

SGA Campus Council Agenda

September 17, 2014

JRC 209, 8 pm

Beast: Senator Bautz, Senator Castano, **Senator Sigel ABSENT**

Jamaland: Senator Findlay, Senator Mitrou

Loosehead: Senator Lee, Senator Strain, Senator Mages

OCCO/OCNCO: Senator Gupta, Senator Keen, Senator Turbides

Smunker: Senator Binversie, Senator Koirala

Clangrala: Senator Ogbuagu, Senator Weidman

Canada: Senator Hamilton, Senator Hoegh, Senator Pitcher

Cabinet: President Awe, VPSA Iordache, VPAA Ihrie, ACE Goreham, ACE Hautzinger, DOC Brooks, Treasurer Magar, Assistant Treasurer Serunjogi, Concerts Espigares Ruiz, Services Fang, Admin Lange

SOAPBOX

None

UPCOMING EVENTS

ACE Hautzinger Friday at 6pm Ferris Bueller's Day Off

ACE Hautzinger Saturday 10pm 80's Harris

Treasurer Magar Friday at 9pm Gardner Concert

Senator Ogbuagu Friday 7-9 Salseros de Grinnell

BUDGETS

Jacky and ---. Requesting \$2016 for the semester. Zumba is a work out that incorporates dancing with Latin American influence in it. It is dancing but with cardio, but we have also added cardio to Zumba. The first hour being completely Zumba and the last half hour for toning. This brought in an extra group of people that may not have wanted to just do Zumba.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Becky and Devon, Yoga coleaders asking for money for two weekend workshops and two times a week through the semester.

Senator Findlay how do you advertise for your events?

We postered this weekend but they were taken down by FM. WE had a class today with about 15 first years.

Senator Koirala how many students as well as first years?

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Tim Mccall and Emily Stuchiner, Grinnell Extreme Society which caters to the alternative sports on campus like skateboarding, skiing, spelunking. Budget for \$1,204 with a large contribution from the students that are involved on the trips.

Senator Findlay how many people on your trips

Have 115 people on the mailing list, and see lots of interest from underclassmen. Seeing about 40 people that want to go on the surf trip.

Senator Hoegh how do you advertise for it?

We were at the org fair and people continually come to ask us for joining the list.

PO Aldrich how much room do you have on the trip you presented to us

12 including the co-leaders

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

ACE BUDGETS

Brian, SOL treasurer asking for money for the Latin American festival. It is an event that is good for the public, gets students as well as faculty and staff.

Senator Bautz clarification on the date on the budget

Senator Koirala there is a performance on your budget? Is that something that has happened in the past?

Brian yes we have a performer every year and we are having a new group representing a different country each yer.

Senator Turbides yes we have an 8 person dance group

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Sara for College Kids for Kids, a group of students that go to DSM to perform an after-school program that allows for parents to have a few extra hours after work. Their attendance has continually grown each semester. They bring 10 student volunteers each week and the CRSSJ covers transportation.

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

SERVICES

Moses for Oxfam, host events on campus and work for the hunger fighting NJO. Helping do work with the Iowa Oxfam action club in tabling on campus, and partnerships with some students from Iowa State University.

Senator Findlay who are you taking, on what basis did you take them?

MOSES based on interest

Senator Findlay so everyone who wants to go is going?

MOSES yes

APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

COMMITTEE REPORTS

None

CAB REPORTS

VPAA Ihrle there has been lots of rumors regarding the ARH and Carnegie project. It won't happen until most of us are off campus. We are contacting architecture firms right now, we will be looking at designs next semester. Got 36 applications, we went through qualifications to see who would be best with student input in their design plans. WE have narrowed down to 9 people that we want detailed proposals from. We will then select them and move forward into the design phase.

Senator Koirala what would be the scale of the renovations

VPAA Ihrle the board approved interior renovations as well as external with a movement in to campus towards Noyce in the courtyard area.

PO Aldrich please read the concerts report, she could not be here as there is a concert this evening

Admin Lange looking for info on how to make the website better. Email SGA1 for suggestions of information that would be useful to students.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

President Awe We appreciate you all stepping forward to be student leaders for the semester. We want to go through this information to talk about what our goals and objectives for the year, and what we are all individually doing. WE are looking at how we share our information with you as something we heard from the review last year. We are really hoping to improve the communication through policies and our projects.

VPSA Iordache read the 2014-2015 cabinet mission.

President Awe We are playing up on wellness, outreach and fun. We want to help improve our work with the administration, continue to improve from the budget deficit from last year, reach out to the student body as much as possible and also be as much fun as possible. So all of our projects should be following these themes. We hope to hear from you all that there is more information going out about what is going on in SGA, keep us accountable and keeping in with you all the open lines of dialogue.

