

Senate Meeting
October 14, 2008

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

III. Attendance

IV. Special Guest Presentations

-UPB Presentation

-Concert selections- UPB surveys the campus, compiles results, center stage committee assesses results, choose artist/band

-showed us the most recent survey results

-Try to be diverse and bring different types of artists to reach a broad range of students.

-Diversity Enhancement Awards Committee

-4th annual, 8 awards go out each year

V. Reports

-Larson Thune- No Report, Thanks to UPB for addressing common questions and concerns

-Dan Stana- Career and Academic planning UCAK vacancy-let me know if you are interested.

-Candace Avalos- Tomorrow I am having a meeting with president of student ambassadors and Paul Campbell to talk about purple out distribution and going to go out to the quad on Friday, Next Tuesday I am going to be asking for volunteers for purple out-October 29th there will be a purple out meeting, We have our Mr. and Mrs. Madison finalists, all next week we will be advertising the finalists, voting will be online on the SGA website October 29th

-Sophomores- Tshirts are in and are in the office, tomorrow we will be out on the commons, ring premier applications are due tomorrow

-Juniors- will be on the commons tomorrow to start jumping juniors campaign

-Seniors- had a meeting with Madison giving campaign, sent our flyers out for the alumni event, got 200 signatures for our bill of opinion

-Freshman- tshirt contest is still going on till the end of the month

-Andy Gibson- Program grants are coming up and there is an info meeting on October 22nd, proposals are due on the 28th, if you want to help with PR let me know, talked to Watson about FEB hearings

-Tommy Bluestein- tip of the week is to come and hang out in the SGA office, committee chairs remember that your goal list is due to me by Friday. Had our first committee chair meeting last week. Our next chair meeting is Friday the 24th-office will be closed during these meetings. We put names to all of the issues and we are in the process of inviting speakers to come. We are all set up for floor hockey.

-Community Affairs-We have added on the turkey trot to the Madison challenge. Madison challenge will be Nov 10-15. Turkey trot will be on November 16th at 9:30 on the Festival lawn. All proceeds will be going to merci house. We will be doing a 48 hour makeover in 1 room in the Merci House. Donate money and come out to the turkey trot as well as help with the makeover. We are cosponsoring with Circle K and student ambassadors. We are also trying to collect cans in front of local grocery stores for the Madison challenge. If you are in any other organization announce the can building contest. Need pen pal letters in tonight.

-Student Services- We are going out to other organizations and classes to get ideas and feedback. Working on lighting on campus and sprinklers as well as parking. Going to start working on food and drinks during final week.

-Academic Affairs- Had a meeting with the college of education and we talked about the admissions fee and they are going to look into and see if the university can fund some of the costs so students don't have to pay so much.

-Leg. Action- See Caitlin to get pledge cards.

-CIA- Homecoming is coming up and if want the SGA to be involved we need to make a banner and get involved. We will decide what our theme is going to be and then we really need people to help out. We are going to be starting SGA assassins-play is going to start this weekend.

-Diversity- Met last week to see what the administration is up to about promoting diversity. We have the largest ethnically diverse faculty and staff. Launching a diversity website.

- Finance – Starting on Thursday, will bring a huge coffee jar in SGA office for pocket change [raises money for contingency]. Bring fundraising ideas to Finance.

Dave Barnes – Potential speakers are a big thing. 15 people are potentially coming to Senate based on the issues posed. It is an opportunity, a lot of people that are coming to speak to us do not usually talk to students on these issues. Important to learn through these speakers and project that to the Student Body. Conversations may last 30 minutes or so, making the meetings longer but more meaningful. %7 budget cut will not affect specific budgets of student groups on campus, but the exact effect is still unknown. The goal is to protect the students from these cuts, but nobody knows what it will mean at the time. Not just an issue isolated at JMU.

Trisha – Shirts, sweatshirts, and pants will be ordered. Designs are coming soon available to the SGA office.

Chiquita – Newsletter will be sent out next week. Commons tomorrow, Debate 2008 picket signs. In the process of working with Lauren on the construction campaign.

