

Senate Minutes
October 7, 2008

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance/ Moment of Silence

III. Attendance

IV. Special guest presentations

-Student Duke Club- doing a co sponsorship with Delta Chi Fraternity, basketball tournament on October 18. 3 people on a team, and \$45 per team. Money goes straight to Jimmy Dean foundation. Will be taking place in the village.

-Club Archery- Thank you for coming to our fundraiser at Brusters. We wouldn't have made as much money without your support.

-Contemporary gospel singers- Had our annual family weekend concert this past weekend. We also had a gospel café last week, and there will be a funnel cake fundraiser next Thursday. Having our annual homecoming concert on November 1 in Grafton Stovall. Looking to bring in a Christian comedian on to campus. We have rehearsals every week and anyone is welcome to come and join.

V. Reports

-Larson Thune- Forgot to mention last week that I attended a board of visitors meeting. I am a member of the student life committee, so I gave a report for the SGA and presented our goals for the year. Watched Dr. Warner present on the Madison Way, which is a statement on what it means to be a part of the JMU committee. The senator for faculty gave a presentation about how they could improve the student's experience. Notable presentations included the office of registrar, talking about the integrity of our degrees. Another presentation was one on potential budget costs. The Honors program is looking for 3-5 non honor students to participate in an academic review. If you are interested then get in touch with me. Halloween at Dr. Roses is going to be on October 28. Invitations will be sent out with more details. Read the hazing policy to the Senate. Thank you legislative action for all you have been doing with voter registration. Student ambassadors sent us a really nice letter thanking us for our efforts.

-Dan Stana- Great job on the debate from last meeting. Thank you Mallory Micetich for all you are doing with contingency. Meeting with the UPB president tomorrow to talk about some stuff, such as the concert selection progress. Got a chance to meet with the coordinator of UCAC committees and he says the student input is very beneficial.

-Candace Avalos- For homecoming there will be a parade, but you do not have to have a float. I am going to have another meeting with Paul Campbell, we are going to have everyone walk up to quad from the parade, so we just need to finalize a few things for purple out considering safety. We have all the finalists for Mr. and Ms. Madison, and the interviews are this Sunday. We are doing voting online this year, and there will be table advertising at all different locations throughout the whole week before homecoming. Class council is getting t-shirts to help unify ourselves. I am talking with Marley Green to get in another speak out in November, because he said that he would wish to do that once a month.

-Class Council Reports-

-Freshman- Holding a t-shirt contest for the best design/slogan. We have a drop off box in the office and the deadline is October 31.

-Sophomores- Hopefully we will have our t-shirts in by tomorrow. Ring premier applications are up, application is due October 15, by 5 P.M.

-Juniors- we have leftover ring premier shirts from last year, so we will be out on the commons giving them out next week.

-Seniors- we have 200 signatures for our bill of opinion, and then we will be working on our 1800 signatures. Brandon put together an awesome flyer for our alumni.

-Andy Gibson- Note of recognition to Aisha McNeil for being chosen as student orientation coordinator. Contingency amount is at \$21, 461.46. October 27 is the date for program grants to be due. There will be an information session on program grants on October 21.

-Tommy Bluestein-First committee chair meeting is this Friday in the SGA office. Senate tip of the week is that all senators and representatives need to attend every committee meeting. Bills need to be sent in by Sunday at 5, and a hard copy needs to be in mine and Kathleen's box by 12 on Monday. We have been working on deciding what issues we want to be presented here in Senate, these are issues that we want to get presenters to come in a talk about in Senate. Other suggestions include parking services, A.C. in dorms, strategic placing of blue lights, and faculty member from the Gened council.

-Committee reports

-Community Affairs- working on two of our events, first one is Madison challenge which is a weeklong food drive, it will be from November 10-16. On Friday of that week there will be a can building competition, and then a 5k run on November 16. First set of pen pal letters are in, so if you signed up please see me after Senate to pick up a letter. When you write the letters, feel free to decorate, but please don't add any candy. You will have a whole week to write them, so they are due at the next Senate meeting.

-CIA- There will be an SGA wide game of assassins coming up in a few weeks. There is a list going around for homecoming, if you are interested in helping out then please sign up.

-Dave Barnes- Answered questions from the senate body from an administrator's perspective. My office is just down the hall from the SGA office, if you have any concerns please make an appointment to see me.

-Trisha Farley- There is now an open spot on staff for director of information and technology. Applications will be available in the office. If you are a new member and did not get assigned an old member then please come see me.

-Chiquita- making finishing touches on the newsletter, but if you have any information on upcoming events please let me know so I can add them to the newsletter.

-Jack- Made a presentation on the differences between senators and representatives.

VI. New Business

-25% fundraising bill-seconded

-Army ROTC contingency bill- second

-Alpha Kappa Alpha contingency bill- second

-Senate Sutter- motion to suspend house rule 4, vote-passes

-Committee Bill-

-Senator Sutter- the idea behind this came from the idea having only two meetings to miss per year is a little harsh. Things come up that we can't help, so we want to change it to two absences per semester, making it four per year, so that is isn't as stressful on people.

-Senator Jones- This rule makes sense. While committee meetings are important, it makes the standards as even as the Senate attendance rules.

-Senator Watson- Motion to amend, adding "with the exception of the finance committee"-seconded

-Senator Watson- In some committees such as the finance committee, we cannot afford to have this many absences. If we have up to two members absence then we can't meet with a group.

-Senator Micetich- I agree with Watson. It is important for all of the finance members to be at the meeting, because they vote on contingency.

-Senator Hall- motion to call the previous question

-Vote on the amendment- amendment passes

-Senator Watson- motion to amend-add "F" reading "The rules applying to the finance

committee are, any senator with more than two absences per year will be subject to investigation by the CIA committee.”-seconded

-Senator Watson- motion to call the previous question

-Vote on amendment- amendment passes

-Senator Scott- In the last two weeks that we have had meetings, 5 members have accumulated 2 meetings, and at the projected wait, I don't really want to see people having to leave the organization. Move to call the previous question.

-Vote on the bill- Bill passes

VII. Announcements

-Upstairs at 7, Zeta is holding their annual survivor night, and it would be really great if we went and showed our support.

-Saferides is having ONOROL tonight in Grafton. Saferides date auction is on Friday and the 5K is on Saturday.

-We have intramural hockey games on Monday night, and we are trying to have a practice this weekend.

-There are still a few tickets left for the Richmond game.

-Kangaroo Report- Goes to Caitlin Briska.

-Finance committee meeting this Thursday.

-The debate is going to be a wellness passport event.

-There is a woman of distinction award coming up- so please nominate people.

-Pajama Jammy Jam is on Monday the 13th, in transitions.

Adjournment