

Student Government Meeting Agenda

Wednesday February 2nd, 2011

- I. Call to order 3:07
- II. Roll call and establishment of Quorum
- III. Approval of Agenda
 - a. Tom McCarthy added under open floor
 - b. Art and Rev Fund added to
- IV. Approval of Minutes
- V. Student Open Floor and Guest Speakers
 - a. Tom McCarthy
 - i. Here to get information on the controversy that happened with the multi-cultural club; it sounds like there are more issues than Tom is aware of that have been going on; since then Marcellus met with Tom and referred to the club funding
 - ii. Cory expanded on our decision to charging students money from the club to go on their trip; being such a small amount and so many students going we figured it was fair to not charge them a full \$50
 - iii. Tom questioned how we got into the practice of charging the \$50 and trying to get a sense on how we determined how much we charge students per trip; doesn't seem an equitable way to charge; if it's a percentage it might be a better approach or having some policy that we're not going to pay for meals or something that would be consistent across
 1. Cory responded that it doesn't have anything to do with funding the trip, but making sure students are really dedicated to going to the trip; senate has seen in the past there have been student who go on trips just because it's free; our organization has even seen our share of people backing out at the last minute and aren't too bothered since the trip was completely funded by the school
 2. Tom would encourage us to make a percentage and then a maximum if we are to continue this
 - iv. The other concern is that not everybody doesn't have to pay the \$50
 1. Shannon and Zach said that every club so far has paid a fee this year and last year
 2. Tom mentioned that if we formalize a fee structure that we would be less likely to have pointed criticism

3. Cory said that he really likes the idea of percentage, but figuring out the equation for it and a max cap is difficult
 - a. Tom said this would be a good idea to have those bringing forth funding requests to be more specific on the number of people going and the details of the trip

*Jen B. is recognized at 3:15pm

b. New Senators

- i. Cory motions to approve Sara Hoffman as a senator, but asked the senate if we wanted to wait and see if she can come; general consent agreed

c. Elections

- i. The election floor is now open
- ii. The nomination floor is now open
 1. Cory nominated Vicky; Vicky accepts
 2. Nomination floor is now closed
 3. There was a successful election; Vicky is now the Vice President
- iii. There is a Director of Communications spot open
- iv. Cory would like to charge Vicky with continuing taking minutes and filing

d. Funding requests

- i. Art Club would like to have a screen printing class at some date and are requesting \$250 for the demonstration
 1. Zach motions to approve this money; Cory seconds
 - a. Zach has done screen printing and thinks it's pretty awesome
 - b. Cory likes it and suggests doing it during March Mania
 - c. Chris said there was a possibility of having a 2nd demonstration to March for the general population in a brief demo; the first one will be a more thorough demo
 - d. Shannon mentioned that Chris mentioned that it would be more for the art department; Chris clarified it would be a club presentation
 - e. Cory makes an amendment that prior to obtaining the money the club submit Appendix F and their other paperwork; Vicky seconds
 - i. Amendment passes
 - f. Motion is approved
 - i. Chris abstained

ii. Dems & Progs

1. Plan on going to New York for winter conference March 18-20; total cost \$2800 requesting \$2000 from us
2. Zach motions to approve \$2000 for Dems & Progs trip; Nick seconds
 - a. Zach and Nick yield their time to Chris
 - b. Chris went last year and it was a really motivational trip and very enjoyable; was a very good leadership encouraging trip; one of the people who went last year is now working at the state capitol; everyone who is going this year, beside Chris, hasn't gone before
 - c. There will be 4 students and an advisor
 - d. Cory motions to amend motion to have each student pay \$50 dollars; Zach seconds
 - i. Amendment passes
 - e. Cory mentions the club is over their earmark for this year
 - f. Nick asked what the remaining budget was for students like; Zach said he and Joyce haven't looked at it yet
 - g. Alex Chaddock asked where the money would be coming from; Zach said we always have a bit of money for padding, which this is jumped to \$30,000 from \$20,000; some of the clubs won't use any money that they earmarked and we build in an amount for new clubs that are created for them to use
 - i. Cory said as far as he know there's a good amount left since we haven't spent much; he thinks it's approvable even though it is over the earmark
 - h. This will be the only trip the club will be taking this year
 - i. Motion passes

VI. Executive Board Reports

a. President (Shannon)

i. DC trip

1. Any letters of intent out there that need to be turned in
2. Cory motions that since we have 4 females and 2 males who turned in letters we make a motion to approve up to 6 people going to DC with a stipulation that each person pay \$50 and book at quad rate if possible; if MSCSA approves this we would book at quad rate; Heidi seconds

