

Senate Minutes

11/12/08

I. Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 pm

II. Role

Excused Absence: Senator Dawson (Proxy Jon Roger)

Senator Snanigan (Proxy Scott Pateros)

Unexcused Absence: Senator Dreier

III. Corrections to the Minutes: none

IV. President Flores' Report

A. Mass email concerns-Every year for the past eight years mass email concerns dealing with students overusing their privilege have been brought to Student Senate. The administration is taking away the function to send mass emails. It is still under discussion whether organizations can keep the mass email function. It will be open for senators to discuss in New Business.

B. Fitness center hours- There were concerns about Fitness Center hours on Sundays. They originally were from 4-8 p.m. and now they are extended from noon-8 p.m.

C. NRHH Organization Fiesta- The NRHH Organization Fiesta is Sunday November 16 in lower gage. It starts at 8 p.m. and organization set up is at 7:45. Sign up sheet is passed around.

D. Resolution writing training- After the Senate meeting, there is a brief resolution writing training

-Senator Allen asked why the fitness center closed earlier than last year.

-President Flores said lack of student demand.

-Senator Haraway asked when the mass emails were going to be cancelled.

-President Flores said it was under discussion, the goal is by the end of school year.

V. Vice President Michaud's Report

A. Sustainability Task force met last Thursday. Mike White and Lisa Chia gave numbers on steam and electric costs. Steam now is over a million dollars, normally \$300,000. Electricity is usually \$60,000 and is up to \$500,000 to \$600,000. Students are asked to turn down the heat, remember to turn lights off, and unplug electronics not in use. This could be a factor for tuition increases in the future.

B. The new recycling plan is in place. Educational flyers regarding students roles in the new program will be out soon.

C. Winterizing windows and doors in different academic buildings is something the task force is looking into as far as cutting costs for the winter.

VI. Treasurer Lincoln's Report

A. Budget help session- After resolution writing there will be a budget help session. Senators will be here to answer questions.

B. Budget and Finance Day- Budget and Finance committee reviewed six large budgets already. November 22 is Budget and Finance day. All senators are expected to spend an hour there. A sign up sheet will be around next week.

VII. Corresponding Secretary Hillsman's Report

- A. PR committee meeting: After resolution writing session, PR will meet to hang posters for the concert.
- B. Senate Hours: No responses to report.

VIII. Chairperson's Caughren's Report

- A. Constitutional Review meeting- There was a meeting last night and senators went through and discussed the constitution. There will be another meeting next week.

IX. Recording Secretary Buchheit's Report

- A. Nothing to report.

X. Standing Committees

- Academic Policies Committee- Senator Schupbach: Talked about course renaming and revisions.
- Committee in Diversity-Senator Narcelles: There was a meeting today but can't make them, can we appoint new senator?

XI. Special Committees

XII. Old Business

- A. Vice President Michaud received an answer from Laura Schnack about the Murray Hall Cleanliness. She said the custodian was on a week vacation to winterize her flooded home.

XII. New Business

- President Flores asked if there were any suggestions on mass email concerns. Senators discussed organizations being able to send mass emails, the use of my.coe.edu, and how students would find rides with out emails.
- Senator McKenzie moved to start a committee of 3-4 senators to address the mass email issue. Senators interested are: Strever, Reitcheck, Snyder, Mascaro, Toay, DeAngelis, Rueber, Narcelles, Graves, Haraway.
- Senator Narcelles needs a senator to fill her Committee on Diversity spot. The times are 12-12:50 p.m. every Wednesday. Senator Jared is able to meet at that time.
- Senator Reuber asked if there are notice guidelines to let senators know about meetings in advance and President Flores said that could be something for Constitutional review to look into

XIV. Open Forum

- Treasurer Lincoln reminded budget and finance committee to stick around.
- Secretary Hillsman reminded Senators of the PR meeting after resolution writing training.

Motion to adjourn: Senator Snyder
Second: Senator Moore

XV. Adjourned at 6:20 pm

Tara Buchheit
Recording Secretary

Jay Caughren
Chairperson