Our motto this year is 'engaged self governance'. I think the way we are presenting this is very basic—rights and responsibilities. I can say as the class of 2015, we have the fun part of this down. But we want to make sure that we are doing the work to keep self gov alive and we can talk about that it is dying but we need to also talk about what we are doing to kill it ourselves.

Senator Hoegh can you please share the ways that you think SGA is being killed?

President Awe when people go to the hospital from drinking too much and having too much alcohol---the administration has to perk up and starts thinking about how free the students should be, and carefulness about what is going on in the dorms, etc. I think that extra layer of administrative oversight is not comfortable with us students, but when students are acting in an irresponsible manner, how do we take care of ourselves? We need to talk about what happens when we go to the hospital?

Senator Turbides how do we ensure that first years and students that are back on campus are aware of self gov?

President Awe Student Advisors have lots of programming in NSO, and that is their explicit job during that time. But we as SGA are working about how we maintain the conversation around self-gov. We are trying to share as much information as we can to the students, such as our Grinnell Hacks that we are showing in the newsletter.

Senator Bautz what do you think is SGA's role in maintaining self governance?

President Awe well if we are going to look at SAs as the first line, then SGA is the footsoldiers. SGA can connect you to the people and show you how to get things done. Our

role is not substantive, but tactical. Our role as SGA is to provide students the resources and empower them to do that. If there is a particular issue that they are having with the administration, it is our role to help walk them through that process. That is my role as a part of SGA, as President, but also in your role as a senator

ACE Hautzinger I think a lot of these things are seeing changes through the way that all campus events are happening. There are some changes going through so it is hard to see how it will work out, but hopefully it is improving

President Awe At other schools, when you have parties with alcohol they hire real people that can kick you out. Whereas here we have friends and comrades.

Senator Bautz how do you hope to move that message outward of self gove?

President Awe we have an alum, Andy Lange, working on our new logo. Cabinet is working on an internal rebranding. We are getting this new logo and are hoping to stick that on everywhere—so that everyone can see our broad reach.

Senator Ogbuagu have you considered, in the spirit of getting more student participants involved, having a competition for people to submit new logo designs?

President Awe that is a great idea and something we didn't think of. This is why we need you senators here to help think of these things

Senator Findlay I think that Ryan was correct---where self gov has issues is when shit goes wrong. We community members have the onus of keeping things going well, and it should start somewhere and it should start here.

Senator Hoegh did you consider putting the email address on the logo?

President Awe that is another good idea that we will take into consideration

ACE Hautzinger one thing we really need to get involved in—in response to Nelson—is to get people involved, but we need to get people to want to be involved.

President Awe this is something that you can do simple things, like at lunch say 'oh have you voted' and get 10 votes that wouldn't have before. We all know campus runs by word of mouth

I have the goals to work with diversity and inclusion to keep working on their improvements and make sure that they are building off of the issues we were having last year

Really excited to work with senator Lee to work on sexual respect programming, let us know of what you think we should work on. Think of us as a team.

Class ambassadors—they are coming up with a lot of great programming. Be on the lookout, they will come to report to use once a semester.

ACE Hautzinger putting your class ambassadors in mini minutes could be a good thing given that half of you don't know who they are.

Senator Turbides in that case, can we hear those names again

President Awe 2015 is Hayes Gardner and Joyce Bartlet, 2016 is Dixon Romeo and Nicole Albrecht, 2017 is Noah Sebek and Jesse Yang

VPAA Ihrle Am working with the curriculum committee, as a continuance of last year's VPAA, on 'penultimate' week and finals week schedules. Want to work on they way that professors assign assignments in the penultimate week, we are trying to move away from calling it Hell Week. Androniki is working with VPAA to create a proposal for a new schedule. Want to show that students are very unhappy with the amount of work and the stress during that point of the year. Want to get studetns involved in things that are more 'big level' happening, such as ARH and Carnegie participation in a forum with faculty. September 29th can take 5 students, faculty, and staff. Need someone that is very interested in it and committed, particularly social science or humanities student.

Working with SEPCs, and trying ot boost them up as some are not involved as much as they should be. Many get 5\$ per student to do bonding things.

Also working on the prospects of concentrations and minors at Grinnell.

VPSA Iordache These are the main themes that I'll be working on this year, the town hall is on September 30th. These are regarding the themes the school is working on for the year, such as Global Grinnell in evaluating what it measn to be international student at Grinnell, students going abroad and how international our curriculum.

