First Full Senate Meeting - 10/9/2015 - Location: Auditorium


Brain Tarpy welcomed the new senate and led in devotions, prayer, and Senate meetings and expectations.

Robert Van Zanen read tentative Mission and Vision Statement, and invited edits/suggestions from student body.

Senate nominated members to various committees:

1. Proposal approved for the committee members to remember in some format (written or otherwise), once a month, within a week after their meetings. Proposal approved to have two persons for whom committees report to. Monica B and Robert VZ approved as two contact persons for committees.
2. Committees - assigning members
   a. Erin Zoutendam in Committee on Curriculum and Pedagogy
   b. Emily College on Committee on Community and Culture
   c. Kyle Kooyers on Church Relations Committee
   d. Tim Sipols and Hannah Ryoo on Mentored Ministries/Vocational Formation Committee (Tim Sipols and Hannah Ryoo)
   e. -Student Appeals Committee (President and VP)
3. Appointed New Senators for committees:
   a. -Distance Learning Committee (already has Janet Ryzebol (DS), Kyle Kooyers (SA). Needed 1 Senator or Student. Kizzy Thomas volunteered - nominated and approved.
   b. Assessment Committee (Needed 2 Senators or Students): Jeff Sajdak explained Prof. Feenstra is the head of - involved in academic assessment. Katrina Olson volunteered and approved. Janice Coates volunteered and approved.
   c. 2 students and 1 spouse needed for the Community Life Team (Jeff Sajdak explained this team is intended to discuss things we do together: faculty, staff counsel, 1 ideally a Senator. Looking for one person (because 1 person from KSA, 1 spouse): Kat suggests we have a female student with a male spouse to add sensitivity to those issues. Ivan nominated himself - seconded - voted in.
   d. -Enrollment Management Task Force (1 Senator or Student): New task force -- headed by Aaron Einfeld, looking at retention issues. Sam Lee nominated for this position, approved.
e. Website updater with Dean Sajdak (1 Senator): Fabiano Prado nominated and approved.

f. PhD student for the Hekman Library Team (1 PhD Senator): Michael Lynch nominated and approved.

g. Fellowship Committee (4 Senators): Christianne nominated and approved. Christa Sch. nominated and accepted. Kizzy nominated, accepted and approved. Ivan nominated, accepted and approved. Kizzy conversation: participation of others - expectation of all Senators to participate. Committee more the groundwork expectations. No need to cap the number. Would be good to have a fifth person.

h. Communications Committee (3 Senators): Robert VZ nominated himself, seconded, approved. Fabiano nominated, accepted, approved. Kat nominates Jan - seconded - accepted and approved.

i. Town Hall Committee (Needs 2 Senators): Brian Tarpy is already one. Christa Schout nominated - accepted - approved.

j. Student Affairs Committee (President and 1 senator): A committee more focused on communication with the board. Meetings 3 times a year - student affairs looks at student life issues. Kat volunteering - accepted and approved.

k. Vote to continue Ad-Hoc Hospitality Committee (3 Senators): Approved. Fabiano nominated and accepted and approved. Christianne nominated and accepted and approved. Anthony nominated and accepted and approved.

l. Proposal of Race and Women’s Ad-Hoc Committees. (3 Senators each): Purpose dialogue, proposals, and action. Seconded. Jan proposed combining into one committee. Dean Sajdak proposed clearer mandate/goals. Kizzy proposed expanding role of hospitality committee. Michael would like to propose that something written to look at summarizing problems, goals, timeline, etc. Robert proposed a clearer delineation of the roles of the other committees. Discussion on race/women. Proposed to table for a month. Robert proposed for a conversation committee to start now. Ad hoc committee to form ad hoc committee approved. Jan proposed a meeting time open to all interested to discuss the issues. Monica, Nathan, Jan, Robert, Kat, Fabiano, Christa interested. Mandated to report back next month. Samuel Lee. Christianne Zeiger. Jeff Sajdak willing to be involved.

4. Approval of Kerux editor: Christianne Zieger: approved.

5. Proposed Kerux Name Change: Proposed for name change to Ambassadar and an adjustment of bylaws to include stipulation that the name not be changed more than once every 10 years, unless there is a compelling reason - a ⅔ majority of students desiring the change. Voted and failed to achieve the necessary ⅔ vote to amend the bylaws regarding the name.

6. Senate nametags: Proposed and approved.

7. Proposed Senate Budget: Approved.

8. Race Training: Conversation regarding. Proposal that race committee, if formed, also take over this.
9. Medenblik Stick changes (Broomball, less Hockey time): deferred to Fellowship Committee.

10. Food for Senate Meetings: discussion. Will continue to be open to suggestions.

11. Sending Senators to Board of Trustees Meeting (Oct 15, 16)
   a. President Brian Tarpy, VP Robert Van Zanen, Treasurer Emily Sajdak, and Senator Katrina Olson volunteered to attend.

12. Joella R. request for funds for regularly held women's events. Approved to continue funding her through Fellowship grant funds unless she proposes a club.

13. Agenda - print or email? It was decided that having a copy of Senate meeting agenda's would be up to individual senators once they had received an electronic copy.

14. Dean Sajdak brought some items to our attention such as Title 9 training for some members of the Faculty and Staff.

President's Report - due to a lack of time and another group needing the room in which we were meeting there was no President's report.