

Minutes 2.4.15

LaKerRoje: Senator Lopez, Senator Song, Senator Sigel

Jamaland: Senator Davis, Senator Reverend Baker

Loosehead: Senator Lee, Senator Strain, Senator Dolph

OCCO/OCNCO: Senator Milian, Senator Keen, Senator Curtin

Smunker: Senator White, Senator Kwakye

Clangrala: Senator Ogbuagu, Senator Keller

Canada: Senator Connors, Senator Hoegh, Senator Pitcher

Cabinet: President Awe, VPSA Iordache, VPAA Ihrie, ACE Goreham, ACE Hautzinger,

DOC Brooks, Treasurer Serunjogi, Assistant Treasurer Liu, Concerts Ruiz Espigares,

Services Fang, Admin Rindisbacher

P: Introduction, let's go around, irregular roll call

Soap Box

Prez: Welcome to Spring 2015 Class Council. It's my last semester, thank you for being senators, please make sure you post and send your mini-minutes out. Our offices are always open. Help us help you. Thank you in advance

ACE G: Wash your hands, sleep, drink tea, be careful on the stairs.

P: Stairs are dangerous

ACE H: Senator Project: Last chance Harris – need help coordinating that.

AC: Senator projects + committee assignments by the end of the week

P: Upcoming events? Nope. Budgets. Ultimate Frisbee first.

Matt (Frisbee): Men's ultimate president, here to present budget. Requesting large amount of money this year. Women have split into 2 team this year, which is why budget is bigger. One team is more competitive, one is less competitive. Asking for money for tournaments. Bid fee, hotels, gas. Big tournaments – east coast for a while, student paid. Employ as many money saving things as possible – share hotel rooms, cars, etc. Questions?

P: Need to move things and second them. Robert's rules. Questions for this budget?

Prez: Can treasurer explain where this money comes from?

Treas: Water polo and Frisbee have a separate budget – competitive sports fund. 50k from SGA and 55k from president's office. Not coming from pool for other student programming committee. Cut \$80 from it because of jerseys. We don't do Jerseys.

Matt: Some student's cannot afford to buy Jerseys – the \$80 were for the rest of the students that couldn't afford.

P: No amendment on the floor, the \$ being debated is 22955, not in agenda.

Treas: that kind of money comes separately for special needs.

Senator Baker: What else is the fund used for?

Treas: Frisbee, water polo, and sailing

P: Explains competitive sports funding

Matt: Asking for larger amount of money this semester, willing to give up funding for WP + sailing.

P: Put this to a vote

VOTE: 15 – 0 – 0 unanimous pass unamended

P: Next budget is from Yoga club.

Devon: I'm a co-leader of Yoga club. Asking for similar amount as in the past. 2 classes per week taught by certified instructors. One special weekend teacher for a workshop this semester. Wipes for Yoga mats. Questions?

Move by Awe + Second by Sen. Davis

VPSA: what happened to hot yoga workshop?

Devon: We had the workshop last semester in town in November. There was a second one with asdjfsdf. Mats were stolen and had to cancel that workshop. This is our senior year, realistically we can only pull off one workshop

ACE G: How many come?

Devon: 10-15 per class

Senator Milian: How do you expand attendance?

Devon: We poster + e-mail list

P: Voice Vote

VOTE: 15-0-0 UNANIMOUS

P: Zumba club

Jacky: I'm the Zumba coordinator. Twice a week this semester, one hour sessions. Health issues with instructor. 16 weeks + spring break.

Move Awe + Second Davis.

VOTE: 15-0-0 Unanimous

P: Equestrian Club

Alex: Leader couldn't make it to the club. This would pay for lessons. Students have to pay up front and get reimbursed. There will be miniature horses on campus. Horse show open to the public.

P: 1,464 bargain

Awe motion Davis second

ACE H: ~~

Alex: Based on past interest. Lots of students that just go every so often. Last semester there was a lot more expressed interest.

P: More questions?

Senator Milian: Can beginners go?

Alex: All levels. Just e-mail us.

P: [equestrian] is the e-mail

Prez: Is transportation provided

Alex: 15 minute walk.

Prez: Does weather impact it?

Alex: Indoor arena.

P: This is great

ACE H: Student participation?

Alex: 6 people who take weekly lessons. 2 more

P: more Q? Vote

VOTE: 15-0-0 unanimous passage

P: Volleyball club.

Kevin: Part of a conference so we need entrance fees in. Tournament this weekend on Saturday. We need 2 cars and 1 night of hotel rooms.

