

SGA Campus Council Minutes

November 19, 2014

JRC209, 8 pm

Roll Call

LaKerRoje: Senator Bautz, Senator Castano LATE, Senator Sigel

Jamaland: Senator Findlay, Senator Mitrou

Loosehead: Senator Lee, Senator Strain, Senator Mages

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

Smunker: Senator Binversie, Senator Koirala

Clangrala: Senator Ogbuagu, Senator Weidman

Canada: Senator Hamilton ABSENT, Senator Hoegh, Senator Pitcher

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

Soapbox

Anyone can address Campus Council for one minute about concerns they have about the college, SGA, or anything else they believe should be brought to the attention of SGA.

Asst Treasurer Serunjogi - this weekend CBS is throwing a party called freaknik at the BCC at 9pm. I have posters that we can give out that I will pass around.

ACE Hautzinger - I am talking on half of Mr. Cote. Arctic lights is happening this December, it is a big winter relays thing and we are trying to get all of Gates lit up.

Senator Strain - is there anything we can report to our constituents about the wifi outside of the emails that they are sending that aren't very helpful?

DOC Brooks - we can try and talk to ITS to give us more notice when they try and do the firewall changes which has been causing the recent outages. We would hope they move those to less inconvenient times such as Sunday evenings but we can talk to them and try and hear some more information if there is any.

Senator Ogbuagu - I wanted to thank you guys for your help with posterings, getting the events able to happen and getting the rights to the movie in order for us to show it.

Senator Hoegh - asked to have ACE emailed the new logo for events posters to show funding from SGA.

ROSIE OBRIEN The Grinnell singers are having a concert this Friday that I would love to have in the mini minutes, I am also here with the real food challenge.

LIANA BUTCHARD We are trying to get the college to pass the Real Food Challenge which would require the college to have 20% of the school's food to be 'real' which meets four qualifications, currently the school is at 7%. We are going to ask President Kington to sign this and show support for the cause.

Senator Findlay - today is #Quest day for the Questbridge scholars. Yay for class diversity!

ACE Goreham - I just wanted to let everyone know that they should wash their hands and sleep because people are starting to get sick.

Minutes

None

Upcoming Events

Thursday Nov 20 –

Careers in Translation, Roundtable with Aron Aji, JRC209 4:15pm
The U.S., Russia, and Bridging the East-West Divide ARH 302 4:15
Masturbation Workshop ARH318 7-9pm
Real Talk – Narren Brown and Patrick Inglis on Reconfiguring Solidarity
#Ferguson, BCC 7-8pm
American Bear filmscreening and Q&A JRC 101 7:30-9pm
Title IX Rewind Lyle's Pub 7:30pm -- \$300 tab
Michael Frayn's Copenhagen Flanagan Theatre (BCA191) 7:30pm
Project Pengyou panel in Harris with some faculty 6-8pm

Friday Nov 21 –

"Special Event" in Gardner 9pm-11pm
The Wind Rises - Harris Cinema 7pm
Grinnell Singers Concert 7:30pm Sebring-Lewis (BCA104)
Michael Frayn's Copenhagen 7:30pm Flanagan Theatre (BCA191)

Saturday Nov 22 –

Met Opera Live in HD:I Harris Center Cinema, Barber Of Seville 11am-4pm
The Lego Movie - Harris Cinema 6pm
Soccerball Harris 10pm-1am
Michael Frayn's Copenhagen Flanagan Theatre (BCA191) 7:30pm
Want to write a novel in November? Saturday write-ins Burls Conf Room 1-3pm

Sunday Nov 23 –

Local Foods Thanksgiving Meal, Main Quad Dining Hall 6pm
Michael Frayn's Copenhagen Flanagan Theatre (BCA191) 7:30pm

Monday Nov 24 –

Current Events Conversation (Lame Duck Congress, ISIS, Ferguson, Ebola)
Main Lounge, 4:15pm

Tuesday Nov 25 –

Religious Diversity event JRC101

Budgets

SPC

Total Allocated \$17,838.26 Total Unallocated: \$ 3,161.74 Total Requested: \$32,099.05
Total Unspent: \$16,306.53 Total Released: \$ - Total Spent: \$5,693.47

ACE

Event	Requested	Committee	CC?
Winter Waltz	\$5,220	\$5,220	
Soccerball Harris	\$100	\$100	X
Freaknik	\$103.97	\$103.97	X
CBS Pub Night	\$200	\$100	X
It's On Us Tab	\$150	-	

ACE Goreham - The Waltz chairs can't be here because they are getting Host certified but this is their budget. They are getting members of the Des Moines symphony orchestra to come and a sound guy to come stay.

