

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 15th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - a. Senators Broekemeier, Tomac absent
 - b. No proxies
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - a. Approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - a. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
 - a. Athletics
 - i. Joel Lueken (Athletic Director): Appreciates the support that the senate has given the athletic department this year. Gives the senate credit for the student crowds at the football games.
 - ii. Charles Flohr (Football Coach): Got hired at the end of December of 2019, very appreciative of what senate does on campus. The football team is willing to help with Student Engagement activities. The football roster is about 105 players. With COVID last year, the crowds at the football games were very small, appreciates the crowds this year.
 - iii. Steven Johnson (Director of Track and Field): Brought athletes Laramie Collins, a senior fifth year and SAC president, and Tim Myers. Appreciate the support senate has given track and cross country over the years. They have always tried to find way to be active on campus and around town. A group of about 22 people from Youth and Family Services are coming to participate in a Field Day that track and cross country is putting on. There was a Kids Run in the middle of the home cross country meet. April 9th is the SD Mines home track meet.
 - iv. Anna Battest, Hayley Carter, Karissa Schipke (Cheer Captains): Cheer goes to all the home football games and away games at BH, and all the home basketball games. Very excited for homecoming and want to help out with the events. Coach could not be here but she is very excited to work with senate.
 - v. Lauren Torvi (Volleyball Coach): Thank you for everything senate has done for athletics. Senate is continuing to bridge the gap between campus and athletics. Roster has 21 athletes and will probably have more than 20 women on the roster for the next couple years. Historically, volleyball has attracted girls who want to be active on campus and the volleyball program does a lot of community service as well. Expect big crowds for volleyball matches with the senate's help. Brought Kiley Metzger with.
 1. Senator Quizon: Can we come to volleyball matches in person?
 - a. Coach Torvi: Yes, no masks, students are free. When volleyball is away the matches are televised.
 2. Senator Quizon: When is recruiting?
 - a. Coach Torvi: Year-round. Signing day for fall sports is November 14th. Recruit lots of students, typically have 30-40 visits a year.
 - b. Coach Johnson: Typically bring in about 20-25 freshman every year. Recruiting never stops for track and cross country as well.

- c. Coach Flohr: Brought in 39 freshman last year. Trying to develop students and keep them here for four or five years to give them a college experience. Football really pushes the Accelerated Master's program. The NCAA gave every athlete a year of eligibility back. The signing day for football is the first Wednesday of February.
 - 3. Athletic Director Lueken: Coaches should scholarship athletes so that high schoolers can make their decision when they are a sophomore or junior.
 - 4. Cheer Captain Battest: Cheer recruits year-round. Not recruiting at the moment because the roster is large – 17 cheerleaders (4 men, 13 women).
- vi. SA Chair Harroun: Running a track meet is a lot of work, is there anything we can do for you that day?
 - 1. Coach Johnson: It typically takes about 70 volunteers; any additional people are appreciated.
- vii. Senator Marshall: How are the rosters looking?
 - 1. Athletic Director Lueken: Currently a little short with 312. The total is usually around 322-327. Athletes typically make up 12-15% of the student numbers.
- viii. Senator Maag: Why does the football team need so many players?
 - 1. Coach Flohr: This school is a developmental school and you will always lose some athletes every year. If each class starts out with 25, by the time they are seniors there will only be 15-20 left.
- ix. Senator Dennis: Is the volleyball program taking advantage of the school social media accounts?
 - 1. Coach Torvi: Follow the volleyball Instagram account. Each sport has their own accounts. The athletic department employs a full-time employee who handles all of the social media accounts. Torvi runs the volleyball social media accounts.
 - 2. Athletic Director Lueken: Now have two individuals for marketing. Will be handing out tickets for volleyball, similar to what senate did for football this year.
- x. Senator Quizon: How many of the 312 athletes are scholarships?
 - 1. Athletic Director Lueken: It varies with the sport, typically about 70% of all athletes are on scholarships. Will find the scholarship report and send it to President Jurrens.
- xi. VP West: Appreciate everyone coming out. President Jurrens has been pivotal in making this happen. There can be a lot of tension between athletics, students, and Greek Life, etc. which is something that we are trying to fix. When athletic seasons are over, want to see students going to the drama productions or other org events.
- xii. Senator Marshall: What is the status for cheer?
 - 1. Athletic Director Lueken: Athletics is a conduit to do institutional business: recruit, retain, graduate, provide opportunities for alumni and development. Asked Student Development if athletics could take over the cheer team. Athletics also gives the band money for instruments, food and uniforms. Money comes out the Athletic Director budget for cheer uniforms, along with the \$3000 we pay the cheer coach.

