

(1) Roll Call

Absent: PO Katai, VPSA Toumbou, DOC Logan, Senator Nieto

(2) Public Comment, Announcements, & Additional Events

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.

Announcements

AC Welch

- PO Katai is out of town for an Ohio State football game this weekend. Go Bucks (it's been 2,493 days since Ohio State has lost to Michigan)!

VPAA Murphy

- Interested senators or students please email [vpaa1] if you're interested in collaborating on a plan for Office Space Committee.
- The ad hoc office space committee will be forming.

Treasurer Ercolani

- Although Ohio State has not lost to Michigan in 2,493 days, Michigan is still winning the all-time series, and Michigan has the previous consecutive record of over 2,900 days.

Events

VPAA Murphy

- Majors/Concentrations Fair this Thursday 5pm-7pm in JRC.

(3) Budgets - ACE

Neverland	GIT	10/12, 10/13, 10/14	Wall Theater , FINE 154	153	115.50	nope	Budget Remaining: ~ \$36,000
Pub Quiz	Friends of Pub Quiz	Wednes days, at 9pm	Lyle's	930	730	nope	Total Pre-allocated: \$0

Barbershop at the BCC	CBS		BCC	150	150	nope	Preallocated Events: Harris
							Weekly Spending Goal: Under \$800
							Total Requested: \$1,223
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							SECOND MEETING!!!!

ACE Chair Mystic

- We allocated Pub Quiz money for the remainder of the semester. We're trying to gety Barbershop at the BCC to happen more often this semester.

Senator Stallings

- Can people get haircuts at the BCC? Do they have anything for long hair?

ACE Chair Mystic

- I can see if they have anything for long hair. This is specifically for subsidizing haircuts.

(4) Budgets - Services and SPC

SPC Budgets

Group	Amount requested	Amount	Notes
Equestrian club	\$2400.00	\$2400.00	Campus council approval
Bread dinner	\$419.00	\$419.00	Two week trial period with outreach to student body

			prioritized
Living Room theatre	\$865.00	\$865.00	None
Living Room theatre	\$95.00	\$95.00	None
Dropping Beats	\$840.00	Tabled	Non-specific requests

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Services Chair Tibatemwa

- We had six budgets. One group didn't show up to present their budget. Equestrian Club is here to present their budget, which is \$2,400. Bread Dinner is a new student group. We approved Bread Dinner's budget on the condition that we check in two weeks and review the money we gave them as well as ensure that they're doing outreach. Living Room

Theater is going to perform alongside artists. Dropping Beats wanted to go to the Midwest Beatboxing Conference. Their budget was not specific enough, so they'll come back next week.

Senator Herbert

- Is Bread Dinner for the next two weeks only?

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- It's for the rest of the semester.

President Becker

- Can we review the rate of SPC's spending sometime soon?

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- If we spend at this rate, we'll run out before the semester ends, but we typically spend more at the beginning of semesters.

Senator Vale

- Can you explain what the Bread Dinner club is?

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- They're going to bake bread every Sunday and give it out to students. They're considering going to Burling on Sundays to do this. They're still figuring it out and we'll all reevaluate it together.

(5) Equestrian Club Budget

Anna Emerson

- We are asking for the same budget as we have in the past. It's a \$12 for group sessions. It's \$25 for private lessons and students will pay \$13 out of pocket. We have ten members on Drill Team. It's \$30 per person per practice. This covers coaching fees, arena rental, and horse rental for the entire two hours. The arena rental fee is so that we can accommodate the owners for allowing us to use the arena. We're hosting a bunch of fundraisers this year, including one this Sunday. Kids will be able to come and play with the horses and paint pumpkins. In addition to fundraisers, we're putting in 30-40 hours/week, collectively, of labor at the farm. We also pay out of pocket for horse rental.

Maggie Loery

- We're also hosting a weekly Equestrian Club dinner. We're going to eat dinner and watch horse content together in D-Hall.

