Student Government Meeting  
Wednesday, October 15, 2014

Meeting Highlights:  
-A gender neutrality resolution was passed  
-The internet resolution was discussed  
-Four budget requests were passed in partial or full form

Complete minutes are as follows:

Tyler Stokesbary was elected Vice-President Pro-Tem.

Roll Call:  
Present: Alex Severn, Jessalyn Holdcraft, Kelsey Wittorf, Connor McGinnis, Austin Jacobs, Nick Yeager, JJ Hansen, Ethan Fredrick, Robert Lyons, Teig Loge, Ishaya David, Tyler Stokesbary, Erica Heidler, Zach Goodrich, Nick Laning, Cody Isabel, Olivia Anderson, Savannah Calaway

Absent: Jessica Schultes, Ryan Stewart, Connor Johnson, Ruth Ann Roberts

Minutes from the last meeting stand approved.

Reports:  
Student Body President Alex Severn: I gave the resolution Ethan brought to the table last week to the President on Monday. Ethan and I are going to meet with President Simmons on Tuesday at 1:00pm to discuss the resolution. We will be discussing the internet resolution more tonight. There is a board of trustees meeting all day on Friday and a few of us will be attending.

Manager Michael Reuter: Nick Yeager and I are meeting with Oscar Preius tomorrow to discuss moving the SGA blog onto the main Simpson site.

Treasurer Ethan Fredrick: We have four budget requests tonight. For this academic year we have a budget of $350,000. $269,000 has been appropriated to tier one groups which is $13,000 more than this time last year, however we have one more group as a tier one than we did last year. $32,625 has been appropriated to tier two groups which is around $9,000 less than this time last year which I believe is because one group moved to tier one. $7,300 has been appropriated to SGA, most of which is for student pay. $41,000 is remaining. We had close to $9,000 more at this time last year. There may be a point in February where our committee has a discussion about prioritizing funding although that may not be an issue because some of our tier two groups bumped up to tier one and already have their full year’s funding.

Senior Class President Jessalyn Holdcraft: You will be hearing four different budget requests tonight.

Junior Class President Austin Jacobs: We had a good meeting with Kelly on Thursday. We will be talking about that and the resolution tonight.

Sophomore Class President Robert Lyons: The student advocacy committee met today. We talked about the commuter lounge with Sarah Beadle and are getting that project started. We have also taken time to
compile all of the ideas people gave us when we were at our table in the Kent lobby last week. If you have any proposal ideas please come talk to me.

First Year Class President Zach Goodrich: We met last week and we are currently waiting to hear back from Jim Hayes on how we can help with Prexy club.

Advisors Rich & Kristen: Nothing to report.

Food Committee Report, Erica Heidler:
Kent:
- Skinny sherbetos- gluten/dairy free and vegan froyo (always have one available) starting next week
- Naked juice!!!! in ABP and Tyler’s (maybe Millie’s) starting next week
- Fall Break hours: Pfeifer closed Wednesday 29 after lunch
  - Millies closes at 3, everything else at 4
  - opens up Sunday the second- Tyler’s from 4-11
- Kelloggs products selling starting this week Thursday
  - chips and Pringles in Tyler’s
  - protein bars at Millie’s

Pfeifer:
- trash cans: moved but keep getting moved back, but flow is improved!

Old Business:
None

New Business:
Gender Neutrality Resolution
Robert Lyons: A resolution to remove gender bias from the SGA constitution and bylaws as well as encouraging other groups to do the same.
WHEREAS, Simpson College has been consciously working to remove gender bias from its policies and procedures;
WHEREAS, Simpson College made great strides in progressively advancing the cause of gender neutrality with its gender-inclusive housing rule;
WHEREAS, student organizations should work to emulate the efforts of the college by removing any remnants of gender bias from their organizations;
WHEREAS, the Rotaract Club of Simpson College has already done so by submitting their bylaws to PRIDE for revision of any gender specific terminology;
WHEREAS, the Student Government Association (SGA) of Simpson College, as the duly-elected governing body of the campus, should lead by example in all matters;
WHEREAS, all student organizations who come to the SGA for funding should also abide by rules of gender neutrality;
WHEREAS, gender neutrality in the bylaws and constitutions of Simpson’s clubs and organizations will make students of all gender identities feel welcome and accepted on campus; therefore, be it RESOLVED, that the SGA will submit its constitution and bylaws to PRIDE for proposed revisions in relation to gender neutrality and will vote on the revisions following PRIDE’s review of the documents; additionally, the SGA will henceforth recommend all organizations that submit budget requests have their constitutions and bylaws reviewed by PRIDE.
This bill has been endorsed by Erica Barz, President of PRIDE.
I move to accept this resolution.

