

# Student Government Association

## Hughes/Engel

### MINUTES

Thursday, February 5, 2009

7:00 p.m. – Black & Gold Room

<u>Majority</u>	
Simple:	14
2/3:	18

- I. Call to Order  
VP Engel calls to order at 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call  
Admin Asst Shellnut calls role.
- III. Guest Speakers
  - a. Tigers In Service  
Rindi Zimmerman: I'm the Director of Tigers in Service and Katelyn Shirley is the Assistant Director. I brought t-shirts for student government for all of your help and support. Many of you have continued to help and show interest in volunteering. Please come visit us in Wiest Hall 716 if you would like to visit in the future or have any questions. Don't leave tonight without your shirts.
  - b. Director of the Memorial Union  
Bill Smriga: I'm here to introduce a new service of the Memorial Union. Popcorn! Starting Monday we will have the popcorn machine at the Student Service Center for a quarter a bag. We will also make it available for organizations and groups to rent out while using the Union for events and meetings for a small fee.
- IV. Executive Reports
  - a. President (Tyler Hughes)  
Went to the ITPAC meeting with VP Engel. Addressed some of the concerns with mobile computing that were mentioned in SGA. Talked Provost Larry Gould. They did not think it was unusual for students to take notes in class on a laptop during a lecture period. SGA needs to hear anymore concerns, the concerns are being talked about and addressed both in ITPAC and faculty senate. Had a Union Policy Board meeting this week. Bill Smriga unveiled the popcorn machine. Thanks everyone who attended the higher education day in Topeka. It was a great experience. The student government members who attended were able to meet with a lot of senators and representatives. It was also a fantastic learning experience for everyone. At President's Cabinet, had a budget discussion. Instead of a 3% cut this year and a following 4% cut next year, which was suggested by the governor, the university might be looking at a 4% cut this year and a 5% cut next year. It is a conservative figure. President Hammond says that instead of a 9% cut it could go as high as 15%. The recycling bins are in. They will be set out on Friday and have been approved by the Memorial Union Policy Board. There are two associations that will be moved from the waiver up for second reading by executive decision, the Turkish Association and the Fort Hays Honor Society. They are in the process of becoming student organizations and by the Allocation hearing dates will not need a waiver.
  - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)  
Participated in Allocations hearings on Sunday. Had an ITPAC meeting on Monday and sent an e-mail to SGA. Take time to respond to the e-mail with comments or questions, which will be sent on to Provost Gould. Need feedback from senate to send info onto the provost to resolve the mobile computing issues. Accepted a resignation letter from Sen. Melchert. She wishes everyone the best of luck for the whole senate.

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- c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)  
Helped man the office while a lot of exec staff and senators were in Topeka.
- d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)  
E-mailed organizations about upcoming Allocation hearings. Will have a travel receipt for senators that went on the trip to Topeka. KBOR will be sending a check to SGA to refund senators and exec staff for the meals during their trip to Topeka. The travel for higher education was
- e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)  
Attended the KBOR Day on the Hill in Topeka. It was a new experience that she enjoyed. Everyone who went was able to talk to senators and representatives of the state of Kansas and promote the great importance of higher education and the state budgets which are affecting the future of education. Also this week I revised the previous minutes and served the rest of my office hours.
- f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)  
Thanks to the ten senators and two executive members that went to Topeka. Please write more thank you notes to senators and representatives that were visited in Topeka so they will keep higher education in mind. Thinking about making another lobbying trip to Topeka before the omnibus bill takes place. The House of Representatives started cutting \$88 for each pupil and reduced it to \$66 per student for the remainder of the year. Stresses writing senators and representatives and we need funding.
- g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)  
This week he served his office hours and updated the website.