Senator Forum – a reminder about the constituent forums, must hold 1 each semester. Must be done before December 5th. Need to meet together with other senators representing the same people you do, and come up with a date, time, and location [talk to Leslie for rooms and Chiquita for advertising]. Gathers questions from constituents, inform them about what SGA is doing, talk about ongoing/upcoming projects, and gather an email list to get feedback. At large senators: look at groups that don't have as many senators and help them with their constituents. Will get to know more senators and people on this campus. Speakout will not count because it was not directed to a specific constituency. Hall or Dorm senators can let staff, exec, and everyone know when meetings are so that we can come support/help answer questions. Talk to Caitlin or Trisha for questions.

V. Unfinished Business

A. ROTC Contingency Bill

a. Bill Read

b. Finance Report – Jeff Watson: Finance Committee passed this bill

c. Debate

1. Micetich: Just a few points of clarification, ammunition refers to gunpowder. They also fundraise with Qdoba nights & a haircut fundraiser. Yield time to ROTC.

2. ROTC: Separate from the ROTC requirements. This club serves as an extracurricular activity outside of the traditional military constraints. We do lots of Fundraising, convo

cleanups, concessions at football games, etc. Costs are already reduced because we handmake the charges instead of buying online & we get a 10% discount on the gunpowder and are working to get that increased. The cadet association is not shut off from the rest of campus, other students are invited to join.

3. Point of information: Fred Rose: How long will this amount last you? Answer: All year

4. Hogan: Being that they have already raised so much money, I would like to motion to call the question.

5. Hollister: Motion for Unanimous Consent

6. Speaker: Do I hear any objections

7. Sutter: I object

8. Speaker: I've heard an objection and it will now move into a vote. Ayes have it. Bill passes.

B. AKA Contingency Bill

a. Bill Read

b. Finance Report: Jeff Watson – fianance passed this bill

c. Debate:

1. Micetich: I yield my time to AKA

2. AKA: Do many service events. Fundraising: Concessions, Stadium Clean-up, Mr and Miss Enchantment Pageant, Phirt Pham Jam, Car Wash/Bake Sale, Coldstone Creamery Night, Valentine Gram Sale, Club Skee Wee. Funds will go towards many events both this semester and next.

3. Point of Information: Sutter: Is it possible to use costumes from past years? AKA: We reuse portions but have a new theme this year

4. Point of Information: Hollender: Can you elaborate on the HIV Testing program? AKA: The testing happens here in the Highlands room in February.

5. Point of Information: Woolf: How many people typically attend? AKA: It is held in Wilson and sold out each year

6. Micetich: About the AIDS testing, it's great they do this because the UHC funding has been cut for AIDS and other STD testing as well.

7. Watson: They need this money and the quality of the step show is good. They fundraise and I think this bill should pass.

8. Motion for Unanimous Consent

9. Objection

10. Speaker: We will now move into a vote. Ayes have it. Bill passes.

C. For the Love of Colorguard Contingency Bill

a. Bill Read

b. Finance Report: Watson – Finance passed this bill

c. Debate

1. Micetich: This group sponsors the JMU Nuance winter guard which goes all over and gets out the JMU name. Yield my time to FLOC.

2. FLOC: We do sponsor the Nuance Winter Guard that helps with recruitment and outreach for the JMU Marching Royal Dukes Color Guard. The international circuit gets out the JMU name internationally with competitors from China, Britain, etc. This organization has only been in existence for 2 years and last year we won. Auditions have not been held yet, they will be held in November and the interest sheet is already over 60 people long. We can only take 30 people.

3. Broughman: Point of Information: The group For the Love of Colorguard is 24 members, but the Winter Guard will be a separate group of 30 members. Last year we only had \$100 left over for this year. Last weekend we had For the Love of Color Guard and sold promotional Color Guard items.

4. Said: Do you charge dues? FLOC: yes, each member pays \$250 What prevents you from coming each year? FLOC: The amount of money that it takes to put on this program is huge. Being that this is our third year, we just don't have the resources yet. In the future we hope to not have to come. Surrounding groups pay \$1000-\$2000 per member.

5. Point of Information: Hollander: Do you participate in Community Service Projects? FLOC: We go out and help surrounding highschoools.