**Tyler Stokesbary:** Would this mean that we are changing our constitution?

**Robert Lyons:** What we are proposing with this resolution is that we submit our constitution and bylaws to PRIDE to have them edited. PRIDE will go through and find areas that need to be changed. We will then vote on the changes.

**Conner McGinnis:** Are you saying that every group must go through PRIDE to receive funding from SGA?

**Robert Lyons:** We are recommending that they submit their constitution and bylaws before they come to us for funding, but it is not a requirement. We would very much like them to have them looked over. It doesn’t take any time. They just email them to Erica and she sends them back with recommended changes.

**Kelsey Wittorf:** Is there any other group that could make these revisions? Some groups may not like the fact that they have to submit their materials to another student organization. Maybe if there was more of a faculty and staff led group some organizations would feel more comfortable. It is also a lot of extra work for PRIDE reviewing all of these constitutions and bylaws.

**Alex Severn:** It sounds like we are just making this tool available and letting people know that this tool is available and that we support it. I think we should applaud PRIDE for helping us out in this way. I don’t think it needs to go to faculty because we are not making organizations do it. We are just making a recommendation.

**JJ Hansen:** Can we make Erica an ad-hoc to the Student Advocacy Committee so it is more official?

**Zach Goodrich:** Would this be something that Student Organization Committee should be involved in?

**Alex Severn:** Yes, since you are planning on meeting with all of the organizations on campus.

**Ethan Fredrick:** I recommend that we pass this resolution because right now it only pertains to us. These changes are going to be very minor. It’s not going to be that controversial. If we want to start a broader conversation, we can. I don’t think most of these changes are that complicated that we can’t trust a student group to handle them. Let’s just go through and pass this and not reinvent the wheel here.

**Nick Laning:** I move to amend the resolution by adding at the end of line 23 “A PRIDE representative will be the ad-hoc on the Student Advocacy Committee as a resource to student organizations for the area of gender neutrality.”

**Alex Severn:** I don’t think we should pass this amendment because I don’t think it’s necessary that we make PRIDE a permanent spot on our committee. I think it’s important that they are a tool and they want to be a tool. I don’t think we should be asking them to attend every one of our committee meetings that isn’t pertaining to something they are passionate about.

**Ethan Fredrick:** None of this is binding except for this ad-hoc thing we are talking about. An ad-hoc member is a member who sits there but can’t vote. Is there any reason we can’t ask the student body to do this now anyway? Is there any reason organizations wouldn’t invite someone just to talk about it?

Rather than hash out a position that should already be existing, let’s go forward and pass this bill because it seems like everyone is fine making our constitution and bylaws gender neutral and move onto the new business of the day.

**Amendment Vote:** Failed

**Resolution Vote:** Passed

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**Bylaws Amendment**

**Zach Goodrich:** I move to amend section 2, subsection E by adding a line that reads “the manager should register SGA as a student organization for each semester.”

**Robert Lyons:** I will vote to approve it but I recommend that we put this in a handbook instead of bylaws. Robert’s Rules of Order actually recommend that we don’t overcomplicate things in the bylaws but in the future we need to create a handbook that goes along with everything as well.

**Vote:** Passed
Internet Resolution

Alex Severn: I just emailed the resolution to Kelly this afternoon. Some of the wording in the resolution is not up to snuff with technical standards. That’s our bad for not knowing the world of technology. Kelly would like to help us revise the resolution such that it is acceptable with her and her staff. We were planning on just talking to Kelly, getting some questions out to her, and having her explain what is going on. We would be voting on the resolution and budget request next week.

Austin Jacobs: I would like to bring forth resolution 2014-2 to the floor.

Ethan Fredrick: I recommend that we turn the floor over to Kelly and have her present what she has to present.

