

Student Senate
Tuesday, August 28, 2007
7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Zach Bozic, Sarah Matesich, Tommy Troyer, Katie Hudson, Jon Duraj, Mark Preston, David Donofrio, Leslie Chasteen, Lauren Haugh, Shawn Hils, Katie Barsan, Lindsey Dollinger, Allison Scaia, Lauren Bryant, April Condell, Ben McAnnis-Entenman, Desmond Brazell

Senate Advisor: Dean Young

Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

- I. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approved
- II. Special Order:
 - a. New York Times – Dr. Hasecke asked Senate if they would continue to help fund the New York Times on campus. The New York Times has given many opportunities to campus, including bringing a speaker to campus in October to talk about Ethics in Journalism and the Letter to the Editor contest. Discussion groups meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays and an Art Discussion group may be formed in the future. Distribution of the papers changed this year to accommodate the needs of students. Last year, \$13,000 was needed to fund the paper and this year around \$16,000-\$18,000 would be needed (exact amount to be determined). This is funded jointly by Student Senate, Student Development, and the Provost.
 - b. East Asian Studies – Dr. Yu Bin asked for our help to contribute funds for a concert of Japanese Flute players on campus. The event would be open to the Springfield Community, and would also include two classroom demonstrations. The event is to help Wittenberg gain more prominence and obtain more Freeman Grant money. Dr. Yu Bin asked if we could support this with \$200-300.
 - c. Swim Club – The Swim Club is hoping to get students, faculty, and staff involved in swimming. At this time, they have around 30 people interested. Questions were raised as to the availability of the pool when the swim team is practicing and the high school team uses the pool (they would use the pool at a different time or move off campus). Meetings would be once a week, and swim lessons for less experienced members would be offered by other members, with levels determined by “try-outs.” Competitions would be held with other club teams, but no other club teams are known at this point.
 - d. March of Dimes – March of Dimes works with raising money for pediatric illness. Involvement for the group would include hospital visits, weekly discussions with the state board, fundraising, and the Walk America event with the Springfield March of Dimes committee. Circle K has recently partnered with the March of Dimes to plan events all over the country. They will be bringing an interest sheet to the Senate meeting next week.
- III. Officer Reports

- a. Mark – Senior class officers met with President Erickson and are making progress on the class gift and the commencement speaker. The class officers will be meeting with their advisors on Monday at 8pm.
- b. April – AIA will have a table for the activities fair and want to encourage all to come to meetings. Crossroads will be on 10/20 from 12-2pm. General meetings are on Mondays at 8pm.
- c. Katie B. – Security meeting on 9/11. Katie has been talking with Cedarville to plan possible events.
- d. Ben – Megan and Ben will be meeting with Coach Purnell.
- e. Desmond – CBS is redoing their constitution to modernize the language. A Kings Island trip is planned for 9/27 for \$10 a ticket. CBS is also looking forward to their perspective student days.
- f. Shawn – Senate bios should be sent to Shawn ASAP.
- g. David – The class of 2009 Vice-president is now Andrew Tompko (approved by Senate). An interview is scheduled for Sunday for the class treasurer. Cabinet applications are available.
- h. Leslie – Class officers have a t-shirt idea for class spirit, and also will be e-mailing the new students and transfer students to welcome them to Wittenberg. They are looking into setting up their cabinet and generating community service ideas.
- i. Lauren –
 - i. Greek Week 10/2-5
 - ii. ADPi Vera Bradley event on 9/4 6:30-9:30 at the Chandler House
 - iii. Chi Omega Wing Dinner on 9/7 5-7 (\$5). This year, it will be a wing eating contest.
 - iv. Gamma Phi teeter-totter-a-thon on 9/5 8am-8pm with a cookout from 5-7pm.
 - v. Ice Cream Social Thursday 6-7
 - vi. Informal Recruitment is 9/8-14 and Bid Day is 9/15
 - vii. Blood Drive 9/5
 - viii. Sigma Kappa speaker on 10/29 from 6-7
- j. Lindsay/Allison – Russian Area Studies had a name change, and they are continuing to work on the CRC materials.
- k. Katie H. – If you are going to miss a meeting, please e-mail Katie and let her know. Times for the activities fair will be sent out.
- l. Tommy – Interfaith Hospitality Network will be holding a Golf Outing and would like to know if Senate would like to sponsor a hole for \$150. It was approved. BABW funding was discussed and approved at \$10,000. Additional funds may be available later in the year once the student activities fee is received for spring semester.
- m. Zach – Chief Loney will be coming next week, as will the swearing in of the new senators and hearing board. Forest Wortham will be coming at some point to request funding and support for the CBS funded program “Can I Kiss You?”
- n. Sarah – In-house will be next week. Random Acts of Kindness week will be Nov., Trunk or Treat will be on 10/27, and a sporting events calendar will be needed to pick the date for the Tiger Tailgate.

- o. Jon – Students on committees have been informed on which committee they are on.

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Finance (Tommy) – Because of Andrew Tompko's promotion to VP, the new treasurer will be on the Finance committee, and an AIA representative will be needed. Fall budget hearings will be on 9/9 and 9/11. A reminder that treasurer workshops are mandatory.
- b. BABW (Sarah) – BABW is filling positions on the committee, and will be looking into contacting Dr. Yu Bin about asking BABW for funding.
- c. Elections (Katie) – Dates for elections were reviewed and the schedule for the elections table will be at meeting next week.
- d. PR (Shawn) – Working on elections PR and meeting PR
- e. FSC (Jon) – There is a faculty meeting next Tuesday.

V. Open Forum

- a. Lauren H. – Questions about open courses. Allison and Lindsay suggested talking to the provost about faculty lines to make courses available, and Dean Young suggested that Provost Bladh come to a Senate meeting to discuss this situation.
- b. Leslie – Suggested that we try and have a class info display case in the student center. A flat screen TV was proposed to be behind the information desk last year to scroll information about Wittenberg events. Also, food for the Union Board Facebook speaker was discussed.

VI. Old Business

- a. Convocation – Meet in the library at 10:40 tomorrow, dressed up.
- b. Activities Fair – Katie will be sending out times for Thursday.
- c. New York Times – Funding will be the same as last year, and funding the Springfield News-Sun would be additional. Funding for the New York Times was approved (15-0).

VII. New Business

- a. Campus Security – Questions about the current alcohol policy were raised and addressed by Dean Young. He also shared with us a letter that was received about a possible vandalism act by a Wittenberg Student. One reoccurring statement by many senators was that policies should be addressed directly with students. Dean Young explained that the security officers employed by Wittenberg are also sworn police officers, and have full arrest powers in the university district. Chief Loney will be at the Senate meeting next week and will discuss specifics with us about policy then.
- b. Club/Funding –
 - i. EAS: Sarah will be contacting Dr. Yu Bin about using BABW funding for their project.
 - ii. Swim Club: The need for the Swim Club was questioned, and the lack of other club teams in the conference seemed to indicate that it

would not be beneficial on campus. Allison Scaia also raised the question about insurance and travel expenses.

- iii. March of Dimes: The presentation was very well organized, but we are wondering if it is campus-based or Springfield based. Lauren B. asked if there would be any way they could join with Circle K. However, we did recognize that using community-based clubs is a great way to bridge the Wittenberg and Springfield communities and have Wittenberg Students work with Springfield leaders. Zach asked that, since we have over 140 clubs at this time, would there be a way to restructure and organize our clubs to fit under more general headings?

VIII. Adjournment

We cannot hold a torch to light another's path without brightening our own.
~Ben Sweetland