

Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, March 9th 5:00 pm || Pearson Alumni Center

1. Roll Call and Approval of Proxies
 - A. Proxy Robin Rixen for Senator Espanet
 - B. Constitution Chair Hagel and Senator Melstad absent
 - C. Senator Quizon motions to approve proxy
 - D. Senator Tomac seconds
 - E. Proxy Approved
2. Approval of the Agenda
 - A. Senator Benzmilller motions to move Open Discussion to after Open Floor Guests
 - B. Senator Tomac seconds
 - C. Motion approved
3. Approval of Minutes
 - A. Approved
4. Open Floor Guests
 - A. CARA: CEO Paul Krueger, Annual Giving Director Lucas Lund, Interim Alumni Director Sarah Von Eye
 - i. Values: Collaboration, Tradition, Excellence, Diversity and Inclusion, Stewardship
 - ii. 2021 Year in Numbers: \$116 million in net assets, 87 million in endowed funds, 9.7 million raised last year. 2146 donors, 8.9% alumni gave.
 - iii. Engagement: connecting students and alumni (student networking events, alumni events)
 1. Senator Mitchell: Do you invite prospective students to the alumni events?
 - a. Sarah Von Eye: We have done that in the past. We call them send-off events, during the summer. Incoming Freshmen who are committed to come to Mines are invited.
 - iv. Aspirational campaign goal \$100 million: academic and athletic scholarships 50, promote innovation 18, optimize academic programs 22, other 10
 - v. Raising for Rockers April 21, 2022 - our day to have 24 hours to raise money for scholarships. Giving Tuesday for M Hill restoration. Projects for the University require alumni involvement and giving.
 - vi. Questions: How can CARA better serve students? What additional resources, programs, and opportunities can we provide?
 1. Senator Dennis: You talked about the send-off events. I would like to see more of those.
 - a. Sarah Von Eye: We have talked about ways to get local alumni here in our building for networking opportunities.
 2. Senator Marshall: Students get emails regarding fundraising and disregard them. Are you willing to come to our SOAP workshops?

- a. Lucas Lund: We help student orgs fundraise for competitions. We have been meeting with student groups but every fall, we have two sessions that cover how we can help you fundraise for competitions and projects. We have a crowdfunding platform called Mobile Cause.
- b. VP West: We used the Mobile Cause for Dean Mahon's retirement to collect videos.
- c. Senator Marshall: Maybe getting information together about how teams ask for endowments.
- 3. Senator Mitchell: Do you have any ways to prepare students to become alumni? Networking is valuable.
 - a. Sarah Von Eye: Once you graduate, you are automatically an alumni. We can sit down and talk about what you are looking for specifically. We have a lot of alumni who want to help our students.
- 4. Senator Benzmilller: The one thing you don't get prepared for is the work place, but once you get a job, you get a mentor and that helps. Maybe an alumni mentor program would be helpful.
- 5. Senator Maag: I think a lot could be gained educating students about what CARA is and what it does.
 - a. Paul Krueger: We have a board of about 35 talking about how to connect more to the students.
- vii. Easiest way to get a hold of us is email or just stopping in our office. We have a student engagement committee that meets once a month.

B. RoBoat Robotics

- i. Micah Healy?
- ii. Who are we? Started last semester, 2 freshmen 7 sophomores 2 junior, just ME and CSC
- iii. What is RoboBoat? Race boat through different obstacle challenges
- iv. Funding: Registration fees 750, Hull (500-750), travel (out of pocket). Following years additional electronic upkeep (5-600) travel(3000)
- v. Benefits: Develop leadership skills, communication skills, real world problem solving
 - 1. VP West: Did you go to Dr. Fekrmandi?
 - a. Micah Healy: We are independent of him now. We do all the work ourselves. He comes in every once in a while.
 - 2. Senator Tomac: How many people do you plan on bringing to competitions?
 - a. Micah Healy: This year, everyone will pay for themselves. After that, I don't know who all will come.
 - 3. Senator Maag: Is the competition hosted by the navy?