Kelly Bradder: I think that a goal from the technology committee last year and going forward was to work with the committee or subsection of SGA to work through some of these bandwidth issues and reach a resolution that best meets the student’s needs. Currently, the college has 200mb of bandwidth. During the day, 35mb goes to classrooms, faculty, and administration. Students have 165mb. In the evening, after the conclusion of classes, everything goes to students. Looking at our trends, we expected that we would be able to work with the students next year. We have some critical contracts coming up next August. We had hoped to work with a group of students to explore different solutions. We could also look at using different providers. There are all sorts of different solutions that we can explore. It was my hope that we would be able to do so this year. I still very much want to do that work to evaluate different solutions. Henceforth, we have found ourselves in a huge explosion of streaming content. Students are streaming over their phones, laptops, iPads, and all different devices. If you look at the internet bandwidth for the last four days, streaming takes about 64% of the campus bandwidth. That is what we are using our bandwidth on. The other piece of this proposal is to make a significant jump by a third to increase bandwidth to 300mb. This would only be on to the residence halls. I don’t expect any increases to the staff network. This would give students access to these streaming applications. The other piece I want to clarify is that the proposal says $15,000. That’s not necessarily the case because it is $1,250 a month so it depends when we start the new service.

Alex Severn: Our goal was to get something done during fall break. This is pending getting a resolution through and getting a majority consensus. What are we looking at for the total then?

Kelly Bradder: It would be $12,500 if we start November 1st.

Robert Lyons: I want to recognize Michael Reuter because I know he has some questions.

Michael Reuter: I just had some questions on the billing. With this increase the total would be $3,250 per month?

Kelly Bradder: We are currently paying $2,500 so it would be $3,750 with the increase.

Michael Reuter: I personally thought that was pretty outrageous and I looked at some of the prices they had listed on the website. They offer a 100mb/100mb connection for $50 a month which is significantly less than we pay.

Kelly Bradder: I had that same conversation with them and said I needed help explaining this price difference when a faculty member, staff, or student walked into my office. Their explanation is that it still is a shared connection and a different style of connection. Our agreement guarantees that on a throughput up and down all the time. For that, we pay a lot more.

Michael Reuter: I guess I’m not familiar with that but I did actually call them up and ask about the price for a 1GB/1GB business connection. They said it would be around $500 a month which would be $6,000 a year.

Kelly Bradder: I would love for them to give us that. You can see the date on the quote. That piece is a different style of connection. It’s not a throughput on and that gigabit would still be a shared situation. I will have a phone call with them and they can explain the differences. I will tell you that last year at this time I went out for quotes to try to drive our bandwidth cost down. In my opinion, with some research from other institutions like Drake, Grandview, Luther, Central and Buena Vista, we were seeing some
very high rates for bandwidth costs. I contacted a company by the name of Cogent Communications out of Washington D.C. and we were substantially able to lower our costs. We were paying $30,000 for 45mb years ago. As I tried to educate the committee, we are seeing and will continue to see a price performance ratio. If you think about laptops and iPads, they stay about the same cost but they see increased features and capabilities. If trends in technology stay true, we will see the same thing. Our bandwidth cost may increase a little but we will get more bandwidth for the price increase. We are also in a three year contract that started last year. We are committed to that contract for another couple years.

Olivia Anderson: I thought that we would be allocating $15,000 up front, not $1,250 per month. I am just wondering how much we are going to pay. Are we going to go on a month by month basis? Is this something we need to clarify in the resolution now?

Kelly Bradder: This request is a short term basis until next August until we can figure out what the best model or resolution is going forward. My understanding is that SGA would pay from November 1st or whenever we turn it up to August 1st of next year. I think that should be in the resolution.

Robert Lyons: It says that you are going to take down network barriers?

Alex Severn: Just to clarify, the resolution didn’t have any involvement with Kelly. It was coming out of what we thought was appropriate after our talks on the floor last week and our talks in the student life committee. Kelly first saw the resolution at about 4:00pm today. Any questions particular to the resolution we can talk about after the meeting. Also, it is just a draft so we will be revising it with Kelly’s help and the help of some of her staff.

Kelly Bradder: If you think about each house paying for 10mb or 20mb of internet through Mediacom, that is the same way we serve you. The structures of the network are there so that viruses don’t spread throughout the network. With the vague language, we need to sit down and talk about what capabilities the students really want and what we can feasibly do. Mediacom is serving you the same way we are serving you. They don’t turn on all the internet you want in your house. You have a very specific amount. In some cases, we have to do the same thing so that all the traffic goes down the pipe without colliding and making everyone’s traffic slower. There is an art and science to shaping the traffic and getting the maximum performance out of what we have. I am very interested in hearing what capabilities we need to provide. Also, as far as predictability of traffic, I know that some students have Mediacom accounts now. I can’t predict what would happen if they were to leave Mediacom and get on our network. I am very afraid of gaining. I am very afraid of Xbox streaming and those types of things. Without shaping and structure, the bandwidth is gone when the first 20 people get on their Xboxes in the morning. In order for everyone to continue to live in a shared resource, there needs to be some structure. I would rather call it structure than barriers. The last thing my staff and myself want is unhappy students. The thing that frustrates me the most is when I can’t get a connection. We are very sympathetic to giving you the bandwidth you will need.