Admin Lange - this money is preallocated from the ACE budget?

ACE Goreham - yes, but this is only the first half

Senator Bautz - I would like to first note that this is 18th century themed so that will be cool. Secondly, how many students are on this committee and what are their wages?

ACE Hautzinger - I can provide a further breakdown of the wages later but there are four students and two chairs of the committee that have been doing all of this coordinating.

Senator Koirala - Where will this be?

ACE Hautzinger - There are two pre parties, one is sub free and one is sub full. The dance will be in the Main Quad with dancing lessons in Main lounge.

BUDGET PASSES UNANIMOUSLY WITH ONE ABSTENTION

ACE Goreham - this is the budget for the It's On Us pub night.

Senator Lee - This is for the event that we are having tomorrow night. The President's office has provided half of the tab and we would like to have \$300 for hopefully 100 attendants.

Senator Mitrou - are we sending around a form for questions to be submitted for that evening?

President Awe - yes we can send that around for more question submissions for the panelists.

UNANIMOUS PASSAGE

Services

Presentations

Jen Jacobsen, Campus Wellness Coordinator

DISCUSSION

Senator Mages - Interpersonal level—addressing the way we talk to each other and change the conversations we are having on campus such as 'penultimate week'. Finding ways we can think about our language and how it can be helpful.

JACOBSEN we have talked about going over the weekend that when someone asks how you are, respond with at least one positive thing.

Senator Koirala - I think we don't talk about wellness during NSO. I think incorporating anything into the bigger student culture requires mentioning in NSO such as we do self gov and other things. We should also be intentional about letting faculty know because wellness of the students may not be in their evoked sets while some are really great about student wellness.

VPSA Iordache - I was going to ask if your understanding of NSO this past year incorporated more wellness?

JACOBSEN we definitely saw an increase of wellness breaks and wellness intentional programming during NSO but hopefully we may have a dedicated event for teaching about wellness such as we do about sexual respect and self gov presentations in the evenings.

Senator Hoegh - I would like to see further collaboration on things like the president's wellness challenge that involve more community aspects.

Senator Bautz - There tend to be times during penultimate week where every faculty member has their papers due during penultimate week in attempt to avoid one large load from the student but in the end students have papers due at all the same time. We should find a way to spread these over other times and involve faculty in helping find more spaces to study, more times to have significant work done.

JACOBSEN we are really curious about due dates and we would like to work with Dean Latham to have faculty submit due dates of their assignments so we can see when exactly students would be receiving their main assignments---so receiving data on that can help us work to be intentional about it if there are issues.

Senator Findlay - It would be helpful to see syllabi in order to see that your semester will be manageable. Further, I think we need to help change campus culture to be careful to say 'I am not okay' right now and be very intentional about talking about that in our community.

President Awe - I feel that a lot of times we as students internalize what we are feeling uncomfortable about and are in our heads thinking we are the only ones. Speaking with other students and their stress levels is important for helping support other people and seeing if there are larger issues as to why they might be sleeping for only 3 hours a week. So how do we talk about things without complaining but also being real and helpful? I feel that faculty and staff also have similar issues of being over worked, over stressed, over tired, etc. For me, the classes that seemed to be best are those when the professor checked in and asked 'how does this work for everyone?' (in regards to work loads)

Senator Lee - I feel that a lot of our student success is evaluated based on assessment where you learn something, prove that you learned it and then move on after the test. It would be helpful to have time to sit back and reflect rather than just accept a bad grade and hope you do better next time.

