



Elizabethtown College  
Student Senate  
Minutes – October 1, 2009

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The meeting was called to order by **Metcalf** at 3:45 p.m.

Roll call was performed by **Hitchens**.

**Absent at roll call**

Aregood, Dos Santos, Freitag, Goff, Knights, Tanner

**Smith:** I move to elect a parliamentary pro tempore. Second. *Motion passes*. Nominations: **Lynch**, accept. *Debate. Congratulations Lynch*.

**Approval of Minutes**

Minutes from September 17 meeting approved as corrected.

Minutes from September 24 meeting approved as corrected.

**Special Order of the Day**

**Budget Allocations**

**A. Legislation ECSS.00910.FC.002.B – White:**

- Some errors were found while looking at budget allocations over \$1000 for the second time.
- New legislation – LC
- \$955 will now be given to Circle K
- \$2000 will be given to Melica
- \$2555 will be given to Students in Free Enterprise
- \$2770 will be given to Vocalign
- All budgets exceeding \$1000 were cut in half.
- Vocalign requested \$7,907. We do not give money for copy services, we cut fundraising requests in half, we do not fund petty cash, we cut service charges in half, we don't pay for promotions or gas so we took that in half, we took money from Relay, which is a Spring event, and then there was a discrepancy with incomes from last year to this year. We then cut the final amount in half as we did with all groups exceeding \$1000 and that is where the \$2770 came from.
- **Busher:** Can you explain what is being funded? **White:** We created a letter informing groups of what they cannot spend money on. We did not want to limit every group
- **Smith:** Does the statement about donations from one E-town group to another group cover the Phalanx problem? **White:** No, that is strictly for donations.
- **Douglas:** Where is Vocalign's income from last year? Do they still have it? **White:** It's been spent over time
- **D'Angola:** Point of Clarification: Clubs use their money for their own expenditures, so asking about what they have in their budgets from last year is inappropriate. They fundraise and have money to cover expenditures that Senate will not cover.
- **Vocalign Representative:** I suggest you vote for every piece of legislation separately.
- **Busher:** I move to vote on each allocation separately. Second. *Motion Passes*

- **Busher:** What happens if we vote no? **White:** We could contact the group, go over the budget with them and then the current legislation would be stricken and new legislation would be presented.
- i. **Circle K Budget Allocation:** *Questions. Legislation Passes*
    - **Calenda:** I spoke with Rick Bailey and if Senate gives money to a group like Phalanx for equipment, it is then college owned and we would not support the renting of that equipment to other student groups. Other costs are understandable, but if we charge to use equipment then we are minimizing the impact of our budget.
    - **DiGrazia:** It should be Phalanx's right to purchase that equipment outright if they'd like so that they may rent that out. We should give them that option.
    - **Calenda:** Students are not allowed to conduct business on campus.
    - Point of Clarification: Melica is not renting equipment and they are next, so the discussion will need to continue after voting on Melica's budget.
  - ii. **Melica Budget Allocation:**
    - **Smith:** I move to table Melica's budget allocation until a decision is made about the availability of Phalanx's equipment for their use. *Questions. Debate. Motion Fails.*
    - **Melica Representative:** Who we use depends on how much money we have. We would rather go outside if we could, but no matter what it still costs us to record, master, and produce CDs. All we may be able to do is record it on campus and we would still have to go outside for the rest; we are not sure yet.
    - **Smith:** The motion is to table it so that we may look into it further.
    - **Fogel:** Shouldn't we be looking at why they asked for money, not what they will do with it later?
    - **Busher:** Is this motion germane?
    - **D'Angola:** I move for a five-minute recess. Second. *Motion passes.*
    - **D'Angola:** The motion on the floor is not relevant. Melica asked for money for an outside source. If they use a campus resource we will audit them and take back whatever money is not used.
    - **White:** They have every right to use an outside source if they'd like
    - **Landis:** There are other things in their request that we are allocating money for.
    - **DiGrazia:** What does funding look like? **White:** We have \$29,464.63 left.
    - *Debate.*
    - *Legislation Passes.*
  - iii. **Students in Free Enterprise Budget Allocation:** *Legislation Passes.*
  - iv. **Vocalign Budget Allocation:**
    - **Smith:** I move to table this piece of legislation since their request included funding to Phalanx. Second. *Debate. Motion Passes*
    - *Legislation Tabled.*

#### Executive Cabinet Reports

##### A. President – Metcalf:

- There is an emergency meeting Tuesday. Send absentee notices to Cait and Alex tonight.
- The meeting is not an emergency in terms of the subject but is in terms of time. We couldn't fit it into the schedule this week, but we need to discuss it. It must be called an emergency according to our Constitution.
- As Katy is on the Homecoming ballot Jenn will chair homecoming elections.

