



Senate Minutes | November 18, 2016

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Motion- Jerry Hu
 - ii. Second-Nicolette Burtis
 - iii. Unanimous
- c. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion- Sarah Tabsh
 - ii. Second- Michelle Zhou
 - iii. Unanimous
- d. Address Guests
- e. Recognition
 - i. Michelle-Juliane for bringing the family closer together this weekend
 - ii. Elliot- committee for a good job at dog day
 - iii. Ansley-diversity affairs

II. Director of Elections Report

- a. Special Election 2016
 - i. College of Communication seat, ASBE, Senior, At-large, Student Org, COPA
- b. How did we publicize?
 - i. We used multiple forms of media, as well as multiple forms of digital advertising including all of the following:
 1. Digital Signage
 2. Tangible Signage across campus
 3. Tabling by Senators
 4. Specific events required by candidates to attend in order to increase student awareness of the occurring election
 5. Food truck incentive
- c. Changes to the election code
 - i. The unopposed requirement:
 1. Students running in election unopposed must gather at least 10% of the vote in order for their election to be legitimate.

III. Old Business

- a. New Senator Swear-Ins
- b. Senate in Seconds Email List Update
 - i. Joe Decasperis: We were all in favor of sending the entire student body our newsletter however it came to our attention that we will not be able to give the students an option to unsubscribe from it.
 - ii. Sarah Tabsh and Kunal Sharma agree that since the students pay the student activities fee, it is their right to know where their money is going. It should be okay that they can't unsubscribe.
 - iii. Tyler Porterfield- There are other options but we would have to pay a fee but the students could also
- c. Student & Neighborhood Get-Together Funding Update
 - i. New funding request because we had to purchase linens for the event that wasn't aware of beforehand. Total Requested: \$294.56

- ii. Motion to fund in full-Victoria Bohush
 - 1. Second- Michelle Zhou
 - 2. Approval is Unanimous

IV. Committee Reports

- a. University Affairs Committee
 - i. Alex Ballard: discussed IS&T issues with three of his professors. Two of them said they had technical issues with IS&T. Ballard also had a phone call with Lisa David from the Orange Farmer's Market. Ballard and David spoke about initiatives for connecting Chapman students with the farmer's market, potentially including discounts.
 - ii. Victoria Bohush: Senator Bohush and Senator Field outlined exactly what the portal for Dodge and CoPA will look like. Due to the way IS&T processes requests, Bohush and Field may have to overcome obstacles in their timeline for a CDC sponsored mixer.
 - iii. Joseph DeCasperis: is progressing with Vice President Tyler Porterfield on tuition and scholarship clarity and equality.
 - iv. Zacharias Estrada: scheduled a meeting with the incoming CoPA senator. Estrada also created a first draft of a survey for commuter students.
 - v. Mitchell Rosenberg: announced that his advocacy allowing print credits for student organizations is successful, funding details to follow.
- b. Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Michelle Zhou: Has been asking TLT to release figures, they have been reluctant to. Senator Wong has advised her to contact a supervisor in the TLT. Will be working on analyzing the 1,662 TLT users and separate them into different 15 minute timeframes to try and develop better method for students to utilize the TLT more effectively. Max occupancy is 38 with the current set-up, including the writing center. Meeting with Dr Schwartz the week after Thanksgiving.
 - ii. Yasi Sanandaj: Met with Olga from Sodexo about trying to get microwave into Beckman hall, wants it adjacent to Starbucks, near where newspapers are currently located. Wants her to contact Ken Marai about table, Sodexo will provide napkin dispenser. Reached out to Senator Scheinman about working on it together. He has contact for funding microwave Beckman. Met with Eugenia (Crean newsletter editor), discussed rescheduling first issue to 12/12/16, will contain blurb about SGA and the academic affairs committee. Crean "Meet your Senators" posters posted in Crean Hall!
 - iii. Judy Weng: Library emailed her they will make posters and broadcast on TV to advertise the open classroom (B14) in the library basement. Created a survey for her advocacy, got feedback from committee regarding editing.
 - iv. Ansley Wong: GE review last Thursday, went very well, senators provided input about changes they would like to see. Changes will continue throughout Spring. According to chair of GE committee, all in favor of student representative, awaiting SEB to confirm. Met with Associate Dean, CES newsletter questionnaire complete, wants her to draft email and send it on the Tuesday (11/28/16) after Thanksgiving. CES has new social media person that writes blogs, asking her to include items she posts in newsletter.
 - v. Sarah Tabsh: Need to work out logistics for textbook swap. New advocacy: turf on Memorial Lawn

