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MINUTES

Thursday, October 30, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 15

2/3: 19

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order at 7:01 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Admin. Asst. Shellnut
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes aka Quailman)
Pres. Hughes was out of town Friday and Monday. He planned a vacation on his home planet of Bob. That was cut short when Bluffington came under attack by Dr. Klotzenstein and Klotzilla. He managed to subdue the two with his super powers of patience, intelligence, and speed. However, Baron Von Klotz managed to take captive on Patti Mayonnaise. He exposed Quailman to his weakness, pickles. He managed to use the Quailman on Baron Von Klotz, subdue him while authorities came to the rescue, and made it back to Hays safely.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel aka Joe the Plummer)
Joe the Plummer applied for a plumbing license in the state of Ohio. He installed toilets and shower facilities in a new apartment complex being built in Holland, Ohio. He did some additional research on Barack Obama's tax plan, and unfortunately failed to attend a McCain rally in Defiance, Ohio on Thursday morning. However, Joe appeared at two other rallies which he formerly endorsed John McCain for president by saying "Vote for a real American," he told the cheering crowd.
 - c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister aka ???)
This week and today the Exec. Asst. helped the president "whatever his name is." He took a ride on his dirt bike before tonight's meeting, was in the hospital for awhile, they didn't want him to leave, he "had one of those things where you hit your head, and uh, oh right, a concussion, but yea, [I'm] here now. One minute you're saying hey guys, watch this! The next someone is standing over you [saying] how many fingers am I holding up?"
 - d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard aka Sarah Palin)
"Good evening fellow constituents." This week while Sarah Palin served her country and office hours, she made legislation Bill 08/F/108, e-mailed organizations on readings and pairings, and assisted Joe the Plummer with the budgetary seminar last Tuesday. "In closing I would like to say that Tyler Hughes is a maverick and Cole Engel is an American hero. And remember the only difference between a hockey mom and a bulldog is lipstick."

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- e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut aka Betty)
During her office hours this week Betty finished last week's minutes and attended to her administrative duties.
- f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer aka Dwight Schrute from the Office)
LD Schrute was named the top sales man in the company for the 13th time in the last 12 months; he was given two plaques in one month instead of a pay raise because he's that good. He voted in advance for Barack Obama, "because let's face it, there's no woman strong enough to be in charge of our country." He arranged Pres. Hughes toys on his desk in a pleasing manner and served the rest of his office hours to the best of his ability.
- g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer aka The Apprentice aka STARKILLER)
Among filling his hours and doing web design the Apprentice not only traveled the galaxies but defeated Darth Vader.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)
We discussed a tabled request.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Senate Affairs prepared bags of candy for SGA and they have two interviews for next week with legislation to follow. Thanks to everyone who dressed up.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
The committee met with Carol Solko who is in charge of international students and disability services. She answered a lot of questions from the committee. Sen. Smriga will type up a document of Q&As that took place during the committee meeting. Carol Solko gave information on programs between the American and International students.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
There was a pretty empty committee meeting in LPAC this week. We have a petition update with an estimate of 300 signatures and also discussed a recycling initiative for the Memorial Union which was discussed towards the end of last year. LPAC will look into this initiative more during in the next few weeks.

VI. Open Forum

Halloween Costume Contest Voting

VP Engel: Ballots are being sent around. I will have everyone who is dressed up tell us who you are. Vote for your favorite costume. The winner will be announced during Announcements.

Sen. Miller: I am an underfunded college athlete at FHSU who is poor but still has to work 20 hours a week, busting my body open just so I can play sports for you.

Sen. Brammer: I am a modern day Sleeping Beauty.

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Sen. Leiker: I am a Teletubby.

Sen. Kohman: Who I am is not important. The important thing is I support Harvey Dent.

Sen. Konkel: Colonel Mustard.

Sen. Munson: I see too many serious faces. Why so serious?

Sen. Skaggs: I'm just a gypsy.

Sen. Attig: Princess Leia.

Sen. Leyerzapf: Yeah.

Sen. Smriga: I am Ernie and Bert's at home in bed, probably.

Sen. Quinones: I am the Easter Bunny.

Sen. Melchert: I am a She-Devil.

Sen. Milton: I am Scream.

Sen. Chavez: I am a cat.

Sen. Ye: I wear the traditional Chinese clothes.

Sen. Braun: I am a KU fan.

Sen. Stramel: I am a magnificent wizard.

Sen. Winter: I am an escaped convict.

