

Agenda

Tuesday, November 8th 2005

Present: Colin Chambers, Emily Abdoler, Tim Perkins, Kate Prather, Morgan Romine, Krystle Chase, Sara Branson, Alex Williams, Tyler Folan, Kristen Lehmer, Caitie France, Mary Ann Hollander, Blake Fletcher, Sean Riordan, Michael Armato, Brad Dixon, Andrew Eaton, Chelsie Caldwell, Johnny Fuggitt, Jessica Fiebig

- I. Invocation- Emily Abdoler
- II. Call to Order- Colin Chambers
- III. Financial report- Tim Perkins- 12,200 dollars in the budget as of now
 - a. 2 money requests- Jewell Homies are requesting money for sweatshirts for the athletic support team- approx. 250 dollars. The Honduras mission trip has requested 1000 dollars. We are not sure if it's for the December trip or after school trip. Jeff Busher will present about it next week.
- IV. Old Business
 - a. Sexual Orientation Amendment- Open floor for discussion. Johnny Fuggitt- I believe that the large majority of the students here don't want this issue to become a big one. Alex Williams- I think the voter turnout from a few years ago hasn't changed that much since last year. Two years ago we were talking about a 7 vote swing. I think there would be very high voter turnout for the vote this week, as exemplified by town hall meeting last week. Sean Riordan- if we pass it can we include the paper Brad wrote at the election table? Colin Chambers- No. Michael Armato- the Hilltop Monitor took a survey that shows that there's a feeling of a need to vote on this on the campus. People want to make the decision themselves. Alex Williams- Hilltop Monitor doesn't take very good surveys, but it is interesting the results they got. Overall the results would be questionable- the indifference shown in the survey would not hold up in an actual election. Johnny Fuggitt- I don't think it is indifference; they just don't want it to be blown up to the large proportions it was a few years ago.
Motion to vote to send the proposed amendment to the student body for a majority vote. There was a second. For- 12 Opposed- 6 Abstain- 1.

Yes votes (12):

Emily Abdoler (cabinet, sr)
Michael Armato (jr)
Chelsie Caldwell (sr)
Brad Dixon (sr)
Jessica Fiebig (jr)
Caitie France (fy)
Mary Ann Hollander (fy)
Kristen Lehmer (fy)
Tim Perkins (cabinet, sr)
Sean Riordan (sr)
Morgan Romine (so)
Alex Williams (so)

No votes (6):

Sara Branson (so)
Krystle Chase (so)
Andrew Eaton (sr)
Blake Fletcher (jr)
Tyler B. Folan (fy)
Johnny Fuggitt (jr)

Abstain (1):

Kate Prather (so)

2/3 majority of senators present was required, motion does not carry.

Brad Dixon- I feel badly that the senate has decided not to allow the student body to decide. I feel that we've done a disservice to the college and it's disappointing that you haven't allowed the student body to make a decision of their own.

Andrew Eaton- Let me remind you that we were elected to represent our classmates and that we ought to vote in a way that reflects the views of our constituency.

b. Brad Dixon- I was on the book buying and book reselling committee earlier this year. Where was that going? Will there be any more action taken on that committee? Colin Chambers- I would like to see follow up on that. Delegated to Johnny Fuggitt's committee. They will begin working on it.

V. Committee reports-

a. Michael Armato- We're deciding when to plant and dedicate the Peace Pole. We're looking at April 7th perhaps. The ATM on campus issue will be taken care of when I talk to Mary Dickerson about an all-campus email. The Debbie walk run is in the works and in a few weeks there'll be chances to help out with that.

b. Blake Fletcher- The first town hall meeting went very well, attendance was great. From here we can decide on whether or not to move it into Gano. We'll decide on the feasibility of bi-weekly town hall meetings. Emily Abdoler- One good idea would be to discuss facility appointment and tenure regarding Christianity and the upholding of traditional Christian values.

c. Johnny Fuggitt- when you get dates to publicize for anything tell us and we'll get it publicized.

VI. New Business

a. Colin Chambers- The website is up and running. The web address is really long but it can be accessed through Jewell site, student affairs, then listed as an option on that website. Minutes can be found there.

b. Colin Chambers- Is there any interest in doing a holiday project, like adopting a child, creating a Christmas tree, or something to create holiday spirit on campus thru the senate? Tim Perkins- Operation Christmas Child would be a good idea- we fill shoeboxes with toys for kids. They're due by the 19th or 20th of November. The organization takes the shoeboxes all over the world to kids who won't get anything otherwise. Chelsie- This is a great idea, our committee could wire the campus with ideas of what to do/put in. Lots of people have participated in the past. Johnny Fuggitt- Ought we advertise it? Emily Abdoler- I move that

senate provide shipping costs for these boxes up to 200 dollars. There was a second. For- 18 opposed- 0 abstain- 1. Motion carries.

VII. Student correspondence:

VIII. Shoutouts:

EO Wilson is coming tomorrow

Campus recycling

To the Sallees for steak dinner

To the weather

To the beginning of basketball season

Rick- Congratulations to senators regarding the sexual orientation discussion.

This was by far the most respectful dialogue I've witnessed regarding this issue.

Thanks to Brad for taking a position on this that is courageous

To the hayride and hot apple cider