

Student Government Association

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MINUTES

Thursday, October 16, 2008

7:00 p.m. – Fort Hays Ballroom

Majority

Simple: 16

2/3: 20

- I. Call to Order
VP Engel calls to order @ 7:02 p.m.
- II. Roll Call
Administrative Asst. Shellnut
- III. Guest Speakers
- IV. Executive Reports
 - a. President (Tyler Hughes)

Pres. Hughes attended 2 candidate forums this week. He thanks all that were able to attend the forums because it was a great opportunity to meet some of the local state representatives. Pres. Hughes and LD Anglemyer presented the giant check to the KBOR this week. The Student Advisory Counsel (SAC) has discussed creating a support network for students lobbying after the KBOR Day on the Hill and other lobbying events. If you're interested with lobbying our state legislature with visits to the legislature and letter writing campaigns please come talk to him. KBOR talked about enrollment numbers and we are down 8.9%. FHSU has the highest percentage of decrease of on-campus students but the highest increase of virtual students of other regent universities.
 - b. Vice President (Cole Engel)

VP Engel participated in the Blue Ribbon team focus group. They have a visit from the NIC coalition assessment team, which is the North American Inter-fraternity Conference. They have been on campus to do an assessment of the activities of our Greek life on-campus. They got together with focus groups and discussed the positive and negatives of the Greek life on-campus and will give a report of their visits with recommendations to the Greek life as well. VP Engel spent a lot of time with senators discussing the athletic fee proposal and other issues that SGA will be working on this year.
 - c. Executive Assistant (Luke Hachmeister)

Exec. Asst. Hachmeister continued going through last year's minutes which are now online, caught up with the minutes for this year, and attended the Student Publication Board meeting on Friday.
 - d. Treasurer (Robyn Sellard)

Treasurer Sellard served office hours, wrote legislation for Tiger Claws appropriations request, and sent e-mails reminding them of their hearing time and date. She updated the treasurer's report.
 - e. Administrative Assistant (Ashley Shellnut)

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Admin. Asst. Shellnut attended the Student Publication Board meeting on Friday, finished last week's minutes, and served her office hours.

- f. Legislative Affairs Director (Corey Anglemyer)
LD Anglemyer was in Topeka this week attending KBOR. In the student advisory committee it was brought up to have the idea of centralizing the sustainability of all regent schools helping each other. Back in Hays, Tuesday he attended a counsel on preparation of teachers and school personnel meeting. The discussion there consisted of having student teachers paid from the school they are teaching at, which was one objective they are striving for. We will keep trying to get more candidates the coming weeks before the election.
- g. Webmaster/Historian (Doug Mercer)
Webmaster Mercer served his office hours this week. He contacted Mitch Weber, who took the SGA pictures, about getting the SGA pictures and they are now ready to be uploaded onto the site next week.

V. Committee Reports

- a. Appropriations (Sen. Stramel)
Appropriations has the Tiger Claws request up for first reading.
- b. Senate Affairs (Sen. Winter)
SGA will have a booth set up in the Memorial Union from 10am-2pm to inform and hopefully recruit students to fill the last 6 open senator seats. They also talked about having a senate Halloween costume contest on October 30. Friday November 14 is the senate social.
- c. Student Affairs (Acting Chair Sen. Leyerzapf)
They have Carol Solko-Olliff, the coordinator of International Student Services, coming to talk to them on Oct 30th about the international on-campus students and issues they have with housing, transportation, and classes. They discussed the about the US Service Academy, having a dead week before finals, and in the future will be looking at residential life issues.
- d. Legislative & Political Action (Sen. Engel)
They discussed the athletic fee proposal again. There is a student referendum petition which requires 10% of fulltime students to sign. If you are interested in the petition, contact Sen. Zervas or Sen. Miller. Will meet at 6:30pm next week.

VI. Open Forum

Sen. Stegmaier: An e-mail was sent out all SGA members about a proposed equipment fund audit that we would like to perform from the past 10 years. Hopefully everyone had the chance to read over it and I could get some feedback, questions, or criticism.

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Sen. Munson: I think it is an excellent idea to get accountability for the clubs and getting money for the equipment. It will let us see if they are taking care of the equipment properly and making it last.

Sen. Konkel: Has SGA ever done an audit like this before?

Sen. Stegmaier: No, we have not.

Pres. Hughes: Can you further explain the thought process behind this proposed audit and its intent?

