Student Government Meeting
Wednesday, November 12, 2014

Meeting Highlights:
- Bylaws & Constitution amendments were brought to the table

Complete minutes are as follows:

Roll Call:

Absent: None

Minutes from the last meeting stand approved.

Reports:
Student Body President Alex Severn: The campus council we have been talking about which stemmed from our resolution is meeting tomorrow so more information will be coming with that. We are continuing to work on the internet resolution. Austin and I are going to pick back up on that on the 20th. The internet bandwidth was increased to 300MB yesterday. Hopefully this is providing better download speeds. We are in the middle of a search for the Vice President of Student Development. We had Heidi Levine on campus today, so hopefully you all had a chance to meet with her. We will be interviewing Jim Hayes on Friday. Rosemary Link is coming to SGA next Wednesday to talk about the new Ankeny campus and about the Continuing and Graduate Program. As you recall from President Simmons presentation, the Continuing and Graduate program had a large reduction in enrolled credits. This caused some financial concerns. I went to the faculty meeting today. Scholar will be updated over Thanksgiving break. This will make the site friendlier for mobile devices. Be looking for a new survey coming out about your advisors. Please give some good constructive feedback on how our faculty is advising you.

Manager Michael Reuter: Nothing to report.

Treasurer Ethan Fredrick: Nothing to report.

Senior Class President Jessalyn Holdcraft: Nothing to report.

Junior Class President Austin Jacobs: We are meeting with Kelly when she gets back. I have a call with her tomorrow to discuss the call she had with XWires today regarding internet on campus. Rich and I had a meeting earlier this week to discuss the shuttle to Des Moines. My committee will talk a lot more about it tomorrow and hopefully come to SGA with some ideas next week.

Sophomore Class President Robert Lyons: We met today and discussed the theme houses, specifically the multicultural theme house. We put together a plan of attack for that situation and will be addressing it within the next two weeks.
First Year Class President Zach Goodrich: Prexy club met today. Our committee will be meeting tomorrow and talking about Prexy club and some other things.

Advisors Rich & Kristen: Nothing to report.

Food Committee Report, Cody Isabel: There was a complaint that the fruit in ABP is bruised 90% of the time. It is the same fruit that is in Pfeiffer so they are going to work on that. There are some shortages of drinks in Pfeiffer. This was because they didn’t order the correct products but everything should be back now. The soup in ABP is going to start coming with a piece of bread for a board. You can get a cookie, fruit, or a piece of bread for a board. There are going to be themed marshmallows in the hot chocolate at Millie’s.

EPCC, Jessalyn Holdcraft: We met last Thursday and approved an interdisciplinary major. Remind people if they aren’t completely satisfied with their major that they can create their own.

Old Business:
None

New Business:
SGA Constitution and Bylaws Amendments
Robert Lyons: You should have all received the amendments to the constitution and bylaws. I move to accept the bylaws.
Vote: Passed

**Proposed SGA Bylaw Amendments**

*For the purposes of gender neutrality and inclusivity*

Current Bylaw

Section 2, Point B, Sub-point 5
Assume the responsibilities of the SGA President if the SGA President is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities

Proposed Bylaw

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**Proposed SGA Constitutional Amendments**

*For the purposes of gender neutrality and inclusivity*

Current Bylaw

Section 2, Point C, Sub-point 4
Assume the responsibilities of the SGA President if the SGA President is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities
Proposed Bylaw

Section 2, Point B, Sub-point 5
Assume the responsibilities of the SGA President if the SGA President is unable to fulfill their responsibilities

Current Bylaw

Section 3, Point A
No SGA Officer shall have a vote unless he/she is either a Class President or a Senator;

Proposed Bylaw

Section 3, Point A
No SGA Officer shall have a vote unless they are either a Class President or a Senator;

Current Bylaw

Section 3, Point D, Sub-point 3
Assume the responsibilities of the SGA Vice-President if the SGA Vice-President is unable to fulfill his/her responsibilities;

Proposed Bylaw

Section 3, Point D, Sub-point 3
Assume the responsibilities of the SGA Vice-President if the SGA Vice-President is unable to fulfill their responsibilities;

Alex Severn: We have to wait until next week to vote on this because of our constitution.
Ethan Fredrick: I move to table this until next week.
Vote: Passed

General Discussion:

Review of President Simmons Presentation:
Alex Severn: I want to take this opportunity to discuss what happened last week with President Simmons. Are there any questions that didn’t get answered? How are you feeling about the answers we did get?
Robert Lyons: I appreciated having him there and I would like to have him come at least once a semester in the future.
Alex Severn: Are there any questions you have that didn’t get answered? Do we need to have him come in again to discuss the strategic plan since we didn’t get to that? You can find the strategic plan online. If you search for “Strategic Plan” on the Simpson website, you can find the document with the plan that has been passed by the board of trustees. This is something we talked about last year.
Cody Isabel: Can you explain what the strategic plan is?
Alex Severn: The strategic plan lists a lot of goals from the board of trustees and the faculty and staff. It is where we see the college in 2019 or five years from now. You can see the goals they are really looking for and looking to track. One of the goals is to have an 85% retention rate. We are sitting at about 80%-81% right now. That may not seem like very much but that 3% increase in retention is a lot. We looked at our mission and vision statement and made sure that these goals had to do with being an exemplar liberal arts college. If you would all like to review that document, it did just get passed by the board of
trustees the last time we met. If you would like to review that we can ask President Simmons to come in again and explain it.

Connor McGinnis: Is there a former strategic plan we can compare this strategic plan to?
Alex Severn: This is something President Simmons brought in and I don’t think it’s something we have done before.
Rich Ramos: There is an older version. I will try to find it. The problem with strategic statements is that they put something in there now and it may not even be close to what was in the old one.
Alex Severn: If there are specific questions about the strategic plan, I can probably answer them for you.

Committee Information:
Jessalyn Holdcraft: I think we could put something on our part of the website with more information on our committees and past representatives to those committees. I want to help train someone for EPCC since I have sat on it for the last 2.5 years.
Alex Severn: The way I’m thinking about it is a list of who the current representative is and then keep a log of past representatives.
Jessalyn Holdcraft: A description of what that committee does would also be good.

Announcements:
- Thursday, November 13th, 8:00pm, McNeill 107: Rotaract Meeting
- Friday, November 14th, 7:30pm, Blank Performing Arts Center: Simpson Theatre presents The Memory of Water
- Friday, November 14th, 8:00pm, Principal Black Box: Scarletta
- Saturday, November 15th, 1:00pm, Home Football vs. Luther
- Saturday, November 15th, 7:00pm, Home Men’s Basketball vs. Gustavus Adolphus
- Sunday, November 16th, 4:00pm, Home Men’s Basketball vs Augsburg
- Friday, November 21st, 7:00pm, Principal Black Box: CAB Bingo
- The next Rotaract project is Friday, November 14th, 5-7pm: Assisting the Simpson Guild with their auction setup.
- Kristen has been voted the most valuable professional staff member by the residence life student staff.