Office of the Speaker of The 18th University Student Senate

MINUTES
Fourth Meeting of the Eighteenth University Student Senate
Monday, August 27, 2018 | 5:30 PM | The Presidents’ Lounge

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Prayer

4. Approval of the Minutes
   a. April 30, 2018

5. Old Business
   a. Open Letters
      i. Sent to Mark Reed (President) and John Jeffery (Assistant Vice President for Student Life)
      ii. Successful in that they initiated an ongoing conversation
          1. Be mindful to accept and relay any feedback you receive on these issues
          2. The Senate as a whole has a very substantial capacity to influence the direction the University takes in response to the situations that prompted these letters
      iii. Comments from the floor:
          1. No formal reply has been sent to the Senate or the public in written form, but constructive responses have been received
          2. Because of budget concerns, layoffs have been initiated and duties have been redistributed
          3. Ins and outs of what the concrete concerns are are still unclear, but those are not our responsibility, our responsibilities are to make the most of the situation for the student body

6. New Business
   a. Freshman Elections
      i. Info sessions will be held September 4-6
      ii. Campaigning starts September 12
      iii. Voting September 19-20
      iv. Results announced September 21
      v. Many locations still TBD

7. President’s Report
   a. Meeting with Dr. Reed
      i. Excited about Public Safety Committee
      ii. Open to dialogue with the Senate
   b. Upcoming Dates
      i. Freshman elections (see above)
      ii. September 3 – No meeting
      iii. September 10 – Beaupre – Finance
iv. September 24 – Public Safety follow up
v. October 1 – provost and deans
vi. October 8 – photos, Dr. Reed
c. losing out on Dr. Perry’s guidance is unfortunate, but our potential with Dr. Anderson as our advisor is exciting
   i. concern about Dr. Anderson’s status and being present at all Senate meetings
      - Senator Young
         1. we need to be aware of his status, handle ourselves responsibly, and maximize our sphere of influence
         2. Constitution terms of advisor – designated by Vice President of Student Life (Anderson), his appointment was a mixture of him not wanting to delegate the duty to anyone else and wanting to get more involved with the student body – President D’Antonio
         3. The Senate exists ‘at the pleasure of’ the Board of Trustees, we do have to act within certain parameters and with the advisors designated to us – Father Joyce
         4. Senate is a high priority of Dr. Anderson’s, but we are much more knowledgeable than him on some things – President D’Antonio

8. Treasurer’s Report

   Treasurer Efstration

   a. as a result of too much money being spent every year, there is less money available to be distributed to groups that fall under Student Budget Allocations Committee (SBAC)
   b. exact numbers still not released, but to put the amounts in layman’s terms it is as if the money for Spring Concert was taken away and that amount is now what SBAC has to work with for the year
   c. SBAC will have to be more stringent with
      i. who receives money (who needs money most?)
      ii. what money is given for (what drives students to attend events?)
   d. policy changes are coming, Michael Efstration and Beth Hagovsky spearheading initiatives to evaluate these, implement, and inform students of changes
   e. goal is for the issue to be resolved by 1 October
   f. until this deadline, Senate can still support the student body by allocating money using Sponsorships in the manner outlined by guidelines (https://drive.google.com/drive/u/1/folders/182PsBuMsLWPwVozsa1js6LGPrf0f0Qo?ogsrc=32)
   g. student organizations will be notified by the end of the week (no one will really be attentive to the issue until they need the money and it isn’t there, but it will be good of us to get far ahead of the issue) – President D’Antonio
   h. student organizations are promised a percentage of a fund that is supplemented by the student activity fee that is a part of tuition and an outside fund (which is no longer there), every organization should still get the same amount that they have always received, though it is unclear what those amounts will be
   i. USS is looking at receiving $29,000
   j. Michael will be heading up a redistribution committee, which will need attentive student involvement (does the Senate want to use its money for other purposes within the University besides our own initiatives?)
   k. SBAC committee will also be active (any organization that receives funds can be a part of this group)
be conscious of your requests for now (numbers of members of some groups vs. the culture and values they are aimed toward creating, realities vs. objectives, i.e. BSU) – Senator Young

m. baseline funding will be provided to all organizations, but is TBD this week

9. **Executive Reports**
   a. VP Bateman
      i. This meeting is definitely meant to be a debriefing, not all of this appearing out of thin air – more transparency is to come with time, now is the time to get involved
      ii. Retreat – doodle poll coming
      iii. Office – will be set up by the end of the week
      iv. New At-Larges:
         1. Momo – Bangladesh!
         2. Jillian – Poconos!
         3. John – wants to be a doctor!
         4. Rueben – excited!
         5. Nick – absent!
      v. Open door policy!
   b. Secretary Mullin
      i. Chair positions filled - more meetings with new chairs and contacts to come
      ii. Stay tuned on Lewis-Biden
      iii. Father Greg Boyle coming September 12 at 7pm (highly recommends his event)
      iv. Thank you to Jesu Senators
   c. Secretary Neece
      i. Chair positions not filled, 3 remaining (library, bookstore, Career Development Center)
      ii. Serving on Provost’s Search Advisory Committee – ask if you have questions about it!
   d. Secretary Bradley
      i. Senate in need of a communications assistant, reach out if you know anyone who would be a good fit for the position
      ii. Peep website (has undergone some upgrades over the summer)
      iii. Newsletter – to come, will be something the student body can subscribe to to receive updates on Senate happenings
      iv. stay tuned for:
         1. Tabling changes and collaborations
         2. Bios and photos for website
         3. Social media pushes for Activities Fair and other events
   e. Secretary Jones
      i. Chair positions not filled, IT still available
      ii. Current chairs – stay tuned for doodle poll and slack group TBD
      iii. Dr. Anderson and Interim Public Safety Director (Mark Lemon) meeting coming soon
      iv. Recruiting members for the Public Safety committee
      v. Activities Fair Thursday!
   f. Speaker Estes
      i. Sign up for Slack (by next Monday)
ii. Fill out the Roster if you haven’t already
iii. Attendance policies (form)

10. **Advisory Advice**  
    Cary Anderson, Ed. D.
    N/A

11. **Chaplain’s Chat**  
    Fr. Dan Joyce, S.J.

12. **Open Forum**
    a. Activities Fair Thursday 4-6 (Doodle Poll to come)
    b. Goldbach from Aramark interested in speaking to Senate about coffee – Senator Sharman

13. **Adjournment**
    a. Motion to Adjourn – Senator Young