Student Senate Meeting
Oct 22, 2012
12:00 p.m. in C201

Call to Order at: 12:04 by President Matt Lee

Senators: Senator Burton-McLaughlin, Vice President Carlton, Senator Lamontange, President Lee, Trustee Lewis, Senator Sears, Secretary Potash and Advisor Eich-Richardson

Guests: Judy Raper, Sharon Arslanian, Jo-An Courtemanche, Amy Proietti, and Shane Hammond.

Review and approve minutes from previous October 1st 2012 meeting

Motion: Vice President Carlton made a motion to accept minutes as written.

Second: Trustee Lewis
Vote: Unanimous

Appointment of New Senators

a) Senator Carlton, Vice-Present
b) John Madden, Summer Murray, Cameron Potash
c) Secretary Potash relinquished his duties as secretary.
   Motion: Senator Potash made a motion to appoint Senator Sears as the new Secretary.
   Second: Trustee Lewis
   Vote: Unanimous
d) Senator Sears, Secretary

Internal reports

a) Budget Update: President Lee reported that we have $6,615.50 in our account as it stands.

b) Advisor Report: The Math Club is has reformed and is in the process renewing their club status. The only other clubs that we are waiting on to get in all of their information for renewal are the Engineering Club and the International Club.

Committee Reports

a) Diversity: Senator Burton-McLaughlin reported that further progress has been made about the rewording of our mission statement. They will go in front of a committee to discuss it, and it will be voted on, on November 5th. Other topics discussed were about the Nash readings, the new nursing room and potentially having a student presence at assembly.

Special Orders

1) Topic: New Club Request: Dance Club
   Discussion: The Dance Club request was reviewed and discussed. Sharon Arslanian, the club’s advisor came in to discuss a group of students desire to organize their own dance routines in order to go out into the community and perform, while representing the college.
   Motion: Senator Lamontange voted to approve the new club request.
   Second: Senator Sears
   Vote: Unanimous

2) Topic: Budget Request: Creating an Inviting Space (Main Lobby)
   Discussion: Judy Raper came in to talk to us about making the lobby in the core more inviting and homey by adding some plants. She was accompanied by Jo-An Courtemanche who is the CEO for “Fresh Air”, who gave us quotes for the types and
sizes of the potential plants that we could have. These include Aglaonema hybrids, JC hybrids, as well as Dracaena corn cane.

*Motion:* Senator Lamontange made a motion to approve their budget request of $1,465.

*Second:* Senator Burton-McLaughlin

*Vote:* Unanimous

3) **Topic:** Library - Eric and Liza

*Discussion:* Tabled due to illness and lack of staffing in the Library

**New Business**

1) **Feedback about Dining Services**

   *Discussion:* Vice President Carlton brought up complaints that have been heard about the food, pricing and staff within the Dining Commons. Possible ways to go about gathering feedback from the students and having Fitz –Vogt receive this feedback were discussed. These included questionnaires, a meeting with students who have raised concern and having a regularly scheduled meeting between the dining staff and students.

**Announcements**

- Next meeting: October 29, 2012 @ 12pm in C201
- Next All College meeting: November 19, 2012 @12pm in Stinchfield
- Halloween Party in room C208 at 12pm October 31
- Advising Day Events on November 6th 2012 – New style this year including workshops to engage and to educate students.

**Adjourn at:** 12:53

*Motion:* Senator Lamontange

*Second:* Senator Burton-McLaughlin

*Vote:* Unanimous