Ethan Fredrick: I’m glad you brought that up because that’s a big point in the way the resolution is worded now. That is something that students express to us a lot, how feasible is it to get gaming hooked up to wireless? The number of people that would game on the network is unknown. Is that something we should be trying to seek after?

Kelly Bradder: We have started tracking gaming protocols. Ironically, the top one was someone’s phone. I think we need a little history and polling. With SGA’s help, I think we need to survey and find out. I don’t have enough research to tell you if this bandwidth increase would be enough to satisfy all of the gamers. I don’t have enough data. I would also worry at that point about the pressure being put on each of the access points maybe even more than the total bandwidth. I think there are different things we could look at together. Maybe a plugged in connection would be better. There is also a section in here that talks about keeping student traffic off the faculty network. One thing that is a problem with this is the fact that the laptops in labs are on the faculty network. The reason for that is because they have
access to server based software. I’m guessing that’s how students learned to get on that network. There are some more technical pieces that we need to work through with this resolution. I’m very interested in talking to you about the technology fee and how we would structure that. There are some pieces here such as the business office account that are outside my responsibility. I will have to turn to the president and other cabinet members to see how that will work and how that will happen. As far as the technology fees, I think we need to have some frank conversations, because we burn that up on very set things. Replacing needing lab computers, cable and bandwidth. We aren’t even talking about some very basic software licensing like Kaspersky and Microsoft Office which runs us about $30,000 a year. When you put that together, $140,000 is gone just like that. There is very little wiggle room but there has to be a way you can structure it so that students can have a voice. I think we need to have those discussions.

**Ethan Fredrick:** You may not be concerned as much about the quantity of gaming consoles used, but if they are concentrated in a certain location?

**Kelly Bradder:** I think lessons can be learned by looking at other institutions that allow gaming access. Is there a way we can do it wired in a certain location? Is any of that viable? Those are the types of things we should look at as options.

**Michael Reuter:** Can you ask your sales representative at MCG to send a written explanation of why our connection costs so much more?

**Kelly Bradder:** Yes, I actually had this conversation with the general manager. I hope the new agreement they are coming out with will help us and lower our bandwidth cost. We’ll see. The other thing I have talked to the committee about is having a second vendor. There are two reasons. One is to have competition so that we are not just dependent on MCG. Two is so we don’t have a single point of failure in case one connection gets cut somewhere.

**Olivia Anderson:** Is there anything we are talking about that would violate our three year contract?

**Kelly Bradder:** No. If we increase our bandwidth now it will not increase the length of our contract.

**Alex Severn:** What most of our students find is that our download speeds are much lower than our upload speeds. What is the reason these are so lopsided?

**Kelly Bradder:** All of our students are consuming in one way. We don’t tend to push out content, we all go out and pull content down. We are consumers but people don’t consume from us. That is where our differentiation in speed is. When we had the debate, KCCI broadcasted very easily because they were pushing out which is the exact opposite of what students were doing.

**Alex Severn:** Are there any contracts where we increase our download speed without increasing our upload speed?

**Kelly Bradder:** No. It can’t be structured that way.

**Tyler Stokesbary:** With the contract we are in right now, did we accept the contract and then realize we were getting gypped?

**Kelly Bradder:** No. If someone else has the exact same type of connection, they are going to pay the exact same thing we are going to pay. It is a different service than they are providing to a house.

**Ethan Fredrick:** The bandwidth would cost $12,500?

**Kelly Bradder:** There are a couple costs to the college. One is the physical router that will be plugged into the connection and allow us to reach 1GB speeds. If we are going to 300mb, we have plenty of room to grow into this piece of equipment. Between the president’s budget and IT’s contingency budget, we are covering that router. We are also covering a 24/7 replacement policy that they can have a replacement router in place in four hours. Other than having another line with another company, that is the best option right now. The total cost of around $13,700 for that hardware is being covered by the college. The $1,250 per month is the increased bandwidth from 200mb to 300mb for 10 months if we start on November 1 and go to August 1.