Pres. Hughes: I met with Patty Griffin this week, with academic advising. There's been a concern with Tigertracks and whether or not we're losing the high-touch, while incorporating the high-tech. Since we're going through the enrollment process now, I want to know if any of you have concerns or know of any cases where students aren't being advised properly because of the online aspect.

Sen. Sexson: I haven't seen my advisor for over a year. Generally it's because I don't go see her.

Sen. Konkel: Students are getting with the advisor through e-mails and not in person about what classes to take. They're not getting that interaction of what they should take and why.

Sen. Smriga: I think that the online service section of Tigertracks is nice. It's very easy to know where to go and it only took 5-10 minutes to fill out my intent to graduate form. The online services section is great but the webmail likes to be rebooted every once in awhile. I think it's nice to have a central location for all these services.

Sen. Miller: Once you get to a certain level, you have to go talk to the professors teaching the classes to make sure they're qualified to teach it. Language classes are a good example.

LD Anglemyer: Concerning the whole system would be nice if it sent out an e-mailing telling you if there are any changes to who your advisor is. Mine went on sabbatical a week before the semester started and I didn't know who my current one was. I don't know if the system is supposed to send out an e-mail or needs to but I'm not sure on the whole confirmation process.

Sen. Smriga: I had a problem with enrolling. Before enrollment began the system didn't show any holds but as soon as minute rolled around holds came up right as I was trying to enroll. If these enrollment holds are in place, students need to be informed a week ahead of time so the problem can be fixed before their enrollment time. One example of the

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problem is a senior about to graduate getting online to enroll and an enrollment hold shows up during their time to enroll. The student needs to be informed ahead of time so that they are able to enroll in the required classes before they are filled up.

Pres. Hughes: I was approached at the beginning of the year by Dr. Hammond who had heard about some of the things that have been going wrong, that people have been left out of the advising process and that professors were taking advantage of the online aspect and not meeting with anyone. He wanted quantitative evidence of that and suggested a survey of some kind. Cole and I told him that it was unnecessary at this time. It is more of a concern rather than a problem right now. That's why we want to hear your concerns. Patty Griffin can help us out with any problems. We felt that a big part of it is it needing a lot more emphasis on professors and students talking to the advisors, especially with our incoming freshman that don't know what's going on unless it's through e-mail.

Sen. Smriga: I would have not met with my advisor because of convenience since Tiger Enroll was created. How do you make meeting with your advisor mandatory? A lot of students rely on advisors for recommendations later on but it's hard if you haven't met with your advisor and they don't know you.

VP Engel: I have an Instructional Technology Policy Advisor Committee (ITPAC) meeting next week and I'm sure we'll be discussing the reliability and speediness of Tigertracks during the peak hours of use. The senior began enrolling on Tuesday and by the afternoon Tigertracks was done for. Keep an eye on it as the underclassmen begin to put their class schedules together in the coming weeks. There's a reason why the advisor approval is necessary to make sure the student's file is current and to make the student is meeting with the advisor on a regular basis. Students need to go see their advisors and the advisors have the control to not approve the schedule. We discussed the points of students and advisors meet in the middle for making appointments with the advisors and making sure the advisors make themselves available to the students as well.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 08/F/108: Accounting Club Appropriations

VIII. Old Business

IX. Announcements

- a. Spooktacular Quest for Change, Friday 10/31 @ 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Quad
- b. White House Party: FHSU Election Night Watch, Tuesday 11/4 @ 8 p.m. to midnight – Forsyth
- c. The winner of the Halloween contest is "The Thug" aka Sen. Leyerzapf
- d. The Advanced Polling Site had 169 voters utilize that and made it one of the most popular voting sites in the county.
- e. Tiger Volleyball vs. Central Missouri Saturday 11/01 @ 7p.m. in the Gross Memorial Coliseum and Sunday 11/02 @ 3p.m.
- f. Art Slam 2008 at Coffee Rules @ 7-11p.m. there will a costume contest, a student art exhibition, and it will be open mic night. Come support the students and have a great time.

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- g. The Leadership Association is partnering up with the Marketing/Management Club who will be hosing Thought for Food in the next few weeks and there will be drop-off boxes on campus.
- h. HALO is having a Halloween party Friday 10/31 at Neighbors from 10p.m-12a.m. They will be having a costume contest and is open to all students.

X. Adjourn

Sen. Purdy motions to adjourn, 2nd by Sen. Konkel @ 7:27p.m.