Meeting Minutes
September 30, 2013

Call to Order (3:00PM)

Roll Call
Abby Schafer, Billy Kissel, Brett Frederick, Chris Ryan, David Horton, Erin Hinson, Jake Haigis, Jake Hudson, Jake Gordon, Justin Lisena, Misha Balkowiec, Olivia Capannari, Rene Betance, Shelby Alig, Traci Garcia, Benjamin Davis, Andrew Redd, Sophia Kvochak, Tomi Okunoye
Not Present: Rene Betance, Shelby Alig

Prayer
Jake Hudson

Public Forum

Report of the Administration
Bob Sherran & Linda Kilborn

Opinion Entries
Abby Shafer
Leave early

Jake Hudson
Moving office hours around this week

Erin Hinson
You can swear in Jake Gordon (directed at Markus Lasky)
- We don’t have a solution, group solution
- Student body voted in Jake Gordon, our duty to swear him in. Don’t have the authority
  to not do so.
- Due to the blunder of SGA, Jake Gordon was never sworn in. Erin Hinson is suggesting
  we swear in him at this time. We will not move forward with that until a group decision is
  made.
- Why not sworn in?
- Wasn’t able to swear him in last year due to class conflict. Didn’t remember this year.
- That plus there was always a class conflict, we never figured out what to do with that.
- How binding is swearing in process?
- If we don’t swear him in today, he can’t vote on what happens today.
- So your idea is for him to be sworn in then resign?
- There is another potential plan, but yes that would be the plan.
- BOE code requires senators be available during meeting times. Currently under BOE
  code, ratified by Senate, not allowed to be sworn in. Senate coordinator wants him to be
  sworn in
- Weren’t we all sworn in last spring?
- All but Jake, class conflict.
- Who determines who can vote?
- If you are late, voting rights are taken away. After Crystal calls roll, if you are not
  there for that, not present.
- Where in the constitution does it say? Who swears in and when?
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Benjamin Davis
Will be leaving early

Erin Hinson
(Attempts to swear in Jake Gordon on her authority)

Andrew Redd
How about the appointee?
- Up to you all (Senators)
- The swearing in of Jake Gordon is unconstitutional to me (Drew Dziedzic). Has to be sworn in by a higher office, not you (Erin Hinson). Think we need to have a bigger conversation about this.
- We do have a solution. This will be taken care of today.

Traci Garcia
I want to make it to the career fair before it ends, will leave early if needed.

Scheduled Business
Motion #14-006: Move to approve President Dziedzic's two Senate vacancy appointments of Rob Van Kirk and Hector Rivera
Sponsor: Jake Hudson
TABLED

New Business
Motion #14-007: Move to suspend Appendix 1, Section 8 in order to vote on proposed changes to the constitution
Sponsor: Chris Ryan
PASSED

Motion #14-008: Move to amend Appendix 1, Section 2 of the Constitution (motion states that there is an attachment, but no attachment was provided)
Sponsor: Chris Ryan

Questions
- Then what motivates me to show up to meetings?
- What should is that the student body elected you and you should show up
- Can we set a limit of time?
- I know there is a part of the constitution that whoever runs the meeting has the power to grant voting rights back if not there for roll call. If you can give a good reason for being late, is it necessary to have another section that says that?
- I don’t know why that hasn’t happened yet?
- Would this be with a valid excuse? Or just any excuse?
- How many people on Senate have the problem that they cannot show up to the meeting on time consistently? (Most said they have no problem)
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- So it's already in the constitution that if you are out for a reasonable reason, can ask for voting rights back? Can Rene have voting rights back? So in opinion entry, can they ask for voting rights back?
- I think that's a great point, that's how it was handled last year. So I don't think this is necessary.

Debate
- In constitution doesn't specify that voting rights can be handed back to them.
- Section 2b, says if previously excused can have voting rights back
- So we are proposing that if the excuse happens after the fact, after being late, voting rights can be given. If you come here you should be allowed to vote, no matter what time you come.
- I think we should not pass this; this hasn't been a problem in the past. Presiding officers have given reasonable permissions. This just encourages people to be late, find a reason to be late.
- Could the change be that it is reasonable excuse instead of in advance?
- I think we should vote this down, if you have a class that runs close to 3:00, could let presiding officer know. If you have parking issue, something that does not relate to class or job, it's not applicable.
- Can I have voting rights back, even if my stuff was here and I just left?
- No, cannot have voting right back.
- I think we are missing big picture. I think we're trying to establish that people may be just a little late.
- But if Rene had told you he'd be right back, he could be excused.
- Yes
- I know I'm sprinting here from class; I'd like to vote for this.
- I know the history of this rule. This was added because one person was perpetually late. Don't think that makes it right now.
- Think if this is approved, people are just going to be late.
- I thought in election guidelines, it said you must be available between 3-5pm? Thought that was understandable.