### V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)  
Had two hearings from Sigma Alpha Iota and TECA.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)  
Had an interview and talked about changes to the constitution.
- c. Student Affairs (Sen. Smriga)  
Gathered more topics of discussion and action for the semester, setting their feet for the rest of the semester.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)  
The recycling bins are in and LPAC is talking about making center pieces for tables in the Union on recycling. Will meet with Dr. Burnett next week.
- e. Allocations (Sen. Winter)  
Had the first set of hearings on Sunday and the next week on next set will start Sunday at 12.

### VI. Open Forum

Pres. Hughes: We want to raise money for at least two trees for the Quad. We will hopefully have two fundraisers to pay for the trees and have them in hand to be planted on Earth Day, April 22.

Sen. Engel: How much money will we need for a tree?

Pres. Hughes: Last time I checked it was \$200 for one tree.

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### VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 09/S/102: Alpha Gamma Rho Appropriations
- b. First Reading of Bill 09/S/103: New Senator Ratification  
Sen. Engel moves to emergency business with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Winter.  
Kyle Jay Glodt: I want to do what I can to help out the school and get involved.  
Sen. Konkel moves to pass by unanimous with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Munson.  
Passes by unanimous consent. Y=26  
Bill Passes.
- c. First Reading of Waiver 09/S/101: Equipment Fund Percentage

### VIII. Old Business

- a. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/100: KFHS Equipment Fund  
Sen. Engel motions to consider this bill with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Purdy.  
Charles Lammers: I'm the President of KFHS and this is Lauren Martel, the Treasurer. We are asking for \$1250 for a worn out DVCAM and a damaged tape deck repair.  
Sen. Winter: What are the lifespan on these?  
Lammers: They usually last about 5 years.  
Sen. Purdy: How much does it cost to just replace the tape deck?  
Lammers: They will fix everything.  
Sen. Engel moves to a direct vote.  
Y=26 N=0 A=0  
Bill Passes.
- b. Second Reading of Bill 09/S/101: Model United Nations Appropriations  
Sen. Purdy motions to discuss this bill with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Stramel.  
Trista Myers: I am the treasurer of Model United Nations.  
Sen. Winter: There are still 7 of you going?  
Myers: It has dropped down to six.  
Sen. Purdy: If it has dropped down to six what are the new figures?  
Sen. Ladd: Do the participants have to pay anything to go on the trip?  
Myers: If we do not get enough funding then the expense will come out of pocket from the students.  
Sen. Purdy: What does the Model United Nations do?  
Myers: We're talking about situations with Paraguay right now. It's a simulation of the real United Nations.  
Sen. Purdy moves to amend the bill to read "6 students", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Engel.  
Sen. Purdy moves to pass the amended bill by unanimous consent with a 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Leer.  
Bill amended.  
  
Sen. Stramel: I would like confirm with the treasurer.  
Treasurer Sellard: I got \$801 with calculations by a calculator.  
Sen. Purdy: Do you have the breakdown?  
Treasurer Sellard: I have registration at \$120, lodging at \$360, mileage at \$129, and meals at \$192 for a total of \$801.  
Sen. Purdy moves to amend the bill to read "registration at \$120, lodging at \$360, mileage at \$129, and meals at \$192 for a total of \$801", 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Konkel.  
Sen. Leer motions to pass the amendment by unanimous consent.  
Bill amended.  
  
Sen. Winter moves for a direct vote on amended bill.  
Y=25 N=0 A=1

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Bill passes.

- c. Second Reading of Waiver 09/S/100: Allocations Funding for Non-SOC Recognized Organizations  
Sen. Purdy motions to consider this bill, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Engel.  
Sen. Engel moves for a direct vote.  
Y=24 N=1 A=1  
Bill passes.

### IX. Announcements

- a. SGA Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Requests FINAL Deadline, Friday 2/6 @ 4:30 pm
- b. Tiger Basketball vs. Washburn, Saturday 2/7 @ 5:30 & 7:30 pm (You do not want to miss this!)
- c. SGA Meeting Theme Night -- "Pink Thursday" -- 2/12

### X. Adjourn

Sen. Winter motions to adjourn with 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sen. Hertel @ 7:33pm.