SGA Campus Council Minutes
Wednesday, February 15th
JRC 209, 8PM

DISCLAIMER: Please note that some comments are missing (especially during the ANTIFA topic) from discussion due to technical difficulties.

Start: 8:00PM

ROLL CALL
ABSENT- President DeWitt, ACE Chair Jones, Senator An, Delegate Brennhofer, Delegate Kricfalusi, Delegate Mhaidli, ACESS Director Holmes

Approval of the Minutes
Motion to approve the minutes VPAA Aaronson
 ● Seconded by ACE Chair Handal

SPC Budgets

Equestrian Club Budget Approval
 ● Senator Schweitzer- How can someone join your organization if they wanted?
   ○ Anita Newsaddle- Anyone can join, they just need to email us.

Motion for previous question by DOC Baratta
 ● Seconded by Senator Schweitzer

Vote: 15-1-1, passed

ANACHA Budget Appeal
 ● Charlotte Liu - Opening Comments
 ● VPAA Aaronson- There are other students interested in this as well and it might be helpful to get in contact with them to help coordinate funds.
 ● Senator Tomasic- I am not sure why you are here. In committee we said that we would reevaluate your budget after you sought outside funding.
 ● Charlotte Liu- We won't hear back from the Wilson committee until it may be too late to make housing accommodations.
 ● Services Coordinator Kyaruzi- If you hear back with a negative answer from the Wilson foundation, we can even hold an emergency session to accommodate your timing
 ● ACE Chair Handal- Ajuna, what are your thoughts about this?
   ○ Services Chair Kyaruzi- I stand by my committee's answer.
 ● DOC Baratta- If we approve this, wouldn't we have to factor in the 85% rule?
   ○ Services Chair Kyaruzi- Yes, we would. If Wilson funds this, they cover all costs.
 ● Senator Frimpong- What is the 85% rule?
Services Chair Kyaruzi - Student groups must fund at least 15% of their transportation costs

VPAA Aaronson - To clarify, we are discussing whether or not to table this budget or to address it now

Motion for previous question by ACE Chair Handal
Seconded by Senator Sheikh

Vote: 0-14-4, failed

Motion to add a discussion topic about the ANTIFA by Delegate Gold
Seconded by VPSA Dann

Discussion Topic - Envisioning SHACS
DOC Baratta - This topic is looking to ask, what would SHACS look like if we had unlimited funding?
  ● Senator Sheikh - My ideal SHACS be open on the weekend.
  ● Senator Schweitzer - It would also be open overnight. When I get sick it often happens outside of SHACS hours.
  ● VPAA Aaronson - My ideal SHACS would be more central to campus. It would be better integrated. Perhaps in the student center.
  ● Delegate Mohr - Staff that was better versed for trans-issues. I had an issue with anxiety and they recommended that I go to a gender therapist which was not the type of help I was looking for.
  ● DOC Baratta - There is a bus going to Emma Goldman one Saturday a month. They are like Planned Parenthood, but funded and have trans-care
  ● Senator Bremner - I heard that you can only see a nurse in SHACS up to six times? Is that true?
    ○ DOC Baratta - not exactly, but if you visit a lot of times, they may transfer you to off-campus care so that they can care for other students with their limited staff
  ● VPSA Dann - My ideal SHACS would have more cultural competency training

Discussion Topic - Campus Council Voting
Senator Li - Last semester, Senator Hilburn, myself, and a couple others looked into more accessible means for voting. I took the initiative to look into the possibility of getting clickers from ITS and I would like to get feedback from you all on whether this is something that we would like.

DOC Baratta - From an accountability standpoint, this is great. People will better be able to know how you are voting. And it is more accessible - They have braille on the clickers. Also it will be a more certain method of tabulating votes

Assistant Treasurer Steckel - It’ll be good for the actual process of voting. People will be able to be anonymous at the moment they vote, but their vote will still be tied to them for their constituents to see.

Senator Handal - How fast could we get this going?
Senator Li- ideally, we would informally vote on this now and then pass this off to the tech advisor who would acquire the clickers and help us implement it into our system.

Senator Li- Motion to vote on Campus Council’s electronic voting system
  ● Seconded by ACE Chair Handal

Vote: 17-0-1, passed

Discussion Topic- ANTIFA

  ● Delegate Gold- Opening Comments
  ● Delegate Leuba- I want to address your point: "If you are not anti-fascist, then you are a fascist". That’s the point of the poster. It’s meant to make you feel this way. It’s a common rhetorical technique.
  ● Senator Dodd- I am all in favor of punching nazis, but this brings me back to the discussion with Junot Diaz: is silence violence? Are we alienating people with similar beliefs unnecessarily?
  ● Delegate Queathem- What is our goal right now? Are we looking to publicly denounce ANTIFA?
  ● Delegate Gold- I am worried about how similar events like this have progressed in other places. While people have the right to show their beliefs, this crosses the line in it’s direct reference of violence.
  ● ACE Chair Handal- What is your goal in discussing this? What would you like of SGA?
    ○ Delegate Gold- I just want to know what the campus community feels about all of this.
  ● Senator Benson- I just want to remind everyone that there is a difference between anti-fascism and anarchism
  ● Senator Welch- I want to echo Delegate Leuba's point. If you have an issue with someone, I think that hanging up posters is not a good way to go about it. You should start a direct dialogue.

DOC Baratta - Motion to end debate
  ● Seconded by Senator Schweitzer

Cabinet Report - Treasurer

Treasurer White
  ● I want to draw your attention to project proposals. If you're interested in pursuing anything I listed in my report, please let me know.
  ● I will be gone from my regular office hours the next two Fridays because of Diving

Oral Report - Vice President of Academic Affairs

VPAA Aaronson
I am starting work on the Grinnell Academic journal. If you are looking for a senator project, please let me know.

You all should have received an invitation for lunch with Dean Latham, please feel free to sign up.

**Oral Report - Vice President of Student Affairs**

**VPAA Dann**

- I hope that after this you all can take some time for wellness after this meeting. I am holding an event this Friday in Harris at 9am and again that day at 2pm. It’s a Women’s Campaigning event.
- There is also going to be a Grinnell Citizens police Academy and they are looking for Grinnell Students
- Still looking for Senators for the Harm Reduction Task Force

**Senator Schweitzer** - Is the Women’s campaigning event open to non-binary and transgender women?

**VPSA Dann** - Absolutely.

Motion to adjourn by **ACE Chair Handal**

- Seconded by **Senator Sheikh**

**End: 9:15pm**