

Student Senate Meeting Minutes

4/16/2024

The meeting was called to order by President Maggie Newhouse at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present

Mario Rodriguez Gomez, Connor Close, Lizzie Pike, Alison French, Sidney Polzin, Gabe Potyk (Celia Midtbo), Abbie Stigler, Jacob Fiala, Abby Nosbisch, Owen Ziegler, Caden Rodning, Emma Mara, Teagan Phillips, Melanie Winzenburg, Mallory Von Tersch, Emma Gerdes, Leah Parker, Paige Morris, Jack Campion, Sam Frick, Maggie Newhouse, Joel Tranel, Nick Kiemel, Noah Kiemel, Maddi Clark and Ann Merchlewitz

Members Absent

None

Members Excused

None

Budgets:

Accounting Club Budget:

- Amount Requested: \$511
- Motion to fund at the suggested amount of \$511 by Mario Rodriguez Gomez
 - Second: Connor Close
- Voting:
 - For: 16
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion Passes

Colleges Against Cancer Club Budget:

- Amount Requested: \$720
- Motion to fund at the suggested amount of \$500 by Caden Rodning

- Second: Jacob Fiala
- Voting:
 - For: 15
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- Motion Passes

Pep Band Budget:

- Amount Requested: \$266
- Motion to fund at the suggested amount of \$270 by Connor Close
 - Second: Lizzie Pike
- Voting:
 - For: 15
 - Against: 0
 - Abstain: 1
- Motion Passes

Anime Club Budget:

- Amount Requested: \$550
- Motion to table the amount of \$180 until the next meeting by Jacob Fiala
 - Second: Connor Close
- Voting:
 - For: 15
 - Against: 1
 - Abstain: 0
- Motion Passes to the Table until the next meeting

Resolutions:

Resolution 011: Campus Directional Signage

- The Student Senate will allocate \$15,000 to help assist the university with this project.
- New vehicle signs around the campus to be implemented with accurate descriptions and a cleaner look.
- The motion on the table is to adopt Resolution 011: Mario Rodriguez Gomez
 - Second: Connor Close
- Voting:
 - In Favor: 15
 - Opposed: 0
 - Abstaining: 1

- **Motion passes to Adopt Resolution 011**

Executive Board Reports

Maggie Newhouse, President

- We will need senators to work our Plaza Palooza table. Check your email for a sign-up sheet
- The canvases we ordered in February are here. They plan to put these up before graduation. I will let you all know when they are officially put up.

Joel Tranel, Vice President of Financial Affairs

- Budget season is almost over. We have roughly \$18,000.
- After tonight's Resolution, we have spent \$38,600 in total so far for the year in capital improvements.
- Possibly putting in a new fund/resolution that we would create for updates to Res Halls. We would create this fund and then it will be up to the new Executive Board to decide things over the summer. The reasoning behind this is to hopefully get some updates rolling this summer.
 - This might include mats and new workout places or updates to the existing ones.
- Are there any other certain ideas that people would want to see for next year? Some things take time to get rolling, finding the right product, and getting approved so if we can get ideas or products found over the summer then they would occur faster during the year.
 - Sand Volleyball Courts
 - Pickleball Courts
 - Golf equipment in the old tennis courts

Sam Frick, Vice President of Academic Affairs

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Staff Thank You event by tabling or stopping by and writing a letter.
- The staff was very appreciative of the notes. All of the letters have been delivered.

Paige Morris, Vice President of Student Affairs

- ResLife walkthrough
 - There were lots of good spaces available
 - Looked in Skemp, Heffron, LaSalle, Hillside, Gilmore, Yons, and Leo
 - Looking to add mats to workout spaces and where there is room free weights

- Also talking about adding workout spaces where there is none so we will keep you updated
- First Five-Week Meeting
 - Ali French attended with me
 - Meet again next week
 - Bridging the gap for students to feel more connected
 - How do we do that? TVs, tabling, posters?
 - Any events you want to see in the first five weeks? Ideas for new events?
 - Going to send out a survey to fill out, please!

Jack Campion, Vice President of Public Affairs

- Just waiting to hear back from the Winona Bussing system.

Nick Kiemel, Vice President of Campus Affairs

- The resolutions are signed.

Noah Kiemel, Vice President of Media and Communications

- Nothing to report.

Maddi Clark, Vice President of Administrative Affairs

- Nothing to report

Leah Parker, Vice President of Multicultural Affairs

- Nothing to report.

Ann Merchlewitz, Advisor

- Bylaws and Constitution rewrites about SAC
 - This will be brought back to you next week to vote on.
 - The proposal is to change the money from going to SAC to RISE.
 - SAC used to be a committee on the Student Senate. There is currently no one that they have to connect with, like an advisor. We need to hold them accountable for the large amount of money they receive. By having this under RISE, we know where the money is going.

- With this, there would then be a committee under Myles that would work with the VP of Student Affairs in the Senate. It would be a work-study position beneath Myles.
- This is a great time to do this because there is a large transition among their board members.
- RISE would host the larger events because they would plan how to use the larger number of funds. The students working under Myles on this advisory committee would be in charge of that.
- SAC could then still be a separate club where they could become student Senate Recognized and then they would request a budget which they could use for their other events.
- This is strictly an accountability concern and making sure they are directly reporting to an advisor or the Student Senate
- This is not a criticism of all of the work that SAC has done this year or in previous years.

Class Officer Reports

Freshman

- The Kickball tournament was canceled due to weather.

Sophomore

- Thank you to everyone who showed up. We raised \$270 from concessions.

Junior

- Nothing to report.

Senior

- Gaslight is starting this week. Starting the preparation for Senior Day.

Senator Concerns:

- Grab and Go Breakfast in the morning on the weekends before 11 am.
 - Bagel, cereal, toast
 - For student-athletes and workers
- Open house at the seminary
 - The meal will be served at 5:30 after mass.
- The Senate made a \$2,000 donation to the benefit dance.
- Can we make it required to have athletes at the benefit dance to help with attendance?

Adjournment

Motion made to Adjourn- Caden Rodning

Seconded - Sidney Polzin

Motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 7:46 pm