SGA Campus Council Minutes  
Wednesday, December 7th  
JRC 209, 8PM

**Start: 8:02PM**

**Roll Call**
ABSENT: VPSA Dann, Ace Co-Chair Jones, Senator Paquette, Senator Hauth, Delegate Al-Adsani, Delegate Mohr, Delegate Galloway, Tech Advisor Becker

**Public Comments & Announcements**

**Speakers**
- Treasurer White- The student activities fee will be raised
- DOC Baratta- 58% participation for mental health survey! Expect a survey about Waltz and Campus Council feedback soon
- Senator Sheikh- Did everyone get thank you notes?
- Services Chair Ayala- FogFast got over 500 P-cards, raising over $1,600 not including the restaurants in town
- Senator Sachdev- Thursday JRC 209 6:30pm, SRC Study break, fruit and snacks will be provided
  - Sunday 5PM-7PM, GUM release party. There will be coffee and food
- Delegate Mhaidli- ARH302 debate about Israeli senators, 9PM
- Senator Long- 7:30PM, CSA will be holding a study break in JRC 2nd lobby
- Assistant Treasurer Steckel- Thank you all for spending your money so well
- ACE Chair Handal: Join ACE Committee

Motion by DOC Baratta to amend November 9th’s minute to change the location from JRC 209 to JRC 101
Seconded by Ace Chair Handal

**Spending Report**

**Speakers**
- Treasurer White - Opening Comments. There are some things that haven’t been added yet, but this is the most up to date report available
- ACE Chair Handal- When will the finalized report be released?
- Treasurer White- Over winter break it will be finalized
- AC Owusu- How do you (the Treasurers) feel about SGA Spending this semester?
- Treasurer White- Everyone in charge of budgets has been very responsible. There have been some unforeseeable expenses but, we have been able to adjust nicely

**Concerts Request for Additional Funds ($3000)**

Speakers
- Concerts Chair Simmonds- Opening comments. Unforeseen expenses and miscalculations requires more money
- Senator Zdechlik- What about the money that wasn't used on the concert that was cancelled?
- Concerts Chair Simmonds- We don't have to pay them, but we still need more funds
- Senator Sheikh- Where will this money be coming from?
- Treasurer White- There will be no reallocations, this is an amount that will be accounted for in other budgets that are underspending

DOC Baratta- motion for previous question
Seconded by Services Chair Ayala

**Vote: 14-0-2, passes**

**Interim Allocations Committee Proposal (9000$)**

Speakers
- Treasurer White - Opening Comments
- Senator Hilburn- Will this budget apply to student workers who have to make purchases during their course of work?
- Treasurer White- That is a non-issue, they can be reimbursed
- Senator Li- Does this cause us to spend more money than normal since we are spending money when we otherwise wouldn't be?
- Treasure White- I don't think this will cause us to overspend
- ACE Chair Handal- There will be more programming throughout the semester, I am confident that we will be able to spend all of it
- Senator Li- I am not worried about spending all of the budget, I am worried about overspending
- VPAA Aaronson- To clarify Senator Li’s point, we will be paying for more programming than we have in the past. Will that cause us to overspend next semester?
- Summer White- We will monitor it and are confident that we can maintain healthy spending
Motion for previous question by AC Owusu
Seconded by Senator Welch