- a. Joyce has in her notes that the MSCSA said that no more than 4 people from each campus; Cory said we'll be talking to MSCSA but he doesn't see much of a problem
 - i. Zach said if that becomes a problem he would drop his name
 - b. Cory thinks this is a good opportunity; he went on the last trip; everyone is to make sure this is a working trip; it's more expensive than a normal MSCSA trip which is why we're bringing this to the senate and have them pay a portion; since we budgeted for this last year we should send students this year
 - c. Alex asked what the cost is; \$1850 plus airfare
 - d. Motion passes
 - i. Shannon will keep us up to date
- ii. Senator conduct
1. Shannon has been president for a week as of today and have already dealt with Marcellus' email since someone took their concerns and it blew out
 2. TAHER meeting; Kate brought to our attention that students in our student government have said the student government hates TAHER and have said it to the face of the students workers
 3. Today Shannon got an email from an ex member of CRU about prayer boxes; we have never once talked about prayer boxes in a meeting; each club has their own right to display what they like; somehow this came the voice of student government that we want to get rid of prayer boxes on government
 4. Shannon is sick of someone saying something as rep from student government as a voice for all of us
 5. Nick feels is there's an issue it should be brought up with student government; Nick apologizes for dropping the ball on the Marcellus issue; he believes that we should be adult about issues and talk about it with each other
 6. Shannon points our prayer boxes; if you have something you want to talk about, bring it to the meeting and then you're free to talk about it after we've talked about this
 7. Cory says we're all student senators and represent the student body so be mindful of what you say and to whom

8. Shannon said if someone has an issue they want to talk about but doesn't want to say it publicly, come to Shannon and talk to her; she's sick of getting nasty emails and it's been a week
 9. Prayer boxes were brought up by a student, so we should talk about it at some time; a particular student and/or group has been talking to David Corgan about this so we will wait to discuss this matter
 10. Shannon reiterates to keep in mind what you're saying; if she finds out that senators are still being nasty and tying student government in she will find something to do, including the pulling of senator-ship and talking to the senator
- iii. Shannon received an email about a meeting on Feb 14th at Coon Rapids civic center at 6pm; senators raised their hand in interest
- b. Vice President (Vicky)
 - i. Apologized for not having the photo permission slips, but will get them out this week
 - c. Director of Communications ()
 - i. Shannon said she talked to PR and mentioned their not using their Facebook page to their full advantage; PR suggested we make a Facebook Fan Page; Shannon thinks it might be a good idea
 1. Zach mentioned there's an old page from previous years still up there
 2. Cory calls Orders of the Day
 - d. Director of Public Relations (Cora)
 - e. Legislative Director (Chris)
 - i. Rally Day
 1. As of Monday we have 11 appointments with reps for Rally Day; now we just need students to fill all those meetings
 2. We need students to sign up to table; there's a sign-up sheet in the student government office
 3. Zach asked if we looking into Washington County; Chris said we did and are still looking into it
 4. Vicky is working on the backgrounds
 5. Cory said the governor is working on a bonding bill this year; we had 2 projects in the top 20 and they were vetoed last year; he thinks it would be pertinent for us to try at least get the phase 2 plan for our arts center approved; we might want to meet with certain reps after rally day because we've gotten word from the

higher ups on how they rank importance for bonding bill projects and will restructure how they do this

6. Chris said if you want to set up appointments and don't know how let Chris know
 7. Cory asked if we think getting the phase 2 project is important
 - a. Shannon said we should use our second visit focus on this project whereas the first visit should be focused on the MSCSA issues
 - b. Cory brought up the idea Cora had about writing letters to reps
 8. Heidi asked if people will be excused from classes on Rally Day; Shannon said MSCSA is will send an email to profs, but you need to talk to your profs
 9. Chris mentioned tomorrow is the opening of the Art Show in the visual arts building tomorrow
- f. Club Coordinator (Zach)
- i. Zach is creating mailboxes with a fancy label maker in the clubs office
 - ii. If you call the clubs office it will go to Amanda for messages and will put those in the club's mailbox
- g. Technology Liaison (Cory)
- i. Xbox use
 1. Shannon said students are asking for Xbox use and if Cory's not there it can't be used and this is being resolved by getting the plastic security case
 - a. Joyce went to the website and wants to make sure it's the right one; Cory said we should have it by the end of the month
 2. Zach asked if we could have the front desk run the Xbox stuff; there is lockable space up by the front desk and could be used and the desk is always staffed; they could fill out the forms there
 - ii. D2L discussion board
 1. Jen B. mentioned that some students, including herself, still don't have it on their D2L page
 - a. Cory said according to IT everyone should have access, but if we know of students get their name and give to Cory and he'll look into it
 2. If anyone asks about the page, we're not approving messages that are personally attacks students and are only approving

appropriate messages; it's more a comment board than a discussion board; we're being very selective of what we approve; any student is welcome to come to our meetings

3. Shannon said Cory has been responding to a vast majority of the comments posted on the D2L page; Shannon encourages all of us in government to respond to these messages
4. Cory said that if he sees a message from student government members he'll usually approve it

*Simon is dismissed at 4:20

VII. Advisor Report

- a. Joyce dug up 2 boxes from the water bottle drawing; last year we decided we were going to have a suggestion box; general consent approved that we will use the boxes
- b. If anyone is going to the play Joyce would like people to help usher; stop by the desk to sign up to do that
- c. Programming board meeting SC 278 next week Tues

VIII. Committee Reports

- a. Rev Fund
 - i. Have new plan and has been updated again; rock wall and locker area were updated
- b. Art Committee

IX. Unfinished Business

- a. Kinect
 - i. Cory motion to approve \$150 for purchase of Kinect; Vicky seconds
 1. Motion is approved

X. New Business

XI. Other

XII. Good of the Order

XIII. Announcements

XIV. Adjournment