**Jessalyn Holdcraft:** Is it possible to have a contract where we have slower speeds during the summer?
Kelly Bradder: No. Cable and telephone are highly regulated. There is a federal guideline that they have to know if they are going to bury and put lines in the ground, they have to know they will have subscribers. There must be certain conditions. That is why most cable and telephone contracts are long term contracts because these companies have to dig to get to you. When we first negotiated the Mediacom contract years ago, we asked if they could turn it off during the summer, but what they did was discount it over the course of the year.

Alex Severn: The board of trustees agreed in a previous meeting that a large part of the increase in tuition over the next year would be going to technology items?

Kelly Bradder: No. What we did was pass a capital budget item. What the capital budget item went to was to replace the network core switch which gives faster network speeds between the buildings. We installed this and a new backup system this summer. We will still look at more infrastructure issues like this in the future. The other thing that was in there was the wireless system for the library. This is a different system than is in the rest of campus. The library was seeing very heavy interruptions from rogue access points and other things. They house the education department which has Chromebooks. Chromebooks have the worst antennas on any device I have ever seen. In order to try and meet their needs, we had to go to a different network provider. As we replace access points throughout the college going forward, that will be our provider of choice. We have been on our existing provider for five years and it is time to start replacing.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: What is sounds like is that we are just increasing speed? Can we decide not to do it for a couple months?

Kelly Bradder: No. We can’t back down during the summer.

Michael Reuter: You said there was a capital budget last year to replace the core network switch. Now you are going to replace another switch. What are the two different things going on?

Kelly Bradder: The core network switch has lines running to each of the buildings. The router we are now talking about buying connects the internet connection to the core switch.

Olivia Anderson: Is there a certain time we need to start this contract?

Kelly Bradder: No, we can start it any time. Whenever you start is when we get more bandwidth.

Alex Severn: Say we sign a contract to increase the bandwidth to 300mb. Is that for 3 years?

Kelly Bradder: No it won’t extend the current contract.

Alex Severn: SGA is currently talking about funding for this year. What planning is the college doing so that they can pay this starting in August and not void the contract?

Kelly Bradder: It’s not just us, we need you guys to help us figure this out and come out with the best solution for you. I think I put quite a few options on the table. Looking at outsourcing, looking at shifting some resources internally. I think we should look at those things.

Alex Severn: Say that we can’t come up with a consensus. Is it too early to start setting funds aside for next year?

Kelly Bradder: I have shared the resolution with the president. The cabinet knows that we are here. I think we can absolutely start discussing how we are going to pay for this. More discussion at different levels of the organization expresses the student concern and priority about this topic.

Tyler Stokesbary: If we do this, it’s going to be $15,000 a year. SGA is not going to be responsible after this year?

Kelly Bradder: No. Both Dr. Simmons and I are comfortable with that or I wouldn’t be wanting to increase the bandwidth.

Ethan Fredrick: Just some cultural weariness we have. Our funding comes from the activity fee. We get a little weary any time we have to spend it on something that isn’t student activities, especially if it is something we think the college should be paying for. To what degree is the college considering these risks ahead of time? Did we see the streaming explosion coming? Looking ahead, 4-5 years from now, what are some things SGA may need to consider.
Kelly Bradder: I really like the three year plan. I think the next explosion is going to be wearables. I think you will see a plateau and another jump, depending when things get adopted. Watching trends and attending national conferences is extremely important, especially in technology because it moves so quickly. Another thing I have talked to the committee about is the price performance point. iPads stay about the same price but features go up. I have seen shifts in bandwidth. More things are going to go into the cloud and you are going to see fewer things on campus. The trend is going to be more bandwidth. I think open, honest communication with the technology group and trying to include them and educate them is very important. I look forward to doing that.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Would you be comfortable with us having a forum before we pass this resolution so that those students who are more knowledgeable can ask you more questions?

Kelly Bradder: Yes. I would also invite my staff. I expect that we can get down to some nitty gritty. I don’t deal with these issues on a daily basis, so I expect they can answer some of these questions better than I can. I think that would be a great idea.

Conner McGinnis: We saw a graph last week that showed a lot of bandwidth use during the summer. Who is using that?