6. Point of Information: Waldt: Are the people who participate in the Football color guard the same as the Winter Guard?

7. Point of Information: Zuckerman: What does contingency stand at?

8. Watson: They have unstable membership because auditions have not been held yet. Almost all of their fundraising events are pending. I also feel like we are not funding a specific organization because there are many groups under the "FLOC" name. We have rules for contingency & if we pass this bill, we will be breaking rules and I urge everyone to not pass this bill.

9. POI – Micetich: Would you consider all basketball things pending?

10. POI – Sutter: Do you ever a problem filling the group?

11. Bebout: I attended the show in Memorial hall last year. The video does not do it justice. The group would not be as great without this money. I urge you all to vote for this.

12. Micetich: I want to clear up some confusion. Every group should be putting in pending fundraising events. They just wanted you to that the money is not rolling over from last year and is being raised this year. [proceeds to read all line items of items being purchased]

13. Said: I think its great, but I am not for this bill. If you were to raise your dues by just \$50 and that would raise the \$1500.

14. Scott: The dues are listed in two tiers according to the information provided to the Contingency Liaison.

i. POI: Broughman: are you taking the dues per winter guard person into the number you've given? FLOC: yes, but they have not auditioned yet. They will be paid after auditions.

I am following the constitution here. I understand that this is a expensive sport. The amount of money you're asking for can't be justified when there is so much that isn't even allocated for yet.

15. Broughman: There are a lot of questions that are unanswered tonight. I feel that once the questions are answered, we will be better able to allocate these funds. Motion to table the bill.

16. Motion 2nd

17. Vote: Division Called – Counted Vote: Motion did not pass

18. POI – McPartland: If this bill doesn't pass what will you due about the money? FLOC: Raise dues

19. Zuckerman: I respectfully disagree with Senator Micetich. I believe we should know the amount of money that will be generated from these pending fundraising events.

20. POI – Sutter: In the packet you listed many events. Are you guaranteed that these events will happen? FLOC: Yes

21. POI – Broughman: Are those events money guaranteed to happen? FLOC: Yes

22. Sutter: We're concerned about fundraising. The key here is and we should not penalize them for coming here early. They've investigated the fundraising avenues and are having them. In the constitution it says you must exhaust all means of fundraising – I think they have. I urge you all to pass this bill.

23. POI – Waldt: There are multiple things these dues go for correct? FLOC: Yes, membership dues to each circuit & entry fees for competitions themselves. Waldt: are you guaranteed to go to the competitions you've listed? FLOC: Yes

24. Richards: I feel like we're funding more than one group. If the winter guard wanted this money, they should've requested it themselves. I motion to call the question.

25. Vote to close debate: Ayes have it.

d. Voice Vote – Division Called. Counted Vote – Nos have it & because the

e. Parliamentary Inquiry about Finance Reform Bill: Correction – The bill fails

VI. New Business

a. Statement by Senator Watson: I think there has been a lack of respect for groups & other members of this organization. Give some respect from now on.

b. Constitution Reform Bill

i. Bill Read

ii. Bill 2nd

VII. Announcements

John Sutter – Debate at 7:00pm, open doors at 6:45, Memorial Hall

Broughman – Apologize for clapping, keep order and be respectful. If interested in studying abroad in Kenya, talk to me.

Dan –

Watson – Hope everyone is ashamed for what happened tonight.

Shuttleworth – ASB information session was tonight, but stop by Wilson 204 the CSL

Briska – Kangaroo report to John Sutter for his work with the Debate and various other things this year on campus

Ferraro – come to alpha Kappa Delta Phi benefit dinner this Sunday

King – realize that your individual actions reflect the organization as a whole. Apply this to other organizations that you're in

Rose – get homecoming tickets on Monday

Wickham – points of order are not a time to make a quick statement, they are for legitimate questions

Bluestein – no clapping after reports, only for passed bills

Thune - people coming in for contingency are coming to support something they really care about.

FLOC – more upset at the way it went around. Do not know Robert's rules, need to hold some kind of clinic, and handle yourselves in a more respectful way.

Motion for adjournment, second.