Student Senate Meeting minutes (Revised)
Date of meeting: October 17, 2011
Location of meeting: Presidents Conference Room

Senators: President Melissa Seaman, Student Trustee Michael Lewis, Senator Christopher Rose, Senator Cameron Potash, Senator Anja Waechter-Bourbeau, Advisor: Missy Eich-Richardson, Matthew Scott (Absent), Senator Nicole LaRoche

Guests: Kat Dolan, MassPirg, Amy Proietti

Call to Order at: 12:06 p.m.

Review of minutes from last meeting: Motion to Move Advisor Eich-Richardson’s absence to a separate line, and correct the spelling of Senator Waechter-Bourbeau’s first name from Anya to Anja.

   Motion: Senator Potash
   Second: Senator Rose
   Vote: Unanimous

Senator Absence: Senator LaRoche gave notice she would be unable to attend the meeting. Motion to excuse Senator LaRoche from the meeting.

   Motion: Senator Rose
   Second: Trustee Lewis
   Vote: Unanimous

Officer’s Reports

1. Treasurer: (Advisor Eich-Richardson)
   Senate Operating Budget: $7,700
   Current Student Senate Reserve: $4,285

2. Student Trustee (Trustee Lewis): Meeting format is one meeting a month, every other month is a public meeting. Student Senate is welcome to attend.

3. Advisor: (Advisor Eich-Richardson) Senate applications are due at 4pm on Oct. 19th. Most candidates have met with Advisor Eich-Richardson. Elections are Tues, Wed. and Thurs. (Oct. 25-27,) in the core. Exact location TBD.

Resignation of Senator: Senator Macheski has resigned.

Special Orders:

1. Spring 2012 Senate Meeting Schedule: Advisor Eich-Richardson proposed the following spring schedule:
   Feb. 6, Feb. 13 (All College) & Feb 27
   Mar. 5, Mar. 12 (All College) & Mar. 19
   Apr. 2, Apr. 9 (All College) & Apr. 30
   May 7 & May 14 (All College)
   Accept schedule as presented.

   Motion: Trustee Lewis
   Second: Senator Rose
   Vote: Unanimous
2. **VetNet Co-sponsorship**: Veteran’s Day event. ½ hour program- starting at noon in the dining commons. Three speakers, President Pura, Marine Terry Lynn & Marine Kevin Lesczczynski. The floor will be opened for questions and student commemorations. Slide show set to patriotic music in the background. Event to be held day before Veteran’s day or Monday following. VetNet is looking for funding of $200.00 to help pay for refreshments and ribbons.

**Motion**: to Co-sponsor the VetNet event and fund them in the amount of $200.00 from the Student Senate operating budget.

**Motion**: Trustee Lewis  
**Second**: Senator Rose  
**Vote**: Unanimous

Old Business:

a.) **Covered Bike Rack**- We need a volunteer to speak with Jeff Marques, Director of Physical Plant to see what would be involved in getting the bike racks covered. Senator Waechter-Bourbeau volunteered. She will report back at the Oct. 31st meeting.

b.) **Mirrors in the Core**- Again, we need a volunteer to speak with Bill Mayrose, head of Public Safety, to discuss the possibility of mirrors in the core, or an alternative. President Seaman volunteered. She will report back at the Oct. 31st meeting.

c.) **Video Game Club**- Advisor Eich-Richardson explained to us the video game club, now referred to as the Gamers Guild (because they lost their club status due to no advisor.) They have found a potential advisor. The Guild has been meeting 2 days a week and is very happy with their current space and setup. There is no need to censor what they are choosing to play because they meet behind closed doors in a space that for that 2 hours, 2 days a week is designated for the Guild.

d.) **Clarification of “What is Student Life?”**- Student Life provides oversight for clubs & organizations, support for Student Senate, signatory on accounts. Advisor Eich-Richardson makes sure we are spending student activity fees legally. Responsible for campus-wide programming, graduation, orientation, student ID’s, and a starting place for clubs.

e.) **Student Lounge**- We have to be cautious of what services we put in place in the student “lounge” portion of the office, for example, computers for student use. We can’t put anything in place that a student might need access to when the office is closed. There are computers available for Student Senators to work with while in there.

f.) **Ed-Tech**- We were given a comprehensive handout on how this process works. (Anyone can request this information through Ed Tech at 775-1842, Thanks to Garry Longe for providing this information).

g.) **Evening Dining Services**- After the last All College meeting, Chris Rose started a dialogue with Kathy Vranos regarding Vitz Vogt. One of Ms. Vranos’ marketing classes is coming up with a comprehensive marketing plan for Vitz Vogt this semester. Senator Rose was invited to come and speak to the marketing class about the concerns student senate is hearing about regarding the dining services.

New Business:
Possibility of doing a “Snacks with Senate” type event around Thanksgiving. Two separate events 11-1. Senate needs to have a discussion outside of meetings and come back with a proposal.

**Motion:** Table the discussion until a proposal is formulated.

*Motion: Senator Waechter-Bourbeau*

*Second: Senator Potash*

*Vote: Unanimous*

Announcements:
All College Meeting Nov. 16th @ 12 pm in Stinchfield

**Adjourn at: 12:55**

*Motion: Senator Potash*

*Second: Senator Waechter-Bourbeau*

*Vote: Unanimous*