Senator Stallings

- What are you doing to try to get funding from other sources?

Anna Emerson

- We've had two meetings with Club Sports Director Ben Coopriider and Athletic Director Andy Hamilton. We're working on finding a parent organization. We've reached out to several organizations and heard back from one. We also need insurance policies in case of injuries. We'll know within the next 6-8 weeks whether we'll get approval to become a club sport. Ben Coopriider would then come to SGA and work on incorporating our budget into Club Sports' budget. Hopefully they can absorb it by the next fiscal year, as our budget isn't as large as other club sports. The department doesn't know yet what it's budget is going to be though. We're also looking to see if businesses in the town want to support us.

Molly Vornholt

- We're actively working to improve our relationship with the town, as our programming is mostly geared towards them.

Senator Stallings

- Has anyone else had difficulty becoming a club sport?

Anna Emerson

- Ben said that Water Polo and Frisbee were not very difficult to make a club sport because there are collegiate organizations already set up. We need to find an organization in order for drill team to be incorporated. We've been doing a lot of research into other collegiate riding programs. We've been in conversation with riding programs at other colleges as well.

Senator Gumidyala

- I understand that this is a long process to become a club sport, but it concerns me that this amount of money (\$2,400) is only reaching about 20 students and not the larger student body.

Senator Stallings

- Does the Treasurer know if we give this amount of money to other groups?

Treasurer Ercolani

- We fund certain programs and support programs that have a comparable budget share. We give the same amount to athletics in the fall semester. Men's and Women's water polo have in the past asked for single trip expenses up to \$6,000 or \$7,000. Liberal Arts in Prison uses \$3,000 less than Equestrian Club in a semester. ACCESS costs twice as much as Equestrian Club.

Senator Stallings

- Has the water polo club been successful in requesting this amount of funding?

Treasurer Ercolani

- Each group was funded \$7,000 in the past year.

Senator Stallings

- I'm not sure if I can say no to this budget if we've done it for other groups before.

Treasurer Ercolani

- We've done it before for Equestrian Club. This year is only different because they are paying to compensate the owner of the barns. I think that's a valuable SGA expenditure because it improves our relationship with the town.

Senator Zoernig

- How accessible is the drill team to Grinnell students? Do you have any first years on the team? Are lessons accessible to townspeople?

Anna Emerson

- We had several members on the team with little or no experience.

Molly Vornholt

- I didn't have any riding experience when I started.

Anna Emerson

- None of us had drill team experience before Grinnell. We cannot put beginners on the drill team because it's a safety concern. We ask that students take lessons for a bit before that. The average time is a semester before getting onto drill team. I have a student that took lessons for two months and will be on the drill team now. I teach lessons to people from the town during the week. We have two to three first years every year. This year we have two.

AC Welch

- I want to make a general note to not use the term "townie." This is generally regarded as a derogatory term for people who live in the town and who are unaffiliated with the college.

Senator Tibrewal

- If we don't fund Equestrian Club now, it will be more difficult for them to become club sports in the future.

Concerts Chair Christiansen

- I don't agree that this is too much money for a small group of people. Equestrian Club has demonstrated a lot of initiative and the fund exists to serve students

Takshil Sachdev

- We were told the same thing in Fall of 2016, that the organization was moving towards club sports.

Senator Stallings

- What happens if you receive reduced or no funding?

Anna Emerson

- Last time, we had to work for 40-50 hours at the farm in order to compensate for our practice time. We had fewer drill team members participating. Among the five of us, it was a big time commitment for us, and I already have another job on campus. It's not sustainable for a full time student. People may also have to turn to their family members for help. The bake sale also happens in order for us to fund Equestrian Club. If it were reduced, we could potentially make it work. We wouldn't be

able to host events or have performances with the same regularity. If we received no funding, drill team would not be existent.

Maddie Hanson

- A lot of help on the farm we offer will go away after harvest season as well, so we may not be able to work there.