Sen. Stegmaier: It is an educational tool. We are not here to check on the last 10 years' equipment. We're trying to check up on the equipment but the majority of it is to educate and also let organizations know what they can get from appropriations. It's a pro-active thing we're hoping to do with our committee.

Sen. Purdy: Is this optional?

Sen. Stegmaier: Yes, it's 100% optional.

Sen. Ladd: So it's going to be an informational thing for the ones that have received it?

Pres. Hughes: Would this be within Appropriations or a separate body?

Sen. Stegmaier: It will be only Appropriations and not with a subcommittee.

Pres. Hughes: The whole Appropriations Committee is okay with the extra work that will be involved with the audit and wouldn't hinder the appropriation's process?

Sen. Stramel: This is a way to out and beyond what we do in just the hearings. It is meant to be an educational tool and see what is going on with the equipment and see if they need new equipment or replacements.

Sen. Purdy: I say if Appropriations is willing to do the work then go for it.

Sen. Melchert: Are you going to make sure this stays positive?

Sen. Stegmaier: It is voluntary and the student organizations don't have to do it. They would get the education with the first letter and if they didn't want to return the audit the organization still has the opportunity for the education.

Pres. Hughes: I want to clarify some enrollment numbers that I eluted to my report. Fort Hays is up 18.9% from the fall of 03-08, compared to the KU Medical Center. On-campus from fall 2003 - fall 2008 we are down by 8.9% which is the largest deficit percentage of regent schools.

Sen. Leer: I would like to say that for those senators that were not able to make it you missed out. We learned sides of the issues that we have not heard from the press.

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Sen. Ladd: Do you have the numbers of on-campus students versus the percentage change?

Pres. Hughes: On-campus it is 4,303. Full-time on-campus students, in terms of the petition, it's a little bit above 3,700.

VP Engel: Ten percent is going to require 378 signatures, if I make it 3,374 for campus population for fall 2008 full-time students.

LD Anglemeyer: I would like to mention along with the network at the SAC meeting yesterday was that some of the schools have been writing congratulatory cards to senators for after they win their election in November. I would like to get some feedback if some of you would be interested in writing some of those during your office hours after the elections. That way we can get our name out as an organization or a university and hopefully they will remember us during budget time next spring.

Sen. Stegmaier: That sounds like a good idea, just let me know when you need the help.

Sen. Zerfas: I will help out.

Sen. Chavez: I will help too.

VP Engel: All of those willing to help please indicate by raising your right hand. (Nearly entire body raises their hand.)

Sen. Kohman: How is karaoke night going?

Sen. Winter: It will be on November 14th and as far as I know a private night with only SGA there. We will get numbers on the cost. We think everyone there will need to pitch in \$2. It's on track and should be a good time.

Pres. Hughes: Are we having a costume contest during our meeting the day before Halloween?

Sen. Winter: Yes.

Sen. Roston: Is there a dress code for the costume contest?

Sen. Winter: Have fun with it but we are a government body so be appropriate with it.

VII. New Business

- a. First Reading of Bill 08/F/107: Tiger CLAWS Appropriations

VIII. Old Business

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IX. Announcements

- a. SGA Safety Walk immediately following adjournment, meet in the SGA office
- b. Vote Slam, TONIGHT @ 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Neighbors (Live Music)
- c. Satellite Advance Voting, Tuesday 10/21 @ 9:00 am to 5:00 pm – MU Sunset Lounge (All registered voters of Ellis County are eligible to vote at our advance polling place)
- d. SGA Budgetary Seminar, Tuesday 10/28 @ 7:30 p.m. – Stouffer Lounge
- e. The last day to register to vote in Ellis County is Monday 10/20. Come in the office to fill a voter registration card out, talk to your classes, and encourage them to register to vote.
- f. Thursday 10/16 at Chuck's Place in Wiest Hall @8:30-9:30 there is an event for international students. The purpose is to help international students with problems
- h. Volleyball, FHSU vs. Emporia State Saturday 10/18 @ 3pm.
- i. Election night at the Forsyth Library will be activities, co-sponsored by SGA, open to all students, games, door prizes, and people to answer all your political questions. Tuesday 11/04.
- j. ATSO is hosting TigerLAN this Saturday 10/18 from 1pm-2am in the Black & Gold Room. There will be door prizes, arcade machines, students can bring controllers and game systems; it's said to be the social event of the year.

X. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn by Sen. Ladd, 2nd by Sen. Munson @ 7:28 p.m.