Vote: 16-0-1, passed

Discussion Topic: State of the College Address Reflection

Speakers

- President DeWitt- After talking through SOTC with people, I am interested in getting more people involved in the state of the college address. Other students and administration. What do you think?
- VPAA Aaronson- What other groups do we want to involve?
- Senator Toppeta- I like the idea of it being joint. Many students were frustrated that the state of the college was about what Cabinet does and not about what SGA has accomplished and can share
- Senator Benson- If the State of the College works together with administration, it will cause students to be more skeptical
- Senator Dadi- Having the administration being involved in event may cause it to be a less productive space for students
- Senator Welch- Is there an administration equivalent of a SOTC?
- President DeWitt- They have townhalls sometimes, but nothing like this
- Senator Topetta- The SOTC is loosely defined in the constitution. If we have it with the administration, we should carve out a student space as well.
- Senator Hilburn- We need to plan this event out better in the future. It was a very busy time and outreach was not very good. Also needs to be less about SGA Cabinet
- Senator Dadi- Worried about administration using SOTC to talk about how great Grinnell is
- Senator Zdechlik- Agrees with Senator Hilburn, we need to plan the next one much more intentionally.
- Delegate Hill- We definitely need to involve more groups
- President DeWitt- We don't have to do anything necessarily. We can continue doing this the way we have been. We could merge. We could have one with them, and then one without. We have options.
- Senator Lea- We need to be more direct with our message. More broad and less time consuming to reach as many students as successfully as possible. Have senators work the event
- Concerts Chair Simmonds- Compile what topics we are going to talk about. Let students submit topics they would like discussed. That way all speakers are prepared and can't dodge the questions
• ACE Chair Handal- We need to make sure that we host the event such that we don't create a split between students and administration. It has not worked out in the past.
• Assistant Treasurer Steckel- Student groups would be a great thing to incorporate into this event. The college is not just SGA. We should start with at least groups that have SGA delegates and incorporate them. In tandem with more planning
• ACE Chair Handal- Is the SOTC necessary? We could take it out of the constitution
• President DeWitt- I think it is a unique space that we need to cultivate. There is not a time like this where there is dissemination of general campus related information. We need to work on outreach. We should rethink this. Whether or not that is with administration
• Senator Lea- The SOTC is a big enough thing that we shouldn't get rid of it without reworking it first. Incorporating different presentations by different people.
• VPAA Aaronson- Are people looking for something like Grinnell 20/20, or more issue based?
• DOC Baratta- All the minutes and budgets are available online. If you are interested in the smaller details.
• Delegate Mhaidli- The most informative SGA sessions have been one-on-one sessions and speeches. We should consider framing the next one as a 20 minute speech, followed by smaller sessions
• Delegate Leuba- We should structure SOTC to be a platform for students to voice concerns
• Concerts Chair Simmonds- Too many voices can drown out the importance of an issue. Maybe we should have them more frequently, and make sure the sessions are more potent.

Senator Hilburn Motion to limit debate to 10 minutes
Seconded by ACE Chair Handal

Speakers
• Senator Hilburn- We need to do more outreach for the event. Tri-folds, pamphlets, lay-out the bigger picture of what SGA does.
• Senator Li- What if we had a question submission form prior to the SOTC?
• Senator Hilburn- We could have a submission box out while we are doing outreach, to provide contacts and gather questions
• President DeWitt- We can resume this discussion at the beginning of next semester and see how we want to go about it. So far it is looking like we are going to do some combination of more student groups, more planning, and some administration presence
Winter Waltz Reflection

Speakers

- Senator Benson- Felix and the Fingers were bad, did others feel similar? *Many Knocks*
- Senator Dadi- The prairie event was good, but where was the chocolate fountain?
- Senator Lea- Heard very good things about prairie, Felix and the fingers weren't not so good.
- Senator Sheikh- I am happy that the transportation worked out. Where was the chocolate fountain?
- Senator Benson- the 2013-2015 model worked really well. Maybe we should do something similar in the future
- DOC Baratta- There will be a survey going out reflecting on this event
- President DeWitt- We can't put all the blame on the event chair, or Committee leads. We approved the budgets for the things that we got. We can take more responsibility.

Motion to limit debate to 3 minutes by President DeWitt
Seconded by Senator Benson

Speakers

- Senator Lea- The space was very nice in Main. Can we consider holding more events there?
- DOC Baratta- The space is not accessible.
- Senator Li- We should not be too lenient on the Waltz chair. It is the only paid event host
- ACE Chair Handal- If you want to have more input on how these events look, please consider joining ACE Committee
- Concerts Chair Simmonds- Hosting often has complications, we should be mindful of some of those issues, as we provide criticism
- Senator Lea- Can we set expectations for the host?
- Treasurer White- There are expectations set for the host. Do people have concrete changes for moving forward that they would like to propose? Please submit them through the survey.

Campus Council Participation Recognition

Last comments by President Dewitt, VPAA Aaronson, & Presiding Officer Watson - thanking the Council for a great semester.
End: 9:39pm