Anna Emerson

- In response to the shifting of leadership, the club has been under the leadership of our former coach for the past few years. She graduated in 2016. She bailed on us in the last semester, and we're working to rebuild now. We had always thought that becoming a club sport would take up to six years. When we met with Ben Coopriider, we found that becoming a club sport would not actually take that long.

Senator Ercolani

- I am also having regular meetings with Ben Coopriider this semester to discuss club sports. We will be pushing for incorporation of the Equestrian Club.

Senator Stallings motions to vote

Senator Tibrewal seconds

Vote to proceed:

Passes: 17-0-1.

Vote to approve the Equestrian Club's budget for \$2,400

Passes: 16-1-1.

(6) Approval of the Minutes

Vote on Approval of the Minutes

Passes: 18-0-0.

(7) Resolution to Suspend SGA Constitution Bylaws Related to the Submission of Student Initiatives (Article IV, Section 2, Subsection D, Points 1-3)

President Becker

- Joseph Robertson (Stifund Chair) and I talked about going around the existing student initiative submission rules. We will put out a form, students will respond, the committee will vet initiatives. If the committee rejects one, students will be able to collect signatures. We want to do this so that we don't have essentially two rounds of voting, as we did last year.

Senator Collinger

- Does the committee only include senators?

President Becker

- The committee is open to everyone. Voting is only for members.

Senator Collinger

- How are you going to advertise this change?

President Becker

- We will have Facebook post letting people know that submission period will be coming up. We'll send an all campus email after that and post on Facebook again. Submit your idea, and we'll handle it from there.

Vote

Passes: 18-0-0.

(8) Discussion: Campus Council and Presiding Officer Name Changes

President Becker

- We talked about this last week. The initial idea that I brought forward was Student Senate. We've also heard Campus Senate. I'd like to discuss this and alternatives today, as well as if we would like to change it.

Senator Jones

- We discussed the name change at Outreach Committee. Student Senate includes students that are off campus. We all liked that one as well.

Senator Weber

- What is the idea for the change for PO?

President Becker

- They would become President of the Senate

Senator Vale

- If we just go with Student Senate, then the abbreviation is SS, which is not good for branding. Grinnell Student Senate would make it GSS.

Technical Advisor Gould

- Many things that are abbreviated SS are not related to Nazism.

Senator Piedrasanta

- Would Student Senate encourage more non-senators and non-SGA members to visit us on Sundays?

President Becker

- My hope for the name change is that it sounds more like a time when students make their voices heard. AC Welch hit it on the head last time when he mentioned that Student Senate better identifies this as the meeting of Student Government.

President Becker motions to informally vote on changing Campus Council to Student Senate and Presiding Officer to President of the Senate.

Senator Collinger

- I prefer Grinnell Student Senate. I'm hung up on the SS abbreviation.

Informal Vote: 17-0-0 in favor of the change.

President Becker

- Please let me know if you have ideas as well as how we might avoid the SS abbreviation.

(9) Discussion: Associate Director of Student Activities Position

Takshil Sachdev

- It's worrisome for me to hear that SGA and SPARC funding will be slashed in order to pay for the salary of a supervisor, especially considering that the Student Activity Fee has gone up. I would like for the student body to have a voice in trying to change this. The

Administration is not being transparent at all in the process, and I want to raise our voices about it.

Senator Weber

- The S&B has run an article about this. It's a good way to inform yourself if you haven't seen it yet. Sharing information like that with people is a good way to go about empowering people.

Senator Gumidyala

- I know that SGA can take specific stances in terms of how we feel about things. Is there anything else that we can do about the position?

Treasurer Ercolani

- A resolution can ask members of SGA and the Cabinet to take certain actions or to express how we feel. Student initiatives are an avenue too.

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- Do people know what the position entails or are you lost on this?

Treasurer Ercolani

- This will cost the student activities fee \$32,500 per semester. SGA will pay $\frac{2}{3}$ and SPARC will pay $\frac{1}{3}$.