- a. Micah Healy: It is a side branch of the navy. It is hosted by Robo Nation. There are a few international teams. It is in the week of June 20th.
 - 4. VP West: Where do you test it? How big is it?
 - a. Micah Healy: We will test in the local lake. And working with Rapid City Aquatics.
 - 5. Senator Mitchell: How are you recruiting?
 - a. Micah Healy: We have made posters to put on sidewalks. We are thinking of talking to high schools and the Megatronics class.
 - b. Senator Mitchell: I would recommend reaching out to the CSC department.
 - c. VP West: Turn it into a senior design project.
- 5. Open Discussion
 - A. Senator Benzmilller: A lot of my constituents have heard through the RA's living on P2 and they are talking about painting over the bricks. A petition has been started to keep them from painting over the bricks.
 - i. Senator Rust: Is there anything we can do to stop it?
 - ii. VP West: This is a prime example of why we are here. We are going to charge the senate with thinking of a solution or a new tradition if we cannot keep them from painting over the bricks.
 - iii. Senator Marshall: Do we know why they are painting over them?
 - iv. Dean Dlugos: No
 - v. Senator Nix: I am in Res Life, we haven't had a formal meeting. I have heard the female floor is moving up to P5 so they are going to paint over the second floor because it would no longer be the girls floor.
 - vi. VP West: It would be great if the RA's here could find out the exact information so we can have a conversation about it.
 - vii. Dean Dlugos: I learned about this at 10 AM this morning. Housing operations doesn't fall under my office. They won't be changing the female floor level. I want to echo VP West and encourage you to use your voice as students. Never be nervous about rocking the boat and starting petitions.
 - viii. Senator Quizon yields time to guests
 - ix. Makayla: We heard about the news this week and made a petition. It was our impression that P2 would change to P5. We decided to focus on the brick painting. We heard that they would get painted over regardless of the floor change. They would allow alumni to come back to take pictures. We wanted to get our foot in the door, so nothing happens to our bricks.
 - x. Senator Nix: I believe that Res Life has tried to do updates to change walls colors.
 - xi. VP West: Have you had any ideas about fixing it?

- xii. Makayla: They offered to let us ceiling tiles but there have been conflicting opinions on that.
 - xiii. Senator Marshall: If painting is nonnegotiable, what if we get everything digitized and then do a wall wrap?
 - xiv. Makalya: The problem is that if you take the paint off then you remove the character. The bricks were painted to support women. Guys come up to hang out on our floor because it doesn't feel like a prison. Girls are emotionally attached to them because they have relatives who painted them.
 - xv. Senator Maag: Are they painting for health and safety? If not, I think there is a lot more room to discuss. If it is, can we seal it with acrylic?
 - xvi. Makalya: We have been told it is unpleasant to look at because it is amateur art. We heard that from RA's. The petition was to gage interest to see if we would have support to stop this from happening.
 - xvii. Senator Tomac POPP
- B. Dean Dlugos: Our university cabinet is inviting Student Senate to their meeting. The changes to our CCTV policy states that students and employees cannot install their own camera on the outside of their doors. Installing it on the outside of the door could be an invasion of neighbors' privacy. If you have any concerns, please let CFO Emery know.
- i. Senator Maag: Has that been a problem?
 - ii. Dean Dlugos: We had a report of a student doing it and others complained.
 - iii. Senator Marshall: There have been quite a few instances.
6. Unfinished Business
7. New Business
- A. Resolution 22.S.014
 - i. Senator Marshall: They have a competition coming up they need funding for.
 - ii. Senator Schleich motions to suspend the rules
 - iii. Senator Nix seconds
 - iv. Rules suspended
 - v. Senator Rust motions to vote
 - vi. Senator Schleich seconds
 - vii. Motion passes, 1 excused, 2 absent
 - B. Resolution 22.S.015
 - i. Senator Marshall motions to suspend the rules
 - ii. Senator Rust seconds
 - iii. Senator Schleich motions to vote
 - iv. Senator Marshall seconds
 - v. Motion passes, 1 excused, 2 absent
 - C. Resolution 22.S.016
 - i. Senator Rust: We need this money to buy these parts for a competition in 3 weeks.

