



Senate Minutes | October 14, 2016

I. Call to Order

- a. Roll Call
- b. Approval of Minutes
 - i. Motion- Sarah Tabsh
 - ii. Second- Peter Scheinman
 - iii. Unanimous
- c. Approval of Agenda
 - i. Motion- Ana Vincenti
 - ii. Second- Michelle Zhou
 - iii. Unanimous
- d. Address Guests
- e. Recognition
 - i. Mitchell Rosenberg recognized Ana Vincenti for her live streamed office hours.
 - ii. Joe DeCasperis recognized Tyler Porterfield for retreat and making it effective for us.
 - iii. Ana Vincenti recognized student org senators for being able to attend all the meetings this morning.
 - iv. Nico Scordakis recognized Peter Scheinman for making sure everything is done correctly in allocations and double checking
 - v. Nicolette Burtis recognized Mady Dewey for her help for Dog Day.

II. Old Business

III. Committee Reports

- a. University Affairs Committee
 - i. Mitchell Rosenberg: discussed work on the fitness center. He said a survey will be going out in February, but in the meantime, he will continue to gather data. Rosenberg is also working on allowing Panther Bucks to be used in the Old Towne Orange Plaza. Senator Vincenti and Rosenberg have reintroduced the Student Organization print credits advocacy.
 - ii. Victoria Bohush: got the COPA/Dodge portal approved! Senator Field and Bohush will schedule meetings with IS&T and the CDC to work out the rest of it.
 - iii. Joseph DeCasperis: drafted a survey with Senator Sharma for the fitness center. Unfortunately they discovered it will not be utilized. DeCasperis is also working on a survey to send out to Dodge students about signage and accessibility.
 - iv. Alex Ballard: contacted Mackenzie Crigger regarding water bottle refilling stations in the dorms. Crigger will email Ballard a list of available spaces for water bottle refilling stations to be installed. The only issue is funding, which can be discussed at a later time. e. Zacharias Estrada i. Senator Estrada is looking to turn collaboration cubes into SGA space with Senator Rosenberg.
- b. Academic Affairs Committee
 - i. Michelle Zhou: Emailed Dean of Leatherby Libraries, going to meet 11/02/16 with Executive Council and Dean Charlene Baldwin. Contacted head of Public Safety regarding statistics on how many people not

affiliated with the university utilize the library, and statistics on reported incidents of non-chapman students within the library.

- ii. Yasi Sanandaj: Lots of interest in Crean newsletter from students. Emailed Dean Lyon regarding format of Schmid newsletter, awaiting response. Student Union responded to email, will meet soon. “Covalent Bonding with SGA” mixer with Michelle and Judy planned 10/24/16 at 2:00PM, livestreamed event.
 - iii. Judy Weng: Contacted Sonja for statistics about empty classrooms, redirected her to SGA advisors. Reached out to associate Dean of library to see how library room bookings can be incorporated to the campus-wide system. Emailed Dr. Schwartz about more study space in Schmid, will meet with her next week.
 - iv. Ansley Wong: Met with associate Dean, discussed the issue of faculty advisors and ensuring that they are aware of the way the CES department is run. Will attend CES faculty meeting in the future. Will continue to work on diversity cluster.
 - v. Sarah Tabsh: Met with advisor regarding survey, now complete! Sent email to Dean Price to include in weekly email, awaiting survey responses to analyze results and take action.
- c. Diversity Affairs Committee
- i. Daryl Zhao: Faculty Diversity and Inclusion Committee- They discussed the committee’s purpose and having the chair draft an email to the provost. Cross Cultural Center Advisory Board- Imani and Daryl are a part of this committee. We discussed furniture, writable walls, TVs, accessibility for doors, camera in the hallway, keycard access, layout of the whole space. Discussed art to be placed in there.
 - ii. Juliane Corpus: Meeting with the Dean of Crean and IS&T for mobile print. Talked with Karla from Student Engagement about the buttons and reimbursement.
 - iii. Jerry Hu: Met with resident director of Pralle about advocacies on the water filter and the printers and the accessible automatic door. The RD will put in contact with facilities management. L way filters are around 3000 dollars but reverse osmosis filters underneath the sink are around 600 dollars usually. Accessibility committee sent an email blast to campus about accessibility friendly. Met with the Sodexo dining manager in person, he said he needs 8 chapman students on the board. They different interest groups and not all SGA. The board is a liaison with the student body.
 - iv. Dorcas Hoi: Doing research on the mandatory space safe and training for faculty. How many faculty actually sign up and attend. Met with associate dean of CES to talk about what CES wants in diversity and inclusion training
- d. Student Outreach Committee
- i. Capsules versus standing dog bag dispenser. We decided on standing dog bag dispensers for Community Dog Day.
 - ii. Mady Dewey is emailing the invitation.
 - iii. Elliot Gardner emailed the invitation to Jack Robault for him to send to legal affairs, he said email Annabell Liao. She said market it with less emphasis on dogs for non-students. Why can’t we emphasize dogs?

