed majors on campus are noted and in process of being accepted. Special elections in conjunction with other election: local level and not separated and not together and is basically for timing, currently rules don't allow us to do that.

Sen. Brownfield: Confused and concerned. Part B? Any full time student is member of SGA, but it also states only has to be in one hour on campus. I don't think they represent their constituents well enough.

Sen. Manly: we had to set a specific number, some classes are only offered online so we have to draw the line somewhere.

LD Hughes: If you're paying the student fee you are a part of the SGA. Minutes can be pulled up to state the same thing. Every student is a member of the association.

Purdy moves to a direct vote.

Bill passes.

c. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/126: SGA Constitutional Amendments

Sen. Stegmaier moves to consider, 2nd by Sen. Newman

Sen. Stegmaier moves to amend Bill 08/S/126 to read under article 5, division A, subsection 1, subsection C, subsection 4, subsection B, subsection I to read at the end of the statement "with the exception of non SOC recognized organizations receiving a waiver."

VP Engel: Follow the first recommendation, Sen. Stegmaier request to add subsection I, on page 18 at the top of the page.

2nd by Sen. Newman.

Sen. Stegmaier: Allocations and Appropriations have been slightly different; this amendment is to clear the confusion.

Sen. Newman: Move to direct vote on the amendment.

Amendment passes.

Sen. Engel: Move to amend the bill recommending under article 5, division A, subsection 1, C, 4, and B to add the word "student" and in parenthesis "as defined by article three division A"; to provide additional clarification to define what a student is for appropriations and allocations.

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2nd by Sen. Newman.

VP Engel: To clarify.

Sen. Purdy moves for direct vote on the amendment.

Amendment passes.

Sen. Newman: Move to suspend senate rules to allow LD Hughes to speak on bill, 2nd by Sen. Dietz.

Sen. Newman: LD Hughes to further input on this bill.

LD Hughes: This simply is to standardize the way we give out money, being the main purpose of these changes.

VP Engel: The amendment just passed would only be for the appropriations process, for allocations we would have to amend the language further to read the same.

Sen. Newman moves to consider, 2nd Sen. Engel.

Sen. Purdy moves for direct vote.

Amendment passes.

Sen. Stegmaier moves for direct vote.

Bill passes.

d. Second Reading of Bill 08/S/127: SGA Elections Ratification

Sen. Purdy moves to consider, 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

Sen. Winter moves to direct vote.

Bill passes.

e. Second Reading of Waiver 08/S/102: Tiger Wellness Center

Sen. Stegmaier moves to consider, 2nd by Sen. Hansen

Sen. Hansen moves to direct vote.

Sen. Stegmaier: To Pres. Gillogly: Why did you make the recommendation the waiver this close to the end of the year?

Pres. Gillogly: Utilized by astronomical numbers of students that requested it.

Sen. Engel: Will students be working with us?

Pres. Gillogly: This is just for the waiver.

Sen. Purdy moves to pass waiver by unanimous consent, 2nd Sen. Edwards

Waiver passes for unanimous consent.

VIII. Announcements

a. Senate Social, TONIGHT @ 9:30 pm – Centennial Lanes

b. SGA Special Election (Constitutional Amendments) Weds. & Thurs. May 7 & 8 via TigerTracks, voting booth available in the Memorial Union 10 am to 2 pm each day

c. Big Creek Clean-Up, RESCHEDULED for Tues. 5/6 at @ 4:45 pm, meet on the quad-side of Picken Hall

Sen. Stegmaier: Alzheimer's research out in Lewis Field, hope to see you out there.

LD Hughes: Elections next week, everybody is a member of the SGA, please talk to students, knock em down, let them listen to you. Engage them.

IX. Adjourn

Sen. Purdy moves to adjourn, 2nd by Sen. Stegmaier.

VP Engel adjourns at 7:52 pm