Student Senate Meeting minutes

Date of Meeting: 04/02/12

Location of meeting: C201

Senators: Student Trustee Michael Lewis, Senator Martin Sheridan, Senator Christopher Potash

Advisor: Missy Eich-Richardson

Guests: Shannon Coskran, Bob LaPalme, Joan O’Beirne, Matthew Shippee, Kit Carpenter, Charlotte Gifford, Garrett Loomis, Eric Almeida

Call to Order at: 12:03pm

Review of minutes from last meeting:

Discussion: No changes necessary.

*Motion:* Motion made to approve minutes as written by Trustee Lewis

*Second:* Senator Potash

*Vote:* Unanimous

Budget Requests for current year:

**QSA request for funding in amount of $610 for prom**

Discussion: Made some adjustments to budget to cut costs. The prom will be held in C208 and will be open to the entire GCC community. Fundraising in amount of $167 has already happened; more fundraising will continue.

*Motion:* Accept budget request from Senate Operating by Trustee Lewis

*Second:* Senator Potash

*Vote:* Unanimous

**Green Campus Committee request for funding in amount of $100 for celebration event**

Discussion: No representative present to discuss.

*Motion:* To approve $100 from Senate Open Budget Trustee Lewis

*Second:* Senator Potash

*Vote:* Unanimous
Budget Request Review for FY ‘13:

a. Activities Council (Missy Eich-Richardson): Campus program board has done more collaboration and outreach. Provides the College with a variety of events and serves as the primary student programming body on campus.

b. Diversity Programming Committee (Shannon Coskran): Looking to bring Maura Cullen to campus-speaker w/ local roots; National speaker with long history of diversity work at college campuses. Open to campus and visit classes. Outcome of this event would be: strong statement on value of diversity-National presence on campus. Open to community and Campus (student priority).

c. Fitness Center (Bob LaPalme): Thank you for your past support! Lots of use of equipment means wearing out of the machines. There has been an increase awareness of the center. Requesting money to replace outdated and broken equipment. Additional funding through Student and Academic Affairs in small amount.

d. Graduation (Missy Eich-Richardson): There has been a small increase for enrollment. College matching financial support in 2 areas (tent & diploma printing). Students do not pay to graduate.

e. Guest Lecture-Art (Joan O’Beirne): Art Gallery requesting money to support shows in space- Gallery exhibits and Spring Art Show- open to campus and Greenfield community.

f. Guest Lecture-Music (Matthew Shippee): Same request as previous year. Great spring performers. Will spread out next year. Monday and Wednesdays at 12pm in the music room. How many performers? Varies-goal next year is 4-5 per semester. Advertise in the community? Yes

g. International Student Club (Kit Carpenter): Appreciates time and efforts of the Student Senate. Lots of good energy with club. Funding from Student Senate covers refreshments at meetings. Club meetings: presentations on cultures, there are at least 30 countries represented at the College.

h. International Student Travel (Charlotte Gifford): Student Senate has generously funded ½ of the budget for the past ten years. International Student Travel provides life changing experiences- host family, volunteer. Presentation required and returning to classes.

i. Math Club (Garrett Loomis): Games help prepare students for use of math skills in life and on a nationally ranked exam for pre-calc. GCC ranked against other colleges; looks good nationally. Club is preparing student for the exam. Games-supplies/inventory are part of Student Life equipment and available to all students.


k. QSA (Eric Almeidaa): Programming, recruitment throughout the year. NYC trip to Stonewall Center and Ground Zero. Prom- annual GCC event (grow in years to come). Pride March in May, possibly participating in the Northampton Pride.

l. Senate Operating (Missy Eich-Richardson): To cover programming, leadership conference attendance, study break events, welcome back events, and supplies of Senate.

m. Senate Reserve (Missy Eich-Richardson): Held in reserve for unexpected expenses of any campus programmer and the creation/support of new clubs.
Announcements:

a. Next All College Meeting is on April 9th at 12pm
b. Next Senate Meeting is on April 20th at 2pm
c. Senators stay after to schedule exec budget meeting.

Adjourn at: 12:50pm

Motion: Motion to adjourn to next regularly scheduled meeting by Trustee Lewis

Second: Senator Potash

Vote: Unanimous