- iv. Food trucks are \$1000. Need to get quotes about bandanas from different places. Mady Dewey can put Elliot Gardner in contact. We don't want food trucks!
- v. The Wimberlys - \$500-\$1000.
- vi. Football game starts around 1 PM.
- vii. Ben Field: I think it's a good idea to have the event at the same time. "Dog tailgate".
- viii. Sticking with normal time: 12:30-2:30.
- ix. Nicolette Burtis – make Annabell get back to you about the quotes for the bandanas. "I'll get in contact with her." – Nicolette Burtis
- x. Annabell Liao: I think that a square graphic looks good for an Instagram photo. Invitation might want to have more details about the organizations that are going to be there?
- xi. Insurance: Elliot Gardner is going to keep pushing for that.
- xii. Inquire more about Sodexo. Ben Field is going to reach out to Sodexo – (refreshments for 350 people).
- xiii. Elliot Gardner is going to invite Jack Raubault to the next meeting.
- xiv. Town hall meeting: We want to coordinate with Annabell Liao State of the Union address.
- xv. Mady Dewey: make sure that you book the room far enough in advance.
- xvi. There are benefits and disadvantages. We'll decide by next meeting if we want to team up with Annabell Liao for the town hall meeting.
- xvii. Reach out to Helen Garcia because she had good contacts with Sodexo.
- e. Allotations and Internal Affairs Committee
 - i. Megan Taban: Made a yearbook survey, wants to review questions and work further on it. Working with Alex Ballard on advocating for more interdisciplinary majors or minors in Wilkinson. Looking into toilet water conservation.
 - ii. Ana Vincenti: Meeting with all club presidents from all organizations to discuss resources they need. Contacting Kayla on budgeting for art supplies in AF303 because of complaining from student org. Contacting facilitates about gym water bottle station. Meeting with Chris about printing privilege advocacy.
 - iii. Nico Scordakis: Emailed head of electronics board, meeting with student store representative on Nov. 10. Working on PowerPoint with Annabel to present.
- f. Outside Committees
 - i. Ansley Wong- The GE program is being reviewed this year and so the student body is asked if they can give feedback.

IV. New Business

- a. Funding Request: CRU Fall Retreat
 - i. Total Requested: \$4,250
 - ii. Kunal Sharma: The application is for their retreat and the only discrepancy there is the \$250 contract fee, however in the application it is only \$81 so we couldn't find where they needed the extra money.
 - iii. Ana Vincenti- In the application it clearly states that this retreat is yearly and they have not funded it themselves or put any money towards it and if we do fund it this time, we need to make it clear that we will not keep funding this if they are not willing to raise money for it themselves.