Kelly Bradder: We have camps and Opera hits it really hard. Our staff pulls down really big updates as well. Between the kids and camps and conferences, we use that much data. We can’t do updates during the academic year.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: What network does the guest Wi-Fi pull from?

Kelly Bradder: It is very narrow and doesn’t have access to any campus resources because that is a security threat. It can’t access any of our servers. It just has internet access and only about 50 people can be on at a time. If we have a conference, we would expand that.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: So this is adding to the usage during the summer?

Kelly Bradder: The Opera has their own account so they wouldn’t be using that.

Alex Severn: The current issue is density.

Kelly Bradder: Density would mean how many devices we can attach to an access point. My guess is that if we add more bandwidth and there is more throughput, we are going to have to add more access points. We have been doing this rapidly already.

Alex Severn: Just to be clear, this bandwidth issue is a separate issue. Students not being able to connect to the internet would be a separate issue.

Kelly Bradder: For most students, it’s hard to separate the issue. You can’t connect and it’s really slow. My guess is that on the survey Austin’s group did wireless is taking a hit because it is hard for student to differentiate internet and a wireless connection. The internet connection is the first problem, we are maxed out. When the internet bandwidth issue is relieved, other issues may occur but we will see them and fix them.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: A few years ago we introduced the student network. Why hasn’t the scstudent network been shut down yet?

Kelly Bradder: The student network has newer protocols that some older machines can’t connect to. We are aging that network out and it will go away in the future. If we get rid of it, we will have students that can’t connect because their machines have older security protocols. Students don’t like to come see us. Removing this network wouldn’t alleviate any of the problems we are having now.

Austin Jacobs: Last week on Sunday, the Wi-Fi was down for 30-40 minutes. What led to that? Will increasing the internet speed help that? What is going to be in place so this doesn’t happen again?

Kelly Bradder: The controller in Kent went down. I don’t have an answer as to why that happened. That is one of the reasons we are looking to actively leave that company. We don’t believe they have kept up with their R&D. We don’t believe they can update their software to accommodate newer devices. The University of Iowa has this network and they went out and chose the same vendor that we are transferring to.
Austin Jacobs: How long is it going to take to transfer over?
Kelly Bradder: It will depend on capital budgets. If I had my choice it would have been yesterday. It will probably be $300,000 to $400,000. We are seeing the most problems and trouble tickets in Washington and Station Square. If I can get a big capital budget I will get this done as soon as possible.
Zach Goodrich: Can you tell me the difference between scguest and scvisitor.
Kelly Bradder: You can request an account on scvisitor while you need to know the password for scguest.
Cody Isabel: I’m sure the new access points aren’t free, so would that be something we would have to pay for?
Kelly Bradder: No that is something we would cover in our budget.
Michael Reuter: What is the old company and what is the new company?
Kelly Bradder: Meru is the old company and Aruba is the new company.
Savannah Calaway: Can you switch how you manage bandwidth? Right now it is managed by building but why can’t it be managed by network?
Kelly Bradder: The change comes later at night because we have classes later during the day. 35mb of the 200mb already goes to students during the day. With this increase, students will get an additional 100mb while staff will have the same speeds.
Savannah Calaway: Instead of having the bandwidth go by building, can we have it go by scstudent and scstaff?
Kelly Bradder: No, these are just wireless denotations. This has to do with the way it’s structured. These names are just how you connect to the network. We do bandwidth shaping and allocation by IP addresses which is physical location. You can slice and dice that pretty finely.
Savannah Calaway: Our thought is that if you did that you could get more bandwidth to the students.
Kelly Bradder: We are watching it and distributing it pretty carefully right now.
Ethan Fredrick: I move we table this.

**PRIDE Budget Request:** Total Requested: $1,834.71 Recommendation: $1,835.00
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I recommend allocating $1,835.00 to PRIDE. It is for prizes for their Halloween costume contest. It is also for 50 t-shirts that will be given out for events during the year.
Erica Barz: It’s our Halloween event which is November 7, so it’s a little late.
Olivia Anderson: Is this your only budget request for the year?
Erica Barz: No we will be back for more.
Vote: Passed

**Best Buddies Budget Request:** Total Requested: $2,475.00 Recommendation: $2,475.00
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I move to allocate $2,475.00 to Best Buddies. They are asking for money for the whole year. They are also going to have an event in March called Spread the Word to End the Word. This includes t-shirts that are for the event.
Vote: Passed