- c. Diversity Affairs Committee
 - i. Daryl Zhao: Good work on the Town Hall everyone. Researching art for Cross Cultural Center room.
 - ii. Juliane Corpus: Working on Pancake day. Hopes to complete catering proposal during break & present to SGA after break. Goal is to increase awareness of pansexuality. Emailed Mackenzie Crigger about bike racks. Attended GE review board meeting and spoke about diversity FFC and LEAD program. Meeting outside committee tomorrow.
 - iii. Jerry Hu: Contacted Mackenzie Crigger about water filling stations & filters. Still considering different alternatives because running into many problems regarding accessibility and water lines. Sustainability committee on Thursday
 - iv. Dorcas Hoi: Working on CES newsletter survey w/ Ansley, next steps for CES diversity training includes looking into facilitating conversations. Will be contacting professors soon to include SafeSpace training in classes in the Spring.
 - v. Imani Woodley: Researching artwork for the Cross Cultural Center. Going to have a phone meeting with Dean Price
- d. Community Outreach Committee
 - i. Elliot Gardner: The committee went over Dog Day (what went well and what can be improved on for next year). Elliot's ideas include starting planning earlier and getting permits in advance. Having little doggy fences that owners could leave their dogs in and enjoy the event was another idea.
 - ii. Sofia Caputo: joined the Philanthropy committee and met with Sarah Buckley to go over future plans. November 29 and 30 the committee will be tabling in the piazza so students can write thank you notes to their professors. Regarding Dog Day, Sofia is going to write thank you notes to the students at Chapman who performed, as well as the companies that volunteered at the event.
 - iii. Ben Field: is working with Mady on Talk-O-Tuesday which is coming up on December 6. Regarding Dog Day, Ben's idea's for the future include rearranging tents so they are more accessible. Having the event on a smaller lawn, such as Memorial could make the event a little more intimate.
- e. Allocations and Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. Ana Vincenti: Mitchell and Ana ran into a road block about the print credits. Mike Kaiser got back to Ana about software uploaded to laptops to go for com students. She is also talking to Sodexo about getting a discount for student org events.
 - ii. Megan Taban: Potential yearbook subcommittee are trying to find a time to meet. Her survey is almost ready to be sent out. She hopes to create a meet the senator event with Kunal for Wilkinson.
 - iii. Kunal Sharma: The whole school already has a subscription to New York Times according to Annabell, so I'm looking for a new advocacy.
 - iv. Nico Scordakis: After Nico's lecture in senate last week, he is meeting with Mr. Olson about getting a sign for the student store. He went into university advancement regarding what he can do to get a new Wilson field electronic billboard. He was told they are looking into.

- v. Peter Scheinman: Nobody is responding again to him regarding the printer. He was told the business asked IS&T about a printer, but they never got back to him even after a follow up email

- f. Outside Committees

V. New Business

- a. Funding Request: Yule Ball

- i. An all campus formal total requested: \$5000
- ii. We are partnering with UPB and they are funding \$10,000.
- iii. Juliane Corpus- This is a great event to bring together all the students especially since it is not a Greek only event.
- iv. Motion to fund in full- Ana Vincenti

- 1. Second- Zacharias Estrada

- 2. Approval is unanimous

- b. President Struppa Budget Presentation

- i. Struppa- Thank you all for having me. I wanted to come in because we just had a meeting with the board and we discussed the budget. I wanted to come and talk to you all about where the budget is going, however, this budget has not been approved by the board. This next budget would kick in next summer, not this school year. At the end of each year, we ask all the deans and vice-presidents for a list of requests that they need added to their existing budget for the next year. To see how much we can afford we see how much money we are bringing in and see how much money we can spend. We put a proposal together and then it goes to the Finance Committee to approve it then it goes the Board of Trustees to have the final approval. Tuition will increase by 4% and every year the student's scholarships are based on need and academics. In the years to come we hope to get a bigger endowment and I would like to put a large portion of the new money towards scholarships to help students.

- c. Coffee Quotes

- i. Sarah Tabsh- I think there are more requests because they are given at different times because the coffee would get cold by the end of the day and students would complain. So this would be great if the coffee could be distributed at different times of the day.

VI. Open Forum

- a. Memorial Lawn Grass

- i. Sarah Tabsh- The lawn is really bad and they have signs saying it is in progress. Chapman Celebrates event always kills the grass every year. We should replace the grass with turf instead of replanting the grass each time it is ruined.
- ii. Nicollette Burtis- I spoke to Mackenzie Crigger and she basically said it was never going to happen. She said that people prefer real grass and it is a heat magnet and since it is trapped in between the buildings, it would be bad.
- iii. Elliot Gardner- I know the university has replaced some grass areas with turf such as near the dorms. However, everyone does like the grass and I don't think we are ever going to turn away from it even though it is wasteful.

VII. Announcements

- a. Participant Applications

VIII. Adjournment

- a. Motion- Michelle Zhou
- b. Second- Zacharias Estrada
- c. Unanimous