- iv. Peter Scheinman- Remember we don't have to fully fund it, we can partially fund it. However, this may mean some people may not be able to go.
- v. Victoria Bohush- Even if we pay 75% of the total amount, each person would only be responsible for paying \$20 each. It isn't that much and instead of a free vacation, if they choose to pay for it then it'll show that they are dedicated and not just going because it is free.
- vi. Ana Vincenti- I think we should fund this partially and then send the email letting them know they should raise money for their retreat for the years to come.
- vii. Nicolette Burtis- I move to fund \$4,050 (\$81x50)
 - 1. Second- Yasi
 - 2. Approved-14 Opposed-0 Abstained-7
- b. Funding Request: The Harvest Virtual Reality
 - i. Total Requested: \$2947.00
 - ii. Juliane Corpus- I think this is a great event and I know they all worked personally hard for it and I think we should fund this in full.
 - iii. Zacharias Estrada- I really like that this is open to the entire Chapman community and I think this would be a great thing for SGA to fund.
 - iv. Motion to fund in full- Peter Scheinman
 - 1. Second- Megan Taban
 - 2. Approval is Unanimous
- c. Funding Request: SPSP Conference: 10 total people (\$10,000 max)
 - i. Kunal Sharma- We have a policy that for conference scholarships we can only fund up to \$1000 and nothing more. So for some of you, you could possibly not get the full funding.
 - ii. Guests- We all have different days we will be presenting, so that is why we have different travel costs.
 - iii. Julian Corpus- All these funding requests should have been put together as one and when I gave them suggestions of how to apply, they did not take my advice. There was a lot of inconsistencies with the dates of the letters of recommendation and some seemed to have been rushed. Also a lot of their proposals are rushed, incomplete, and have wrong information. I suggested to them to look for outside funding and they didn't do that. They are solely relying on us for funding. Three of the students are presenting as a group, another three are a group, and then the last four are presenting individually. Most of them had the confirmation of attending this event for months and they had all this time to prepare and they didn't. Everything just seemed very rushed and only one of the statements had an explanation of their research. I do have my opinion of who shouldn't and who should go but not a specific amount.
 - iv. Guests- Going to these conferences will open a lot of doors to get published and that is really what we are trying to do. To improve and get into Graduate school.
 - v. Ana Vincenti- I think we should look to see which person in the groups would be best to represent them as a whole instead of sending them all. One person per project.

- vi. Joe DeCasperis- I think the issue is that all of them gave us amounts over \$1000 and nothing is consistent. They should come back with a new application as a whole.
- vii. Peter Scheinman- I did not like reading through this because it is very disorganized but all the information we need is in these applications. There is no question as to why or where their going. We just need to figure out what and who we are willing to fund rather than tabling.
- viii. Alex Ballard- I think we should fund up to \$1000 for the individual projects but the groups of three for the same project, they all gave different amounts and it doesn't make sense if they are on the same timeline and project. Maybe we should just fund one or two but not all three.
- ix. Guests- Everyone probably just did their application individually and that is why there are discrepancies.
- x. Peter Scheinman- We can only fund \$1000 per student regardless and so we shouldn't be focusing on the prices because we can't fund anything else.
- xi. Imani Woodley- I think there are ways to look at this without hurting their projects and the purpose of the conference.
- xii. Zacharias Estrada- I think if we pick and choose who should go, then we should make sure every project is represented.
- xiii. Ansley Wong- Personally I don't think we should send one person per project because they all worked equally hard.
- xiv. Nicolette Burtis- This is a networking opportunity for everyone and we can't punish career opportunities for certain people.
- xv. Juliane Corpus- If this was really important to them then it would've been reflected in the applications.
- xvi. Ana Vincenti- We need to look at who is going to benefit the most from this conference.
- xvii. Kunal Sharma- We will be looking at each application and taking a soft poll of each person of whether they should go or not then adding up the total at the end.
- xviii. Kunal Sharma- You all voted for 9 of them to go and so it is your decision.
- xix. Peter Scheinman- Most of you might not have voted for that one person because of their GPA but this opportunity might not come around again for this student. This conference can totally just turn around her academic career. The GPA is irrelevant. We should fund for all of them to go.
- xx. Motion to fund \$10,000 (\$1,000 per student) - Zacharias Estrada
 - 1. Second- Joe DeCasperis
 - 2. Approved- 16 Opposed-4 Abstained-1
- d. Election Code Process
 - i. Changes to add inclusive language to the Election documents and changes to make the Director of Elections more accountable.
 - ii. Motion to approve changes- Elliot Gardner
 - 1. Second- Joe DeCasperis
 - 2. Approval is Unanimous

V. Open Forum

- a. Advocacy Database

- i. If we could create a document that has all the previous and present advocacies just to prevent from different people working on the same thing when all of you could work together.
- b. Student Outreach Committee name change
- c. Button Movement
 - i. Inclusive language buttons.

VI. Announcements

- a. Review Board for the Constitution
- b. We are Chapman retreat next Friday.

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion- Sarah Tabsh
- b. Second- Ben Field
- c. Unanimous