**SELF Budget Request:** Total Requested: $608.14 Recommendation: $605.00
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I move to allocate $605.00 to SELF.
Ethan Fredrick: We took off the Mac adapter and told them to get it from IT. We added paint because they painted their block on the street and their design got washed away so they need to repaint it.
Vote: Passed

**Latinos Unidos Budget Request:** Total Requested: $5,400.00 Recommendation: $5,400.00
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I move to allocate $5,400.00 to Latinos Unidos.
Olivia Anderson: It is for three events? This money is going to three separate events? I am worried about this because we rejected giving money to ATO because they are a social fraternity.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: This is something we talked about at length. We do not fund social fraternities because they do not have open membership. No Greek houses are allowed to ask us for money. What happened is that ATO wanted money for an event but they are going with Latinos Unidos to get the money. The way they described it is that ATO is housing it because they have a bigger house and they are adding cultural items. They also said they are going to have Rotaract volunteers at this event. They have altered the event to make it a Latinos Unidos event. This is a legal way to get around everything. It is now headed by Latinos Unidos, not ATO.

Tyler Stokesbary: I can’t vote because I’m the presiding officer, but I would personally vote no for this. I’m glad that they are doing something for Safe Block but obviously we can tell that this is just ATO in a different form. I think we need to do some looking at our bylaws and finance code so this can’t keep happening. We aren’t dumb. They are obviously just going around the system. They are having the event at ATO. It’s the same thing. It is a different way of deliberately going in front of us to get the same money. We might as well just give money to ATO at that point. You guys can disagree with me. I merit the fact that they are doing something, I would just personally vote no.

Alex Severn: I am going to represent a point that Ryan Stewart emailed me since he can’t be here tonight. “This is a backdoor way to get money to ATO. Initially this request was from ATO alone. It seems that it is now being funded through Latinos Unidos. I do not think that offering payment to do this is a beneficial way to spend Simpson’s money as it is surface level experiences at best. This also seems like an obscene amount of money to give for three events. It is also ESSENTIAL that Latinos Unidos acts appropriately for events that happen at their house.”

Ethan Fredrick: I want to give a little more information so we can evaluate it properly. Safe Block is a trick-or-treating event that RHA puts on for kids. Latinos Unidos spin on it is that their members are putting on face paint and going in a characters. There will also be a clay skull painting the week after. You can look at the line item in the ATO request. I don’t think they are overspending and I don’t think we are getting gouged on the price. It might be a lot of money for an event but it is not a poorly managed event. Yes it’s going through a social fraternity but at most those guys can be used as manual labor. I don’t see why SGA should be opposed to people helping with a charitable event. The event is designed for Simpson students to help non Simpson students. In that sense, it doesn’t matter who is hosting it because anyone on campus can volunteer. It is a completely open event, just like events we have funded before. If you want to be concerned that we aren’t spending money in the right places in terms of the total budget, that’s fine, but don’t vote against this because the event is poorly planned or you are worried that this won’t affect all Simpson students. The students that want to help will help.

Nick Laning: Just a point of clarification. Having gone to Latinos Unidos meetings and being in the finance committee meetings, originally this was an event for Simpson students, not for Safe Block. Yes, Ulises said they might be doing it Safe Block night but my understanding is that it is an event for Simpson students not a volunteering opportunity for Simpson students.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: They haven’t formally decided if they are going to do it on Safe Block or on October 25. When Ethan talks about manual labor, he means that if it is in ATO, ATO is going to help set up. If it is on Safe Block night they will also be volunteering. However, Ulises made it very clear if it is on Safe Block night they would also do Safe Block. It would also continue to be open to Simpson students.

Robert Lyons: Latinos Unidos doesn’t have any part in Safe Block.

