

Student Government Association

Hughes/Engel

MINUTES

Thursday, January 22, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

Majority

Simple: 16

2/3: 21

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order @ 7:04 pm.
- II. Roll Call
Acting Admin. Asst. Hachmeister calls roll.
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes)
Attended two KBOR meetings, since last meeting. During finals week last semester, covered housing and food service rates. Approved for a 4.9% increase, mostly due to inflation. Pilot program in purchasing between KU and FHSU. Efficiencies in time and redundancy, saved about \$24,000. Last week's meeting, heard from Regents regarding budget proposal. Looking at a 3% cut for next year system wide, but that figure isn't final. Discussed tuitions proposals for next year, adamant in not wanting large increases. Looking at decreasing Gas, GTAs, and other staff decreases as a result of budget cuts. Served in financial aid appeals last week.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)
Spent time in Financial Aid appeals, and Tiger Enrollment Days. Talking about restructuring that process, making it more of an orientation but creating a schedule is a portion. IPAC meeting next week. Will talk about mobile computing and work on solutions. Allocations deadline is tomorrow @ 4:30PM. Handling that process.
 - c. Executive Assistant, Acting Administrative Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)
Simple majority is 16, 2/3 is 20. Getting back into the swing of things. Working on 2009-2010 budget for SGA, finding various efficiencies and reducing total costs. Preparing to act as Administrative Assistant. Working on Allocations requests.
 - d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)
Wrapping up travel requests from business office over break. Attended SOC meeting, going over constitution changes for organizations. Putting together SGA allocations budget and requests. Presents Treasurer's report for the last month.
 - e. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)
Want senators for Higher Education day. Need 10, more would be better. We are putting together talking points and other information you'll need. Passing around a sign up sheet to go. Everything is covered, including meals. Setting up appointments with different representatives and senators.
 - f. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)
Updated website.

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V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)
Heard two requests: Model UN, KHFS Broadcast Council.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
Working on open senate seats (2 Health, 2 General Studies, 1 Counseling) and constitution changes.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)
Joint meeting with LPAC. Met with Bill Smriga, Memorial Union Director. Presented charts and information regarding projects to generate more revenue with the Union. Fees and so forth. Where money comes from, how it's spent.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
Joint meeting with Student Affairs. Got go-ahead for recycling plastic and aluminum containers. Went with cardboard containers, should be here in two weeks or so.
- e. Allocations (Sen. Winter)
Final deadline tomorrow, 4:30 PM.

VI. Open Forum

VP Engel: Change in majority. Simple majority remains 16, 2/3rd is now 21.

Sen. Smriga: Received an e-mail from virtual college student. Funding individuals for trips that aren't affiliated with organizations but still students. Also the problem of being a virtual student, and not paying student fees.

Sen. Engel: Spoke with small group of students attending Kansas Academy of Science Teachers. Wanted to go on trip, but not SOC approved. Looking at ways to get them funding.

Sen. Smriga: Should look into funding these situations., Could look at possibly using underused equipment fund.

VP Engel: Point of Clarification: Two issues, possible to apply for waiver if a group, but not SOC approved. Single student is possible to be waived but unheard of. 100% virtual students do not pay student fees, outside of scope of SGA.

Sen. Purdy: If an individual went through the waiver, what would we do if this happened?

VP Engel: It would be up to senate. They would have to apply for waiver and pass senate and then go through regular procedure as an SOC group.

Pres. Hughes: Big initiative this semester is recycling. We don't do enough. 3 big things: More bins in Union. Competition between departments. Recycling drives that include competition with other universities. Contact him or LPAC if you have ideas about awareness or other items.

Pres. Hughes: Campus beautification. Action plan money was supposed to go to trees and benches. Since action plan funding was suspended due to budget cuts, program put on hold. Still want to plant one or more trees with fundraising money. Interested in helping?

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VII. New Business
None

VIII. Old Business
None

IX. Announcements

- a. Student Senator office hour requirements will resume Monday 1/26
- b. SGA Allocations Requests FINAL Deadline, Friday 1/23 @ 4:30 pm
- c. SGA Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Requests FINAL Deadline, Friday 2/6 @ 4:30 pm
- d. Higher Education Day, Tuesday 2/3
- e. Watch party: Extreme Makeover Home Edition

Adjourned

X. Adjourn
Sen. Purdy motions to adjourn with a 2nd by Sen. Konkel @ 7:28pm.