Senator Findlay - I also want to work on the feeling of isolation on this campus.

Senator Mitrou - I don't think this whole wellness thing can move on if we don't have the proper mental health services.

SAM MULOPULOS (2014 alum) as a new alum, I am seeing that there seems to be a deprivation of community. My understanding at other schools is that there is a large

sense of comradery instilled with new students that carries through and I am not sure we really do that at Grinnell. I am not sure if there is really anything wrong with our work hard play hard culture, but sometimes we need to be more intentional about looking out for other Grinnellians that we may not know---taking the steps required to help someone that may result in losing a bit of sleep but helping someone else simply because we are Grinnellians. I think we need to celebrate the being of Grinnellians and that could make self gov more actionable rather than just theoretical.

Senator Turbides - I just have a question, has Grinnell sort of fallen off or is it still alive and kicking?

JACOBSEN Yes, the twitter and other posts are still up and going.

Senator Bautz - I want to tie in to that as well, I want to see our programming that we usually do in that one week right before the end of the semester. We should be doing that positive programming throughout the semester rather than simply all at the end in the last week.

Committee Reports

Student Curriculum Committee Report

SCC met on 11/13 and discussed advising. Issues that came up were tutorial and if that assignment of a first advisor works well, choosing a major advisor, how often people meet with their advisors, whether they feel advisors know advisees personally and care about their wellness, and whether an advisor would notice and advise against an overpacked schedule. Most comments were positive and people who disliked their current advisors found it easy to ignore them and seek help elsewhere. Most SEPCs would like to increase their role as a peer advisor, especially to students taking introductory and intermediate classes in the major, especially before declaring. Ideas that came up were inviting SEPCs to Intro Classes and having sessions on declaring a major and choosing an advisor. (The CLS is organizing one last week, that's good!) It was suggested that SCC as a whole sends a memo to departments' chair urging them to publicize on the website or through email the research interests of faculty members so it is easier for students to approach professors they'd like to collaborate with or seek advice from. An idea that came up was a SEPC Open House a bit after NSO so SEPCs increase their visibility and are able to act as a resource to students. Lastly, it was

suggested that all professors teaching a tutorial have lists of students in different majors(SEPC members?) that students can contact when thinking about preregistration.

Cabinet Reports

VPAA Ihrie

SCC memo to department chairs in the works. Memo to ask faculty of department to share their research areas and studies with current students. This information is supposed to be on the website, but because of technical difficulties, is not available. This information sharing would help departments bond and for students to know what their potential advisers interests are when they declare. It could potentially lead to student research collaborations.

Senator Mitrou led SCC this week in my absence. She led a discussion on advising and is sharing her notes in her Senator report.

Senator Reports

Jamaland – Senator Mitrou

Last Sunday I completed together with VPAA Ihrie my senator project, an All Campus Mentor Session. We had 7 mentors covering Science, Writing, Social Sciences and DASIL. I think that around 10-20 people came in, some to get snacks and some to actually consult our mentors. I am currently setting up a feedback platform for mentors and attendees and hope to put everything together in a document that senators/SGA members can consult in the future to repeat this event. VPAA Ihrie and I decided to keep 101 Open for studying on Reading Day and give out academic advising material like weekly schedules. I would like to put together a list for study spaces for Penultimate and Finals week like the Quad, Dhall or academic buildings and send it out through Senators so let me know when you learn about any new additions! Lastly, this semester I'd like to check if it's feasible for the Librarian to buy a tutorial reference book from students and have it on reserve in the future! I'd love extra ideas on how to work around that Cluster wise, Senator Findlay and I are having a Hall Council soon including animated movies. Stay warm, stay well.

Senator Castano - by mentors do you mean tutors from specific departments or mentors in general?

Senator Mitrou - we sent out an open invitation for people to come help out for their specific department and then reached out to a general call for all mentors and tutors to help out anyone.

Old Business

No Old Business

New Business

No New Business

ACE Hautzinger - motion to adjourn

Senator Pitcher - second

UNANIMOUS APPROVAL