Also working on mental health at Grinnell, Harm reduction and active bystandarism. Particularly wants to work on being harm reductive in event programing and want to work on debunking hook-up myths, what our sex life actually looks like. Working with the analytics, Active Minds to do an events, we need to respect eachothers mental health rather than stressing eachother out. We know that there are some changes to how SHACs operates, I know there was an all campus email but we are working with Active Binds

Admin Lange interested in online presence, particularly crowdsourcing and social media presence (instagram!?). Also working with senators to increase engagement inside and outside of Campus Council. First-generation support, need-blind, SHACS. Also paying attention to DSA and Academic Affairs transition, impact of SA stipend on role of SAs. Senator working with her on disability

Treasurer Magar During my first year they overspent by a lot of dollars, but now we are working on ensuring that last year's fixing of that expenditure will continue. We are using

fiscally responsible strategies, working with ITS to get our budgets online for next semester. So no transparency concerns because it is all online.

President Awe you will always have questions and concerns about the money that we have, contact them at any time.

Treasurer Magar We prefer that you are proactive rather than reactive.

ACES Want to work on ACE security as previously mentioned, trying not to go top heavy by spending all money early on. Harris music is important, to make it more equally representative, have four senator projects available so come talk to use.

Senator Findlay regarding the top heavy, just an observation, what is with three harrises in a row?

ACE Hautzinger that is traditionally something that we do, there is supposed to be an all campus event every weekend and harris is just our go to. We have a google calendar with events on there, it is constantly shifting, please email ACE@grinnell.edu if you want to be a part of that.

President Awe one thing we always hear is that there are fewer parties at Grinnell, but if that is true it is only because there are fewer people hosting parties. It is not our job to throw parties, if people feel that lack, the entire campus is open to that.

ACE Goreham Also, if there is not beer at parties, that is not ACE's job. We only have beer if hosts choose to do that, we can show people the process to be able to hold alcohol at parties. The next events training is September 30th, Tiffany Chen is in charge of that now.

Services Fang I have four goals. Define what it means to do service at Grinnell, address appropriately the needs of the groups that we are working with---working regarding Orgsync with some senators. Excited to work with the office of community engagement to help work with the town more closely---such as with the Chamber of commerce. Giving services committee more horizontal leadership, and also provide handbook for future service coordinators.

President Awe - CONCERTS is working to take the experience outside of just concerts on campus, creating institutional memory of concerts on campus, increasing awareness, ensuring that diverse experiences. Already in the process of booking bands for next semester, so please send her an email or attend committees Tuesday nights at 8pm.

DOC Brooks Working on implementing and structuring the biweekly newsletter, biweekly in the mailroom. First year council is happening this year again, hearing what they want and projects that they want to take on. A few of them are already working on the parade that happens during family weekend---also working on a project for their year since they don't have class ambassadors for their year. Looking at crowdsourcing, social media presence,

twitter presence---we can interact and tweet back rather than just sending information out there. Working on the campaign of what self gov actually looks like on campus.

Senator Hoegh do you have enough first years?

DOC Brooks we had about 15-20 first years last week, but we can always take more.

President Awe questions? Concerns?

VPAA Ihrie Convocation today, Kington is getting a twitter! He is writing his own tweets. introduced his health challenge. There is an app coming out for it, staff and faculty is already tweeting about it.

President Awe we should have an internal challenge for it—I will cook for whoever does the best.

Now, I want to turn it around on you guys to hear about what you guys want to do. Cabinet is not allowed to speak, I want to hear what you would like to do, think cabinet should do, etc... What goals and expectations do you have?

Senator Bautz PO Aldrich and I are working on rewriting the SGA constitution and handling lots of bigger issues like what should cabinet look like, campus council, etc?

VPAA Ihrie what do people complain about SGA on campus?

Senator Koirala I felt last year as a student that was disconnected it. I had sam mulopulos my frist semester, but he was gone for my second semester and I felt very disconnected.

PO Aldrich how do we fix that engagement problem?

Senator Koirala I guess that is on us as senators to get engaged.

Senator Ogbuagu I would like to see transparency between cabinet and senators, and I previously didn't know what SGA did and that is why I wanted to get involved in SGA. I wanted to know the inner workings of SGA. I hadn't heard what SGA was doing badly, but that SGA wasn't doing anything.

Senator Findlay I think it is important that Senators feel included.

Senator Turbides I don't think the website is out there enough. We need to reach out over SGA so that we can make people aware of that page.

Senator Bautz also follow up on your constitutional duties, all senators are supposed to have an office hour

President Awe in the spirit of reforming campus council, we are looking to maybe partner senators to work together for office hours. So you don't necessarily need them weekly.

Senator Bautz motion to adjourn

Senator Findlay second

UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ADJOURN