

Minutes

General Body Meeting

Fall 2014

October 23, 2014

5:00 Call to Order and Roll Call

5:05 Approval of Agenda and Minutes

5:05 Audience Participation

5:10 Committee Updates

- Business Affairs
 - Creation of campus calendar
 - Internal Development
 - Survey for mid-semester, please fill out
 - How you think Senate is going
 - how can we improve?
 - next ID meeting is next Wednesday
 - Potluck tomorrow at 7:30
 - 5151 Beeler Street
 - Bring food and drinks

5:13 Fiscal Policy Presentation: Landon Everdeen

- How we fund things in senate
- Discussion in ExCom
- Presentation on updates
 - Educational and fiscal aspects
 - Fiscal policy changes
 - Recap of conversation about 1 month ago
 - Re-evaluation of Student Senate funding philosophy for unrecognized organizations and groups
 - Roughly 25% of allocations for the past 6 years
 - 2 main takeaways from straw poll
 - majority voted in favor of special allocation to unrecognized groups
 - placing greater restrictions on unrecognized organizations and selective organizations
 - Senate receives 10% of activities budget, JFC receives 90%
 - Take away is that many stu gov recognized orgs are well funded.
 - Unrecognized orgs do not have the luxury of previous budgeting

- How Student Senate evaluates an event/ initiative
 - breadth of impact, administration, PR, value to students.
 - exclusive is not the same as discriminatory
 - Have funded 25 of unrecognized orgs including:
 - new orgs
 - offices of StuGov Exec and Student Activities
 - Greek orgs
 - dorm residences
 - Philanthropy
 - welfare of others
- Purpose of these changes
 - Clarify the existing language on Senate's funding philosophy
 - carries a high level of interpretation
- QA answers
 - Before groups apply, they know what they should be looking for. The events that are funded should align with funding philosophy
 - From the university standpoint, how is it beneficial to split their funding between Student Senate and JFC?
 - The organization of student government is that student senate should be a separate entity.
 - JFC does not actually have that money, they make a recommendation and we approve that recommendation. The JFC budgets 200 student orgs and Senate and GSA have a final say on where that money goes.
 - Proposed changes
 - Highlighted in document
 - deleted in red
 - added in green
 - contention on what full extent means
 - can only determine fiscal irresponsibility from groups that we have previous budgets from
 - Charities
 - Don't want to chose a specific philanthropy
 - Political and Religious in nature clarification
 - advocating a specific side or party or conversion
 - QA answers

- no clause that prohibits funding for individuals
- Special allocations funds may or may not be used in proceeds to charity
- Special allocation funds are permitted to fund operational costs of initiatives that donate any portion of their proceed to charity.
- Events that are purposed for a specific group or major would be discriminatory
- How many departments or majors need to be involved in an event for it to be considered nondiscriminatory?
 - not trying to create a metric
 - want to be strict, but not too strict to have unnecessary constraint on future senators
- have to vote within 1-3 weeks
- more about about reinforcement versus redefinition of bylaws
- Discussion on overriding the bylaws
 - Straw poll on understanding changes
 - majority vote yes
 - vote to suspend the bylaws
 - vote passes
 - motion ot suspend article
 - motion to approve
 - vote 18-1-2 passes for article
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5:57 Points of Discussion

- Vacancy elections are going to be next week
- Vacancy elections will be put at the tail end, leaving less time for those with 6:30 classes
 - There will be a Healthy U survey, finance allocations, and thus don't know if we could get there before 6:10
 - Straw poll
 - majority to push it back one week

6:00 Announcements

- Campus life will be tabling on Halloween
- First lectures is tabling tomorrow

- On November 2 Andrew will present 16 pages of bylaw changes
- Scotch and Soda production this weekend
 - Senate going on Saturday
- Tembo soccer tournament this weekend
 - Chipotle incentives
- November 1st is the tailgate 11:30am
- Next Thursday is Senate meeting before Halloween
 - one tabling hour to anyone who comes in costume

6:07 Second Roll Call

6:10 Motion to Adjourn

- Meeting Ends