2. Collins: SAC has included cheer and now Esports to be more inclusive and give them a voice.
3. Senator Nix: Why is cheer getting both GAF and SOAP?
 - a. Senator Marshall: Cheer gets SOAP and not GAF.
- xiii. SA Chair Harroun: Does Esports fall under athletics, elaborate?
 1. Athletic Director Lueken: Mike Vander Heyden is the Esports Coordinator. There are about 180 students in the club and about 30 Esports athletes. Hold Grubby Games the first or second week in November. They play year-round and meet biweekly with John Keller and Mike Vander Heyden.
- xiv. Senator Dennis: Is Esports under SOAP or GAF?
 1. CFO Emery: The club is all SOAP. Scholarships fall under the athletic department.
 2. Athletic Director Lueken: Esports runs the TV, scoreboard and cameras for football. They make money from the Grubby Games because they charge the school that participate.
- xv. Myers: All the athletes are still students, a lot being very active in the community. The student-athletes are worth the time and investment.
 1. VP West: Do the athletes feel like they have time for anything else, outside of athletics? Would like to see SAC representatives at senate meetings more.
 - a. Collins: Athletes' time does seem to run out faster than others, but it is mostly the schedule. But 4-8 PM is the peak meeting time for clubs but it is also the time that most teams practice.
 - b. Myers: Athletic teams operate by the Golden Hour set by the faculty. Athletics had to talk to ask to extend cafeteria hours so the athletes could eat dinner.
 - c. VP West: This is the conversation we want to drive. Moving forward, we don't have to do the same thing we always done.
 - d. President Jurrens: It is easy to say you don't have time, but you will make time if you want to be a part of the change.
 - e. Senator Nix: A big thing we talk about in Res Life is that athletics is their identity. Is it possible to ask athletes to miss one practice to support the non-athletes and their events?
 - f. Collins: If you constantly miss practice, then are you even on the team anymore?
 - g. Coach Torvi: Sports are different. The volleyball girls try to be involved as possible, but again, if you made a commitment to be a part of a program, you need to do it.
 - h. President Jurrens: We would appreciate drive from coaches to encourage their athletes to go to non-athletic events. We are doing everything we can to get students to go to the athletic events.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. Resolution 21.F.001
 - i. We raised the price to \$55,000.
 - ii. Senator Marshall: It could be cheaper to have one person redesign.
 1. VP West: The purpose of the funds is to pay for the items, not the redesign.

- iii. CFO Emery: If all of the money is not used, it goes back into the reserves at the end of the fiscal year.
 - iv. VP West: Started to make the forms to send out to the student body so they can start requesting.
 - v. Senator Marshall: A lot of orgs don't know where to get redesigned.
 - 1. Director Headley: It might require communication from the senate.
 - vi. Senator Marshall: There was probably a miscommunication because I thought this fund was for the redesign. In orgs I am in, we are not in a position to buy things because we haven't redesigned yet.
 - vii. Senator Maag: We agreed that if we run out, we would add more money. It seems like a waste of time to earmark a certain percentage to pay for redesign.
 - viii. CFO Emery: If we want to hire a designer then we can use some of these funds with permission from the senate.
 - ix. Senator Marshall: Will talk to Marketing and Design to see if they have someone in mind.
 - x. SA Chair Harroun moves to vote
 - xi. Senator Dennis seconds
 - xii. Motion passes
6. New Business
- a. None
7. Open Discussion
- a. PR Chair Frazer: Sent out a survey about senate bonding. Picked September 19th at Flags and Wheels at noon.
 - b. SA Chair Harroun: Working on a project to put tampons and pads in all bathrooms and restaurants on campus. Is this against the constitution?
 - i. Director Headley: It comes down to state rules about what can be spent.
 - ii. Senator Nix: The Hygiene Bank is in Surbeck, can we move those items from the bank to the bathrooms?
 - iii. Harroun: That would work. When we allocated money to students during COVID, was that against the rules?
 - iv. VP West: We aren't giving people money personally; we are using the money to promote better hygiene on campus.
 - c. Senator Naufal: Can we get a clock for the senate office?
 - i. VP West: Will be talking about all the things we need for the senate office.
 - d. Senator Marshall: Do we still have the streaming equipment?
 - e. VP West: That fall under Public Relations.
8. Chief Financial Officer's Report
- a. Last week met with Ben Titus about what happened last year. KTEQ is fine. There shouldn't be any problems, they are doing SOAP. The committee will be meeting with orgs that asked for more than \$10,000 last year for SOAP. We have a discord server now. Want to get a GAF rep and athletic rep on the Discord. Join the discord.
 - i. Senator Marshall: Isn't it negligence on KTEQ's part?
 - ii. CFO Emery: Their treasurer bailed on them so they missed the SOAP workshops. Then they couldn't apply for SOAP funding and the director had to pay \$10,000 in fees for the club.
 - iii. VP West: Ben has met with me and he is doing everything he can to get them ahead.
9. Vice President's Report