- ii. Senator Schleich motions to suspend the rules
- iii. Senator Nix seconds
- iv. Rules suspended
- v. Senator Quizon: Who are you buying it from?
 - 1. Senator Rust: We are buying it from a different school.
- vi. Director Headley: Do they have permission to sell this to you?
 - 1. Senator Rust: Yes.
- vii. VP West: Are you in VexU robotics?
 - 1. Senator Rust: Yes. We knew about the competition, we didn't know we needed the parts. They have been out of stock because of COVID. We have enough members to have two teams but don't have enough equipment for two teams.
 - 2. VP West: So, this will allow you to send two teams to the competition.
- viii. Senator Marshall motions to vote
- ix. Senator Benzmilller seconds
- x. Motion passes, 1 excused, 2 absent

D. Resolution 22.S.017

- i. Senator Marshall: Why 700 and not 750?
- ii. CFO Emery: That's all they asked for. This is not time sensitive.
- iii. Senator Benzmilller: Can something that is consumable be bought with supplemental funding?
- iv. CFO Emery: Yes, as long as it has to do with the club. Anyone who is of age can drink what they make in the club and they do events with Hay Camp. As long as there is a purpose behind the consumables, it is ok to use SOAP.

8. Chief Financial Officer's Report

- A. Just the supplementals. Over the weekend, I will be working on the SOAP adjustments and then next week I will have all the amounts for the student population after they have been approved.
 - i. Senator Marshall: What is it looking like?
 - ii. CFO Emery: So far it looks like a 92% allocation.

9. Vice President's Report

- A. The vote for the Ascent building passed in the House. The school will be getting the money. When they declare an emergency for a bill, they allocate the money immediately.
 - i. Senator Marshall: What is the new name?
 - ii. VP West: We don't know yet.
- B. We talked to Rob Sales. There is a vote on the whiteboard about whether students want midterms grades. A lot of students want grades submitted in a timely manner, i.e.. within 10 days of turning in. We need to look at what other universities expect so we aren't asking for something unreasonable.

- i. PR Chair Frazer: Have you talked to professors to see what they think about it?
 - ii. VP West: That is what we need to find out. It has been brought up to department heads.
 - C. I need someone to take over the rebranding project.
 - i. Senator Marshall: Do you think there will be any overflow into the next fiscal year?
 - ii. VP West: Yes. I don't think we will get everything done by May.
 - iii. Senator Marshall: How much of the 55,000 have we spent?
 - iv. CFO Emery: Just over \$12,000 I am going to ask to keep the money in the account, so we don't have to make a new resolution.

10. President's Report

- A. The Safety Walk was supposed to be tomorrow so we will have it two weeks from today after the meeting 3/23.

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

- A. International: The cultural expo club had a meeting today.
- B. Veteran: Vets club had a meeting today. In about two hours, I will be the new President. I have found someone who is interested in taking my place as Veteran Senator. We got third for Military Friendly in the nation. It is a big deal. It is due to the work of our administration.
 - i. Dean Dlugos: It is also due to GPA and placement rate.
 - ii. Senator Quizon POPP
- C. Graduate: Graduate students are having a Coffee hour on Friday from 3-4.
- D. Non-Trad: None

12. Committee Reports

- A. Constitution: Met with Robo Robotics this week.
- B. Public Relations: We got stickers, I divided them among the committee. People have been coming up to me to add to the list of businesses.
 - i. President Jurens: It might be good to double check with businesses who have old stickers that don't offer discounts anymore.
- C. Governmental Relations: The presidential elections were today. Petitions are due for general elections are due tonight. Those elections are 3/23.
- D. Student Affairs: Open forum in 3/29 5 PM McKeel. CARA might be there.
- E. Campus / Ad Hoc Committees
 - i. Safety: We are meeting tomorrow at noon. We are discussing the survey results. We have about 316 responses. I will try and get a report of that after spring break and a resolution for the cameras. Next Senate, I will be reappointing that committee.
 - ii. VP West: There was talk about alcohol on campus for football games. They will be talking about that at the next BOR meeting.

13. Upcoming Senate Business

14. Announcements

- A. Senator Marshall: Secret Santa.

B. VP West: It is expected that you wear professional attire to the transition meeting.

15. Adjournment

A. GR Chair Else motions to adjourn

B. Senator Schleich seconds

C. Meeting adjourned.