Student Senate Meeting minutes  
Date of meeting: September 19, 2011  
Location of meeting: C203

Senators: President Melissa Seaman, Student Trustee Michael Lewis, (Newly Appointed Senator) Christopher Rose, **Absent** Senator Nicky Macheski  
Advisor: Missy Eich, Matthew Scott

Guests: Michelle Barthelemy, Shane Hammond, Amy Proietti, Kaleigh Ward, Cameron Potash, Christopher Rose, Candace Bellville, Robert LaPalme

Call to Order at: 12:05 p.m.

President Seaman announced that items 6 and then 5 would be addressed first.

**Appointment of Senators:** Christopher Rose had contacted the Student Life Office and expressed interest in serving on the student Senate.  
*Motion: Trustee Lewis moves that Christopher Rose be appointed to a short-term Senator position until the October 2011 Elections*  
*Second: President Seaman*  
*Vote: unanimous*

**Senator Resignations:** The following Senators have resigned: Sharon Santana, Raquel Hanks, and Megan Beauregard. Also, Lauren Veaudrey, after missing several meetings in the spring and repeated attempts by Advisor Eich to reach out to her for the fall semester, her lack of a response has been interpreted as a resignation.

**Review of minutes from last meeting:** Minutes accepted unchanged  
*Motion: Trustee Lewis*  
*Second: Senator Rose*  
*Vote: Unanimous*

**Officer’s Reports**

1. **Treasurer (given by Advisor Eich):** Student Senate Operating Budget has $7,700.00 and the Student Senate Reserve has $4,285.00  
2. **Student Trustee (Trustee Lewis):** Looking forward to working on budgeting issues, learning about what the specific functions of Trustee is and helping to focus on Senate issues and bring the voice of “the people” to the appropriate administrative bodies.  
3. **Advisor (given by Advisor Eich):** Advisor Eich has been meeting with potential new faces to talk to them about their interest in Student Senate.  
   Student Senate Applications for the October elections available Sept. 21

**Committee Reports**

No Committees reporting at this meeting.

**Special Orders:**

1. **Topic:** Appointment of Student Representatives to Standing Committees  
   *Discussion: Appointment of Noah Gillard to Diversity Committee*
Appointment of Tara Williams to Student Development Committee
Motion: Trustee Lewis (To accept both nominations)
Second: Senator Rose
Vote: Unanimous

2. **Topic:** Moodle Migration
   Discussion: Michelle Barthelemy discussed the rollout of Moodle. Transition so far has been overall much smoother than Blackboard experiences. She talked about the student staffed help desk, the tech tutors. The increased use of the help desk this semester could be helpful in providing data backup to show a need for an additional tutor at a different time in the future. Feedback has been positive overall.

3. **Topic:** Request to reallocate theater production funds
   Discussion: Leo-Hwang-Carlos, Dean of Humanities conveyed through e-mail to Advisor Eich that there will be no fall student production. He would like to shift half of the previously allocated Theater Productions budget ($2,310) to a line for Guest Lecture/Performing Arts/Theater performances to be offered to the student body as a whole.

   *Motion: Trustee Lewis, Motion to reallocate funds to Guest Lecture Performing Arts/Theater line item*
   *Second: Senator Rose*
   *Vote: Unanimous*

**Old Business:**

1. **Topic:** Fall Meeting Schedule
   *Discussion: The following fall meeting schedule was put forth to senators: Mondays at 12 pm Oct. 3, 17 & 31, Nov. 14 and Dec. 5*

   *Motion: Senator Rose to accept meeting schedule as presented*
   *Second: Trustee Lewis*
   *Vote: Unanimous*

2. **Topic:** Food and Campus Catering
   *Discussion: Based on our conversations with other Senators we would like to discuss this issues further in an Executive meeting until we have a plan of action for the body to consider.*

   *Motion: Trustee Lewis motion to table the discussion until we have come up with a plan of action in an Exec. meeting*
   *Second: Senator Rose*
   *Vote: Unanimous*

**New Business:** None at this time

**Announcements:**
Senate Applications Available Sept. 21 for the October elections.
Pizza with the Prez Oct. 5 @ 12 pm in The Dining Commons
All College Meeting Oct. 12 @ 12 pm in Stinchfield
Governor Deval Patrick declared Sept. 26-30 Higher Ed Week

**Adjourn at:** 12:47

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