- a. Making sure we have money for trees on campus that we talked about last year. We have money and we are trying to figure out how to spend it. People have reached out and safety is a big one. As Senator Marshall finds costs, please bring them up. Want to see everyone more involved with the senate.
 - i. President Jurrens: You are all representatives of every org you are in and you need to be talking about things and you are leaders on campus and you need to take pride in that. If you aren't sure what you should be doing, please ask.
 - 1. CFO Emery: If you have questions, ask someone who had your position before you.
 - ii. Director Headley: You have a lot of power on this campus. Our focus as the staff is your success.
 - iii. VP West: I come with these frustrations because this is my eighth semester on senate. It is the professionalism that makes us different. Ask "How can I be a self-motivator?" and not make people reach out to you first.
 - iv. President Jurrens: Everyone wants to make campus a better place, those things take manpower, so you will have to prioritize.
 - v. Senator Naufal: Senator Broekemeier has not been here for the last several meetings. Are we doing something about that?
 - 1. VP West: Have been looking for someone to replace him because he has football and cannot be a part of senate anymore. We are looking for a new Grad senator.
 - 2. CFO Emery: Also looking for more freshmen.
 - vi. Senator Nix: Will talk to the RAs on freshmen floors and ask them to reach out.
 - vii. VP West: An email went out to all freshmen today. Have been seeing people at office hours – thank you for that.

10. President's Report

- a. VP West and I met with President Rankin. Counseling will be here next week. President Rankin will be here in two weeks.
- b. Senator Naufal: Why is counseling coming?
 - i. President Jurrens: To give an update on what is happening in that department this semester. Counseling is a group we give funding to.
- c. Senator Marshall: We do this in the spring anyway, this is to help spread it out.

11. International/Veteran/Graduate/Non-Traditional Senator Report

- a. International: None
- b. Veteran: Brigadier General poster for a Veteran's Day event on campus. Looking at getting money for food for the event.
- c. Grad: None
- d. Non-Trad: Emailed Molly Moore, plan to make posters around campus.
 - i. Director Headley: Has an email list

12. Committee Reports

- a. Constitution: Had first meeting on Monday, will be meeting with someone this Monday. Might be a resolution for a new org next week.
- b. Public Relations: Had a meeting with Ann Brentlinger, what is the popular media?
 - i. VP West: Invest more on the discord.
 - ii. Director Headley: University snapchat.
 - iii. CFO Emery: Discord has a new thing called Hubs, the senate server is on there.
 - iv. PR Chair Frazer: Thinking of doing an org spotlight - is Senator Dennis part of my committee?
 - v. VP West: Yes

- c. Governmental Relations: Deadline for elections is moved to next Wednesday, there will be a table in Surbeck next Wednesday, need volunteers.
 - i. VP West: Bring a laptop so people can vote.
 - ii. Senator Naufal: Is the tabling just in Surbeck or in front of the dorms?
 - iii. Senator Melstad: Just in Surbeck.
 - iv. SA Chair Harroun: Typically, when freshmen run, they themselves table in the dorms.
 - d. Student Affairs: Meetings are Fridays at 1:00, the meetings are open so please come and give input. Goals are on the senate board, please add to it. Working on the tampons and pads in the bathrooms. Working on getting hammock pole designs from Blacksmithing. Senator Braaten is working on bringing food trucks to campus.
 - i. Senator Braaten: Recommendations for local food trucks?
 - ii. VP West: Eddie's Tacos
 - iii. Senator Marshall: Green Chili Shack
 - iv. CFO Emery: Didn't we have food trucks last year at some point?
 - v. Director Headley: Currently food trucks are against the food contract, however, we can work something out when we look at the new food contract for next year.
 - vi. SA Chair Harroun: I hate how Spirit Friday is run, would love suggestions. Spirit Friday is when senators sit in Surbeck with the comment board and hand out cheap prizes for games.
 - vii. Senator Marshall: Games in the quad – Lambda had an event and it grabs the attention of passersby because there are a lot of guys running around the quad.
 - viii. CFO Emery: We like the comment board. Going to ask what beautification ideas students have for campus. Want the money to be used for something that is student led.
 - ix. SA Chair Harroun: When people are tabling for voting, we can put it out the comment board.
 - e. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Security: Want to find out how much students are willing to spend on security. Thinking of having the meeting in the first two weeks of October.
13. Upcoming Senate Business
- a. Counseling 9/22
14. Announcements
- a. Senator Marshall: 14 weeks and 3 days until Christmas.
 - b. Director Headley: Homecoming starts Saturday. Everything is happening in person except the bonfire because the fire department said it was too dry.
 - c. CFO Emery: We should set it on fire anyway and use the reserve funds to pay the fine.
15. Adjournment
- a. Senator Marshall moves to adjourn.
 - b. CFO Emery seconds.
 - c. Approved by unanimous consent.