Senator Piedrasanta

- Why?

Treasurer Ercolani

- It's broken down between SGA and SPARC because the position entails risk management for both organizations. It was taken out of the SAF because the Board of Trustees has put a hiring freeze on several departments, including Student Affairs. Student Affairs want to make this happen, so they're paying it out of the SAF.

Senator Herbert

- Is there anything we can realistically do about this or can we just make noise?

Treasurer Ercolani

- The money has been withheld from SGA. We never received it. There's nothing we can do to recover the money that has been taken. Because the position has been delayed in implementation, we might be able to discuss with Accounting cost-alleviating measures for SGA in the future.

Vivian Cheslack

- How much power will this position have over SGA? Can we negotiate that?

President Becker

- We don't know, and Student Affairs won't give us an exact scope until the position is filled. There is a job description that was posted online.

Senator Stallings

- This seems ridiculous. I find it very difficult to believe that the activities fund should fund this salary. That's the only thing that I contribute to my tuition, and it's going to something that I have no say in.

Concerts Chair Christiansen

- The qualifications for this position are a bachelor's degree.

Senator Vale

- It's also ludicrous that they are going around a hiring freeze by taking student activity money.

Takshil Sachdev

- I find it baffling that they haven't communicated this to the entire campus, that fewer parties and student programming will happen.

Senator Stallings

- Did they solicit an email for this hiring research?

Takshil Sachdev

- No.

Senator Herbert

- Can we let people know about this?

VPAA Murphy

- You can do whatever you want with this public information. Any student at all can talk to Sarah Moschenross.

President Becker

- This decision was made by President Kington's office and extended to Student Affairs.

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- We've been told that peer institutions have the same position, and they believe it's ludicrous that Grinnell doesn't.

Senator Stallings

- Peer institutions also make students live in substance free dorms.

Treasurer Ercolani

- "Peer institutions" doesn't even necessarily mean anything. There are several different groups of "peer institutions" that are used intermittently to make comparisons sound more favorable. People may not even be referring to these whole groups; it might just be one or two schools in these different groups.

Senator Stallings

- What are next steps for making a resolution?

VPAA Murphy

- Resolutions go to Reform Committee. Get in touch with AC Welch about resolutions.

SPARC Vice Chair Eli Shapiro

- SPARC is firmly against this decision, and we would like to work together.

Takshil Sachdev

- I can make a post on Current Grinnell Student Facebook group and tell people that this is important information for them to work at. We can make a form email to send to Sarah Moschenross that expresses concerns over the position.

ACE Chair Mystic

- I also want to emphasize the increasing trend in which administration takes over more parts of campus that are run by students.

(10) Confirmation of Senator Amanda Weber '21 as SGA Assistant Treasurer 2018-2019 and SGA Treasurer 2019-2020

Treasurer Ercolani

- Senator Weber is a second year English and Russian double from Minnesota and, after having served with excellence as a Senator for the Spring Semester last year for Jamaland, was chosen by OCCO as their representative once again this semester. A dedicated member of SGA on both the StiFund and ACE committees, she has truly shown her passion for making Grinnell and Student Government a better place. Currently an admissions guide, Web Editor for the S&B, and member of the team at Saints Rest, Amanda's experience with our community showcases her ability to serve as a representative of the student body at the high level expected of cabinet members. Further, her time with the Tubman Center and Mid-Iowa Community Action speak to a high degree of organizational ability and discretion, as well as a dedication to the values of service, social justice, respect, and integrity, all of which are at the core of SGA and, more specifically the Treasurers' Office. Possessing all the qualities of a model Grinnellian and excellent Treasurer, it is our pleasure to bring forth her candidacy to serve as the Assistant Treasurer for the remainder of the year and to be the SGA Treasurer for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Senator Stallings

- What will happen to the open Senator seat?