Kelsey Wittorf: I don’t know if it is technically a negative against ATO, but if it is a student thing, I don’t know if ATO would be the right place to have it because ATO is a place not everyone can access. If they aren’t going to have someone physically at the door all night letting people in, I don’t know who is benefiting.
Erica Heidler: Are they still not sure when they are doing it? They are asking for money for an event that could possibly be something else?
Ethan Fredrick: It was between two dates.
Tyler Stokesbary: The 23rd is Safe Block. The 25th is Saturday.
Jessalyn Holdcraft: They have a separate event the 24th.
Erica Heidler: I think that whether or not it is on Safe Block changes the entire nature of the event.
Conner McGinnis: I want to answer Kelsey’s question. They said they were taking people in by groups of ten so everyone would be able to get in.
Olivia Anderson: Listening to the discussion and reading the explanation, I think it is too unclear to give $5,400 for this. I wouldn’t be comfortable giving money for this but this event is next week so they need this money soon.
Ethan Fredrick: Only $1,500 is for this event. If you are really against this you can amend it so that this specific event is removed from the request.
Alex Severn: Just to clarify, you were saying there were Facebook posts to get involved in the event.
Ethan Fredrick: Yes, I have seen one on the Latinos Unidos page and on the ATO page asking for volunteers.
Alex Severn: Did they specify what day they were doing it?
Jessalyn Holdcraft: On the ATO page, it says come to ATO on Thursday, October 23rd between 6 and 10. I don’t see anything on Latinos Unidos page.
Alex Severn: Didn’t we express that it is in good professional manner not to publicize an event before it gets funding through SGA?
Ethan Fredrick: Sometimes out of necessity we can’t tell them that. I think advertising a week ahead of time is in good taste.
Alex Severn: I think it is appropriate to have an amendment to split these budgets and talk about the separately.
Nick Laning: Due to the lack of clarity in the budget request. I move to amend the budget allocation so that it is $3,900 removing the haunted house funding.
Alex Severn: The problem we have with this is that a budget request must be submitted two weeks in advance, so this would kill the event.
Tyler Stokesbary: If this amendment is passed it will kill the haunted house.
Alex Severn: I would say we vote no on this amendment and split it instead. We can then ask Latinos Unidos to come back and give us further details such that we don’t kill the event.
Ishaya David: Is there a way we reflect how many events we sponsor per organization? If we keep getting requests from Latinos Unidos and we keep funding their events, are we being fair to their organization?
Ethan Fredrick: We haven’t had a problem with running out of money in the last several years. The way we do it now, we don’t care when the event is. We also treat it as first-come, first-serve. If you want to hold an event in March or April, you can request it today and we will hear it today. If Latinos Unidos continues to have really good programming, we should continue to support it.
Ishaya David: We need to encourage the other organizations to come up with programs. We are gradually killing the organizations that aren’t coming up with programs.
Jessalyn Holdcraft: Part of Ethan’s report was how much money we have vs how much we have left. That is designed to give groups an idea of when they need to be requesting money. Planning is on the groups. I hesitate to say anything about how many events a group is supposed to hold because each group holds a different number of events.
Tyler Stokesbary: Let’s focus on the amendment.
Nick Laning: I just want to say that this would be killing the event either way if we don’t fund it tonight.
Tyler Stokesbary: If you vote yes, it would kill the haunted house but the other two parts would still remain.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Latinos Unidos has money, so in theory if we divide these two they could still put on the haunted house using other funds.

Ethan Fredrick: Can we move onto the finances?

Tyler Stokesbary: We can still give them money for the haunted house if we want to.

Alex Severn: What Jessalyn was just saying is that Latinos Unidos could take money from previous allocations and put it toward this haunted house. It is still possible that we can split the budgets and vote next Wednesday so that they can still have the haunted house.

Robert Lyons: I move to call the previous question.

Vote: Passed

Tyler Stokesbary: We can’t debate anymore. We are moving into a vote about the amendment.

Vote: Passed

Tyler Stokesbary: We are back to $3,900 for Latinos Unidos.

Vote: Passed

**General Discussion:**

**May Term Courses:**

Robert Lyons: We need you to come up with ideas for May Term classes. These sheets include what to do each week. Domestic travel is also an option.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: Do you have all of the ideas we had last year?

Robert Lyons: No.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: I will get them to you.

**Constitution and Bylaws Review:**

Tyler Stokesbary: I think we need to revisit our bylaws and constitution. They are horribly out of date. Technically the class president cannot vote in finance committees. The voting members are the four class senators and the treasurer can break ties. We can amend that or totally revisit it. I suggest that we don’t discuss this much tonight but it is something we need to be thinking about.

Jessalyn Holdcraft: We visited the constitution two years ago. It has been updated since the 2003 version. It sounds like Tyler is very interested in updating the constitution. I would recommend you try to create a committee to do this so you can come up with a big amendment.

Tyler Stokesbary: I would totally be in favor of that.

**Announcements:**

- Thursday, October 16th: CAB relay
- The next Rotaract meeting will be on the 26th from 6-7pm in Carse 171.
- There will be bigger cones and the correct napkins will be back in Pfeiffer.