Student Senate Meeting minutes  
Date of meeting: 12/5/11  
Location of meeting: President’s Conference Room, C201

Senators: Student Trustee Michael Lewis, Senator Christopher Rose, Senator Martin Sheridan, Senator Cameron Potash (late) and Advisor Missy Eich-Richardson  
Guests: Amy Proietti  
Absent: Senator Anja Waechter-Bourbeau

Call to Order at: 12:03pm by Trustee Lewis

Recognition of recent elections  
Congrats and welcome to Senator Sheridan. Congrats and welcome back to Senators Rose, Potash and Waechter-Bourbeau. Congrats to Senator Waechter-Bourbeau on being elected Vice President.

Resignation of Senators  
Senator LaRoche and President Seaman resigned effective today. Their resignation letters were received in Student Life late last week.

Review of minutes from last meeting: 11/14/11  
Motion: To accept minutes as they are written by Senator Rose.  
Second: Senator Potash  
Vote: Unanimous

Review of minutes from last meeting: 11/28/11  
Motion: To accept minutes as they are written by Senator Potash.  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

Officer’s Reports  
1. Treasurer: No change from last report on 11/14/11  
2. Student Trustee: BOT meeting scheduled for this week.  
3. Advisor: No report

Special Orders:  
1. Topic: Autism Spectrum Klub budget request  
Discussion: Senators were impressed by thoughtful submission. Senator Sheridan asked who would maintain possession of reusable items purchased with Activity Fee money. Advisor Eich-Richardson stated that reusable items purchased are stored in Student Life and available for other groups to check out as needed in the future.

Motion: Senator Rose made a motion to approve the funding request for ASK.  
Second: Senator Sheridan  
Vote: Unanimous
2. **Topic:** VET NET club request  
**Discussion:** Senator Rose asked if Senators that are also a member of VET NET needed to abstain from discussion and/or voting. Advisor Eich-Richardson reminded all present that Senators were elected to represent all GCC students and that voting on matters should take into consideration the best interest of all students and the GCC experience. Trustee Lewis offered insight into the group and how it differs from the Vet Center on campus.

Motion: Senator Potash made a motion to approve club status for VET NET.  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

3. **Topic:** VET NET budget request  
**Discussion:** Senators discussed whether or not the amount requested was sufficient for the events planned. There was concern that VET NET would need to come back several times for small amounts. It was suggested that VET NET should rework the budget to provide more accurate estimates of events.

Motion: Senator Rose made a motion to neither deny nor approve the budget request but instead to return it to VET NET for further consideration.  
Second: Senator Potash  
Vote: Unanimous

Old Business:  
1. **Topic:** All items  
**Discussion:** All three issues (covered bike rack, mirrors in stairway of Core, and lounge space) are all relevant issues but it might be best to remove all from the agenda until Senators can refocus and reassign work. It was suggested these issues along with others should be on Senate’s radar for spring semester. Those present agreed that further discussion outside of a formal meeting was necessary to devise a game plan.

Motion: Senator Sheridan made a motion to remove all items from old business so that other relevant priorities could be considered.  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

New Business:  
1. **Topic:** Senate hosting end of semester event  
**Discussion:** The pros and cons of hosting various end of semester events were discussed. Those present admitted that providing coffee and snacks during final exams would be a nice gesture and could be done without a time commitment from Senators. Other suggested that a more structured event should be scheduled so that Senators could talk with students.

Motion: Trustee Lewis made a motion to allot up to $500 for Senate to host a “Meet & Greet w/Senators” on Dec 16 @ 12pm in Student Life with lunch provided.  
Second: Senator Rose  
Vote: Unanimous

Motion: Senator Rose made a motion to allot up to $200/day for Senate to sponsor a Study Break on Dec 19-22 @ 9am in Main Lobby Core with coffee and snacks during which Senators would not be required to attend.  
Second: Senator Sheridan  
Vote: Unanimous
Announcements:

1. Senators were asked to stick around following the meeting to discuss common time for Senator Orientation.

Adjourn at: 12:49pm

Motion: Senator Rose made a motion to adjourn at 12:49pm.
Second: Senator Potash
Vote: Unanimous