VPAA Murphy

- It's an immediate resignation.

Treasurer Ercolani

- Then a special election for an OCCO senator.

Senator Collinger

- What experience do you have working with money?

Senator Weber

- I've never served as a treasurer before. I don't want to talk about high school; I don't want to go there. I worked with money then. I'm a type A person, and I love spreadsheets. I value organization and have experience with budgeting, just not at Grinnell.

Senator Piedrasanta

- If this doesn't pass, is there no other treasurer?

Treasurer Ercolani

- I was appointed assistant treasurer for this year the end of last year. I was to become Treasurer next year. However, former Treasurer Sheikh had to step down from his position at the beginning of this year. I then became Treasurer due to the vacancy on September 1st. We've gone through another hiring process for the replacement.

Senator Pearce

- What was the hiring process?

Treasurer Ercolani

- The application was on Handshake, we had all campus emails, we made Facebook posts, we emailed SEPCs, we extended the deadline, we received a record number of applicants for the position, and we interviewed candidates.

Vote on Confirmation of Amanda Weber

16-0-1; Passes.

(11) Ad Hoc Office Space Committee

VPAA Murphy

- It will include a few members of Cabinet. At least two senators, and any one else interested. Anyone who shows up regularly will be able to vote on purchases.

AC Welch motions to previous question
Seconded by **Senator Tibrewal**.

Motion to previous question passes 17-0-0.

Passes: 16-0-1.

(12) Cabinet Reports

Administrative Coordinator Welch

- Catching up on Senator training with Senator Herbert.
- Sending and reading emails.
- Building CC agenda and editing last week's minutes.
- Cabinet meeting.
- Buying Jimmy John's, creating agenda templates.
- Meeting with Angela Voos.
- Working on getting JRC 101 for future Sundays, talking with Michael Sims.
- Got sick and drank so much orange juice.

Diversity and Outreach Coordinator Logan

- First outreach committee meeting! Will be on Tuesdays @ 7:00
- Meetings
- First First Year Council is next week
- That's honestly all

VPAA Murphy

- Started Grinnell Undergraduate Research Journal planning
 - Hopefully will be physically published (budget runs through SPARC 2nd semester)
 - Will be published open access online
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 - Name change?
- Major Fair advertising
 - Come check out the cool majors and concentrations offered at Grinnell!
- Building updates
 - Sidewalks around new AFA open soon
 - Everything still on schedule and on budget
- Started preparations for Trustee weekend (first weekend in October)

- Usual things- emails, committee meetings, office hours
- I was sick during the beginning of the week :(stay healthy Grinnell

President Becker

- I was sick and not here last week. I sent some emails.

VPSA Toumbou

- Cabinet meeting
- 3:2 with student affairs
- Assistant Treasurer application review and interview
- Harm reduction committee
- Meeting with student affairs about centralizing events on campus
- Meeting with Angela Voos
- Board of Trustee preparation
- Committee on student life
- Meeting with the director of campus safety: the committee of campus safety
- Various other tasks

Treasurer Ercolani

- Hiring AT
- Getting the SGA Credit Card
- Committee Meetings
- Receipts
- SHIC Purchases
- Cab/V&K Meeting
- Meetings with Accounting
- Polishing the Budget (for Accounting)

Concerts Chair Christiansen

- We had our first few concerts this week. They were awesome, and we had good turnout. The green room is still moldy so we're using Bob's in the meantime.

ACE Chair Mystic

- Wrote emails.
- Held office hours.
- Made reservations for events.

- Made Facebook events.
- Met with hosts.
- We're going to try to do a pumpkin carving event for ACE and ACCESS.

Services Chair Tibatemwa

- Fall Fest is coming up, and we worked on it.
- We're having a Take Away Hunger event.
- I met with Student Affairs to go over managing student organizations.
- Held committee meetings.

(13) Adjourning Motion

- Seconded by **Senator Zoernig**
Time: 8:21pm.

