Student Government Meeting
Wednesday, January 14, 2015

Meeting Highlights:
- All Campus Budget Committee was discussed; possible higher comprehensive and technology fees for the upcoming school year
- The All-Campus Counsel Report initiatives were highlighted focusing on women, diversity and reserving venues on Campus
- New Student Conduct Board members were approved.
- A new EPCC delegate from SGA was chosen.

Complete minutes are as follows:

Roll Call:

Absent: Cody Isabel

Rich Ramos and Kristen Wyse were also present.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Mariah Young was sworn in as Senior Class Representative.

Reports:
Student Body President Ethan Frederick: All Campus Budget Committee is comprised of students, faculty, staff, and administrators. Their job is to make recommendations about the budget process. They made recommendations about the comprehensive fee to cover costs for the upcoming year and the possibility of it going up. They are looking at the possibility of the comprehensive fee going up 4.25%. The position of Alex Severn and I was that the student activity fee shouldn’t go up. We had more than enough last year, so expect that fee to stay the same. However, this still has to go through Board of Trustees. If you have any questions or concerns, let me know. We bumped up the campus bandwidth to 300 Megs and Kelley Bradder came to the budget committee to look at a possible increase in the technology fee to accommodate even more bandwidth because the 300 Megs is proving to not be enough. This could increase the bandwidth to 500 Megs. Alex Severn and I said that was okay because it was a decision we had to make over winter break. This possible increase in fee would amount to about $20 more per year for each student. Let me know if your want to discuss this further as well.

Student Body Vice President Sarah Beadle: No report.

Manager Mary Galanis: No report.

Senior Class President Jessalyn Holdcraft: The budget committee will meet this Sunday at 3pm to discuss three budget requests.
Junior Class President Austin Jacobs: My committee will be getting together following this meeting to agree on a meeting time for this semester.

Sophomore Class President Robert Lyons: The Student Advocacy Committee read the Student Handbook and will present their part next meeting. Molly Monk has replaced Tyler Stokesbary on the committee. Our committee meetings will be Monday 1pm-2pm is our meeting time starting next Monday the 19th.

First Year Class President Zach Goodrich: The Student Organization committee will meet when I have the dates and times as to what works for everyone.

Advisors Rich & Kristen: The budget committee that Ethan mentioned is still working through ideas. These meetings are open to all of the campus. Go and give feedback and input as to what the budget is. Participate if possible. Welcome back to SGA!

Old Business:
Erica Heidler: Food committee met today. We went through the survey results about the satisfaction regarding the dining options. We met with the heads of each area of dining. If you want more information about this meeting, you can talk to me, Sarah or Conner.

Jessalyn: We need a new rep for EPCC. It is a meeting at 2:15pm every other Thursday. Anyone who is interested, I can walk you through it. The first meeting is tomorrow. We need someone from SGA on it.

Robert: Do we need to give an All-Campus Council Report?

Ethan: Yes. All Campus Council gets everyone together in one room from across campus (faculty, students, staff). First initiative is a task force about the status of women at Simpson College. It is about the hiring, retaining and advancing of women faculty and staff on the campus as well as making sure they get the safety and support they need. Nancy St. Clair is heading it up. If you want to be a part of it, let me or Nancy know. Men and women are welcome. The second initiative is the diversity steering committee, which also concerning the hiring, retaining and advancement of diversity on our campus. Contact me or Walter Lain if you would like to be a part of this committee.

Robert: I will be a part of the Diversity Committee. Ruth, will you speak to the final part of the report?

Ruth: Students are trying to reserve venues on campus and there was some conflict with other events coming up. There is talk of a campus wide system to be set into place. Jill Johnson and President Simmons are working towards a solution.

New Business:
Jessalyn: I move to approve three students approved to the Student Conduct Board.

Robert: Can we have some rationale to this decision to put these people on the board?

Sarah: I was on the board last semester. We needed more members to have quorum. We needed males and seniors on the board, hence this decision.

Vote: Passed
Robert: I am motioning to strike out the current Section 3 – Subpoint D of our bylaws about Robert’s Rules of Order which is...

“D) Parliamentary Procedure
‘The SGA Senate shall follow Robert’s Rules of Order with the exception that debate may be held on motions to be tabled.’”
The bylaw should be changed to read...

“D) Parliamentary Authority
‘The Rules contained in the current edition of Robert’s Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the SGA in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the SGA may adopt.’”
I feel it is important that we make this distinction because it is recommended by the Robert’s Rules Association.

Tyler: Debating about tabling is not necessary because it is supposed to be a quick process. So, I think this is a great idea, Robert.

Robert: Move to the debate of this motion be postponed until January 27th.

Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: We still need an EPCC delegate. The committee is to hear cases from students about their desire to do an interdisciplinary major. The committee also deals with updating classes, changing the requirements of a major, new class, new class designation, course deletion and substitution. You are only in it a semester. They need to be a member of SGA.

Nick: I will do it.

Jessalyn: I will meet with you after.

General Discussion:

Nothing to report.

Announcements:

Mary: Send me your reports before meeting if you have something prepared. My email is mary.galanis@my.simpson.edu.

Tyler: CAB is hosting an event Jan 16th (this Friday) with a Hypnotist and Mentalist 7pm in the Black Box.

Robert: The first Rotaract meeting is Thursday January 29th 8-9pm in McNeill 107. We had 20 service projects with 10 different organizations in Warren County. We want to continue success!

Mariah: Women’s rugby starts on Monday with practice. Anyone is welcome. Contact me if you need details.

Rich: Information about the scheduling issue. In Kent alone, there were 2300 scheduled events in one year. There are a lot of events.

Austin: I need to meet my committee after this.
Jessalyn: Send my committee any constitution amendment ideas that you want to propose.

Erica moved to close meeting. Ishaya seconded it.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.