P: How many in the same room?

Kevin: We can fit 6 people in 1 room.

P: It's just 6 guys so.

Davis Second

VOTE: 15-0-0 unanimous passage

P: ACE can go first.

ACE A: Only one budget.

PREZ: TITLE IX taskforce sexual climate survey. Has been instrumental in framing our policies and sexual misconduct. Same thing this year in April. Errors or progress or chance etc. For those who need an incentive to improve sexual climate. 300 chipotle burritos, customizable, should 50% of student body participate. Budget was cut to 200 burritos.

Motion? Second Davis

P: Budgets are amendable?

ACE G: Committee cut it and there's another survey going on at the same time so they were supposed to balance them out. This would be a huge chunk if we just approved this one survey – more than we would spend on a speaker.

P: Further debate?

Senator Strain: People show up and get burrito? How advertise

Prez: No. 50% of people have to take the survey to get it. Civic duty is advertisement. All-campus e-mails. Of the 50% who voted, 200 will be selected for burritos. This could be irrelevant.

Senator Davis: How many burritos at 1400?

Prez: 200

Senator Baker: Would it work as a raffle system?

Prez: logistics still tryna figure out. Survey is anonymous. Working with Chris Rawlston – yes I do want to be entered into a raffle.

Senator Baker: Any way to negotiate for a better bulk deal?

Prez: No. They suck. If we can find a better deal we'll find one.

Senator White: How are they getting to campus?

Prez: still figuring out logistics. We'll send someone.

Senator O: Was there a cheaper alternative? Why Chipotle?

Prez: Once I have the money, I'm flexible. Chipotle has lots of different options/choices to meet dietary needs. Point of incentive is to be extra special. Could do a giant wing party.

P: If this is approved, it will be spent on Chipotle exclusively. If we wanna change the food here.

Senator Milian: Chipotle. Is cool. Can we table/paper service? How would you get off-campus to participate?

Prez: Great suggestions. Multi-palmed approach. Senators we need you to start advertising today. Trying to get the word out thru as many avenues as possible.

VPSA: I thought it would be really cool is senators could advertise and get the word out b/c chipotle.

Prez: It's a survey – clarification. End sexual assault! Chipotle is not the point.

ACE G: Survey is long, so it takes some time. Talking is not ideal.

Senator Davis: Is there a way to know who the 200 will be?

Prez: Good idea. Logistics still up in the air.

VPSA: Sexual assault survey – it's section after section – shorter for some than others. Harder in public location. 15-30 Minutes.

Senator O: What's it called?

Prez: Sexual climate survey

Senator Baker: Is there a way to compensate?

Services: Dining services only lets us do this once.

Treasurer: Motion to close debate

Second Lee

Unanimous passage

P: Explains ending debate

VOTE: 15-0-0 Unanimous Passage

P: Services. College kids for Kids

Jessica: Every Friday we have once a month we have snacks craft supplies game supplies, etc. Underprivileged children in DSM. Once a semester they come to campus and eat in the dhall and tie-dye shirts.

Move+Second

Senator Baker: Why was budget cut?

Services: Cutting down the number of dinners. Instead of 9 times. Was suggested by the club.

Senator Milian: Can we add \$300 into the budget.

Senator Baker moves to amend budget by \$300 increase

Second

Senator Baker: Program seems great – could use more money.

Jessica: We would just use the same amount. Might use karaoke machine. Extra money means something special.

Senator O: IF you don't need the 300, why not go with original plan and if you need more you can get more.

Jessica: We already have extra money. We cut it 300 because our original plan changed.

Amendment fails: 1-13-1 vote

P: Back to original amount 1,250

Vote: Unanimous approval 15-0-0

P: Global Brigades

Keaton: I'm president of global brigades. We're a social justice group. Biggest item is a trip to Latin America to run a free clinic and run an infrastructure project.

P: budget is for 3,300, not 8000

Keaton: Presentation. I'm here to appeal for a higher budget of 3,800

Motion to approve this budget

Motion to amend

Keaton: Presentation. World's largest sustainable development organization. Free medical care. Maximum impact group. 30 volunteers, 25 traveling students, 2 American physicians + 2 Nicaraguan physicians. Significant personal financial investment. We've received many other grants/funding. Volunteer in Grinnell as well.

There are individual items and groups items. Total cost over 50k. SGA funding is 1/10th of that. SGA is the largest on-campus contributor historically.