FAILED

Motion #14-009: Move to remove Opinion Entry
Sponsor:

Questions

- Specifically why are you doing this?
- Changing so meeting can go faster
- Is this changing it so there can be an associate senator?
- Doing this to avoid passing vacancy.
- So we can fix the situation we have now, fix it for future.
- Can you restate current motion?
- Can we just move opinion entry to the roll call?
- Same as email, would go to everyone
- Do you think email is most effective way? If you look at summer emailing, didn't quit work
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- *I am flexible with email.*

**Debate**
- I like opinion entry. Did not know I needed to leave early, was easier to say it, it was just done.
- On the other hand. When these meetings go 2 hours long, that’s bad for people who are busy. Process of saying who will be leaving early, would make that part go by further.
- Disagree, would say Opinion entries have never gone over 5 minutes.
- Idea to just get rid of opinion entries, what you are suggesting?
  - Yes.
  - I think we should not get rid of them. I think there are other ways to shorten meeting, like emailing out motions out in advance.
  - I think we should remove opinion entries. Plus passing the gavel can double as opinion entry.

**TABLED**

**Motion #14-010:** Move to remove Appendix 1, Section 5, Report of the Administration from the Constitution.
Sponsor: Chris Ryan

**Questions**
- It seems you are dancing around this. Are you trying to get the meeting to be shorter to make it so Senator Jake Gordon can stay for the whole meeting?
  - Yes.
  - Is this for the betterment of all Senate or just Senator Gordon?
  - All. Gives more opportunity to open up to more students who couldn’t make meeting before.
  - So, this (making the meeting shorter for Senator Gordon) is the heart of the matter?
  - Have you just thought about moving report of administration around?
  - Thought about it. Thought it would be better for people to go out to meet with them. Use office hours to do so.

**Debate**
- I heard from Erin that they (administration) think this is a waste of time. Some are not really enthusiastic about reporting about what they do. And some Senators may not be interested in what they are talking about. Somethings interest me some things don’t. Think it would be better for senators go meet, then report back.
- I am opposed to this. Our job is to this listen to opinion entries, report of administration, learn about university/needs. That is our job, that is our connection to administrators. As new senators, probably didn’t know those people. That’s how I met them.
- I agree, we learn from them. But reports go way too long. If one or two of us meet with them...
  - Face to face communication is important. Ed Devoid came here last week, I knew him because he was here. If he weren’t here, wouldn’t have connection. If something isn’t important to one person one week, it might be to another person. We don’t have to make them come in. Our job is to be liaison between administration and students. That’s the whole purpose of student government.
  - What we should be doing here is for the betterment of student government, I feel like what we are doing right now isn’t. We were elected to be the connection between
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administration and the student body. Can we all keep that in mind? Without that, we have no purpose.

I agree. We are the link. Should have report so we can hear what administration is saying. Can share to the most amount of student at one time in meeting.

Great opportunity, if we had dinning people come in, if I went to that meeting, I would have better connection one on one, come back to report. Would not be a disconnection, wouldn't stop being liaison.

I agree that report of administration is boring or can be long. That being said, the logic behind this is that “we want the meeting to be shorter, so let’s get rid of that.” Think there are different motives behind what this is doing.

Think the responsibility of meeting with administration is on senators. I’ve already met with administrators, if I need something I’ll find it. I’m not approving this because I want a certain senator to be on senate. I’m voting because I don’t think there should be a report.

As a freshman I was able to find my project by hearing from report. Though, I do agree that we should change the way the report is done.

Find more efficient way of doing report.

If this whole thing is a way to make meeting shorter, at least two senators are using hours during the week. Taking up time.

We’re in Senate, if you can’t meet two hours a week this process will take longer. Based on facts, we’re doing this for the wrong reason. We are doing this to make the meetings shorter, to make it so one Senator can attend the whole meeting.

FAILED

Committee Reports
Residential Affairs

Identity & Rights
- You attending Crash tomorrow?
- Yes

Academic Affairs

Off Campus Living

Student Organization

Senator Reports
Billy Kissel

Rene Betance
On peer review board

Traci Garcia

Tomi Okunoye
Met with Tom Barlow to talk about ideas I had

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Andrew Redd
In discussion about alcohol and amnesty

Jake Husdon
Working on color printing

Jake Haigis
Contact with Sean Riney, reaching out to clubs organization how they can help out

Benjamin Davis
Met with student, learned about problems, two meeting set up already

David Horton
I met with Stacey Decker of Physical Plant for the hand sanitizer machine project, and we talked about if it was feasible for the placement of hand sanitizer machines in all the buildings on campus. Also, I proposed three new locations for hand sanitizer machines, which are 4th floor of CLC, William College of Business, and the McDonald library. Stacey Decker told me that he would send me an update with this situation sometime this week. I received an e-mail about the situation on the hand sanitizer machines, and Physical Plant does not have the funding to place any new hand sanitizer machines on campus at this time. So, the hand sanitizer machine in all buildings on campus project is on the back burner for now. I meet with Senator Betance to discuss the Student Identity week project; we discussed eight themes for the week and planned on meeting with him later this week to further discuss about this project.

Report of the Executives
Drew Dziedzic, Markus Lasky, Keenan Collins

BOE: Joe Jabour has resigned from his position as Chair of the Board of Elections. Applications to fill the vacancies will be going out tomorrow (vacancy for Freshman Position will also be up).

Due to the lateness of the meeting, we have pushed all other updates to next week. Have a good fall break!

Report of the Senate Coordinator
Erin Hinson
- Move to adjourn: PASSED

Report of Advisor
Dustin Lewis

Report of the SGA Resource Assistant
Crystal Guffey

Adjourned (5:00)