Student Senate Meeting minutes  
Date of meeting: November 14, 2011  
Location of meeting: Presidents Conference Room, C201

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

Guests: Shannon Coskran, Tami Fisk, and Brendan Burke

Call to Order at: 12:10 p.m.

Senator Absence: Senator’s Potash and Waechter-Bourbeau gave notice they would be unable to attend the meeting. Motion to excuse the Senator’s from the meeting.  
Motion: Trustee Lewis  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

Review of minutes from last meeting: Motion to strike all but last line of paragraph of Student Trustee report.  
Motion: Trustee Lewis  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

Officer’s Reports  
1. Treasurer: (Advisor Eich-Richardson)  
   Senate Operating Budget: $7,387  
   Current Student Senate Reserve: $4,285 as of 11/14/2011  
2. Student Trustee (Trustee Lewis): Pass  
3. Advisor: (Advisor Eich-Richardson): Pass

Special Orders:  
1. Shannon Coskran- quiet space on campus: Shannon came to talk to Senate as the co-chair of the diversity committee they are looking to create a quiet space on campus. They envision (at this point in the planning) this space to be used for a place where individuals can go to meditate, reflect, and/or worship. People needing a quiet space due to stress or health issues would have this space as an option. College Affairs council and Student Development as well as President Pura are supportive of this plan. President Pura is offering up the space attached to his office. It is anticipated that construction would happen over the summer to create a separate entrance. The Diversity Committee will be looking to other institutions to see how this space has been defined on their campus and what information we can take away from their already completed processes.  
   Advisor Eich-Richardson stated the Office of Student Life is in support of the exploration and creation of a quiet space on campus.  
   Motion: Senate is in favor of the exploration for a quiet space on campus.  
   Motion: Senator Rose  
   Second: Senator LaRoche  
   Vote: Unanimous
2. **New Club Request: Gamer’s Guild:** The gamer’s guild is reestablishing itself as a formal club with a new advisor Treavor Kearns. Brendan Burke informed us the Gamer’s Guild will be expanded to include card games like Magic.

   **Motion:** To accept the request to grant club status
   
   **Motion:** Senator LaRoche
   **Second:** Trustee Lewis
   **Vote:** Unanimous

3. **New Club Request: Engineering Club:** We received the written paperwork filled out.

   **Motion:** To accept the request to grant club status with the stipulation that they be advised of the acceptable modes for advertising meetings to includes not just advertising to students in engineering classes.
   
   **Motion:** Trustee Lewis
   **Second:** Senator Rose
   **Vote:** Unanimous

4. **Senator Elections:** No one completed a full application for the election. Advisor Eich-Richardson decided to postpone the elections in October to a date later in the semester so that Student Senate could discuss the matter. It was suggested by Advisor Eich-Richardson that election applications be accepted until 4pm on 11/21/2011 and that elections take place on 11/28, 11/29, and 11/30 from 10am-2pm in the Main Lobby area of the Core. Further discussion was had on the issue of short-term appointments of current Senators. It was suggested that the short term appointments of Senator Rose, Senator Potash, Senator Waechter-Bourbeau, and Senator LaRoche be extended until the December 5, 2011 meeting.

   **Motion:** We would like to move forward on all of Advisor Eich-Richardson’s suggestions (listed above)
   
   **Motion:** Trustee Lewis
   **Second:** President Seaman
   **Vote:** Trustee Lewis and Senator Seaman in favor
   Senators Rose and LaRoche abstain

**Meeting Adjourned 12:53 p.m.**

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