Senator Kwakye: Why was 8,000 cut? We can't or we don't want to?

Services: We've never funded their medication. We've just never done it and a huge part of your budget. Not fiscally responsible.

AC: How big services budget?

Elaine: \$12,000

Senator Strain: What's the extra \$500 for?

Keaton: For travel to and from Chicago. Flexible tho.

ACE H: How many?

Keaton: 25 Traveling students

Senator Baker: Question

P: Question irrelevant

Senator Milian appeals ruling of the chair

Second Baker

Ruling overturned 3-11-1

Senator Baker: What kind of services come from the Services pool?

Services: Lots of services project + smaller groups. Would be good to have some funds left over after this meeting.

P: This is on the amendment. +\$500

Senator Milian: Other groups ask for less? How many groups?

Services: A few.

VPAA: Services gets exhausted very quickly. Side with services here. Need to leave funding for a few groups.

Vote on Amendment: 2-11-1 Amendment Fails

Senator Baker: What does SGA usually spend in the past?

Services: \$4,100 was requested, but we did \$2,050.

Senator Hoegh moves to Vote. Second.

Vote on Budget Approval: 14-0-0

P: Okay to disagree with me. Community Meal/

Erica: 4th year. Co-coordinator of community meal. Social justice action group provides to community. 25% of Grinnell population is in poverty. Budget for student-athlete groups to come 8 times and buy food and prepare/serve a meal to Grinnell and surrounding towns. General amounts are in the budget. Vegetarian options will be served.

AC: Athletes only?

Erica: Non-athletes present budgets separately.

Senator Pitcher: How many do you typically feed?

Erica: 60-80

Senator White: Does the budget for the meat take into account separate options.

Erica: Meat on the budget includes protein.

Senator Davis: This organization does not waste food. FRN redistributes food.

Vote: Budget passes unanimously 14-0-0

P: Treas S will present budget for Spring 2015

Treas: Presentation. 239,500 – a record high.

Senator Baker: Can I get a copy?

Treasurer: Will be online.

P: VPAA has a cabinet report

VPAA: Creation of minors is being proposed as opposed to/in addition to concentrations. Interdisciplinary vs single discipline. For Example, Statistics + education do not have their own departments

Minors? Concentrations? Both?

Minors would not be major fields – no overlap.

Senator Baker: Why not have minors+majors overlap?

VPAA: Grinnell is small enough that our departments are overwhelmed by advising responsibilities. Would require too much advising.

Senator Kwakye: Could there be concentrations that became minors? Completely new fields?

VPAA: All of the concentrations could become minors or vice versa. Or we could have both.

Senator Keen: Is one more work than the other? Same rigor?

VPAA: Proposal now is 22-26 credit range which is same as concentration. Needs advanced work + advisor. Could only carry over 8 credits. Minors are not considered interdisciplinary necessarily

Senator Connors: How does this reduce the advising responsibilities?

P: Math/Stats overlap with advisors for example?

VPAA: In fields where we already have majors, there will be hella advisees. Stats profs want stats advisees but they have math students, so this would re-prioritize advising.

Ass. Treas: I'm a stats major. This would be efficient allocation of resources. Currently inefficient. Non-stats math profs have stats advisees and vice versa

Senator O: Essentially the same thing. What would be the distinction if we had both?

VPAA: Interdisciplinary/single-discipline

VPSA: Difference in saying "i minored" vs "I concentrated." Independent minors a possibility?

VPAA: Idk about independent majors. Change all concentrations to minors possibility.

AC: How many credentials could you have?

VPAA: 20 students with 3 credentials. In the past 20 years, only 20 students have graduated with 3 credentials. Do we limit students to certain number?

Senator O: Can we pitch this to our constituents. Is this debate accessible?

VPAA: Definitely appreciate feedback. Work with me.

Senator Kwakye: Who can they talk to?

VPAA: They can e-mail me or FB me. Also planning to put up report.

Senator Davis: Will there be a grandfather clause?

VPAA: Haven't figured it out yet. Logistical thing that we don't know. Up to the registrars office

Senator Pitcher: IS there a time-frame?

VPAA: Next faculty vote. Feb 16th.

VPAA: Vote?

Just minors 6, Just Concentrations 6, Both – 9

Minors 15, Concentrations – 7

Prez: Institutionalize academic wellness if we limit credentials. Opportunity to codify limits. I think we should limit.

ACE H: Move to adjourn

Second Pitcher

15-1-0