##### B. Vice President – Shenk:

- Gas cards will be out to retreat drivers soon.
- I'm working on the Homecoming Fair.
- I need two clowns for the Homecoming parade. Please send me an e-mail if you or anyone you know would be interested..
- Club Council is Tuesday October 13 at 8pm in Hoover 212. There will be packets about the Homecoming Fair.

##### C. Secretary – Hitchens:

- Thanks for the feedback about minutes. Keep sending it.
  - Now adding names into debate and into questions.
  - I'm going to keep tweaking the minutes until everyone likes them.
- D. Treasurer – White:**
- You'll get a copy of the breakdown of the budget soon.
- E. Judicial – D'Angola:**
- Cut letters were sent yesterday.
  - We are still working out the system to make it more efficient.
  - If you had extenuating circumstances please e-mail judicial.
  - The newest Senate-approved club is the Anime Club.
  - Ed org, National Science Teachers, Sketch-E, and Blue Faze the step team have renewed their constitutions.
  - Class bylaws were due yesterday, so please get them in as soon as possible.
- F. Elections – Kauffman:**
- Homecoming elections were this week and I'll hand it off to Katie
  - **Mellott:** I have the results:
  - First Years: Ryan Stadel and Nikki Koyste
  - Sophomores: Gabe Robison and Ashley Huttenstine
  - Juniors: Steve DiGrazia and Kate Walsh
  - Seniors females: Sarah Brown, Katy Kuuffman, Paige Tanner, and Bernadette Frawley
  - Senior males: Stephen McGonigle, Tyler Loeb, Nick Andrews, and Doug Summerson
  - There was a tie so the final two candidates for the senior class were both included
- G. Publicity and Marketing – Smith:**
- The new polos are in. T-shirts will be in tomorrow or early next week.
  - I'm working on getting cameras with our logo on them for the photo hunt.
  - Keep promoting Tuesday's meeting. We want this to be a student endorsement, not Senate. Please post flyers for it.
  - The "A Senator lives here" signs will be out Tuesday, so hang them up.
  - I met with Dean Calenda and a few other students about the Office of Diversity.
  - Sign-ups for the Powder Puff game are on October 5 and 6.

#### Administrative Reports

- A. Student Life – Calenda:** No report.
- B. Campus Security – Boyer:** *[As given by Metcalf]*
- We are working on parking issues.
  - **Natividad:** Commuters wanted to know about parking in the apartments after practice.
  - **Busher:** They are ticketing around Leffler and I was wondering if Dale could clarify.
- C. Residence Life – Bridgeman:**
- I e-mailed commuters and asked them not to use their on-campus parking sticker and to come get a new sticker.
- D. Center for Student Success – Isaak:**
- October 5 is early warning
  - National Depression Awareness day is Thursday, October 9
  - Looking at other companies for practice GREs
- E. Health Services – Spayd:** No report.
- F. Office of Development – Lalvani:** No report.

#### Student Comments

- If there are no spots for first years in Brown lot, go to security and ask where to park so that they will not ticket. Students need permission to park in Leffler.
- Schlosser residents are complaining about outside noise at 7a.m.

- Many students wanted to come to the meeting, but had practice since many athletes live off campus.
- If student's roommate moves out there is a period of time to find a new roommate and then Res. Life may assign someone, but the student should be notified.
- The lock is not working on the front door of Royer
- The library will not put recycling bins in to discourage eating and drinking in the library. Look at putting something outside.
- Water pong –If a student is issued points, there is a process to meet with Kat Matic and the Students Rights and Responsibilities Review Board.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **A. Traditions Committee – Knights [As given by Schneider]**

- The Christmas Tree lighting has been scheduled for November 18 at 8p.m.

##### **B. Service Committee**

- October 24 at 9a.m. is Into the Streets.
- It is mandatory for all Senators to attend unless there is an excused absence.
- **Smith:** I move for two-minute recess. Second. *Motion passes.*

#### **New Business To begin at 5:00 p.m.**

##### **A. Discussion of Off Campus Relations – 45 minutes**

- **Lalvani:** Director of Public Affairs. She works with local municipalities. There is a group concerned about college behavior of students going off campus. Mike Escobar wrote an Op Ed piece about a watch group on Cedar Street.
- More neighbors have been vocalizing concerns in the past 2 or 3 years. It may not be more incidents, but more reports.
- Cedar Street residents have complained about a student defecating in a backyard, urination in front yards, fighting, cursing, sexual intercourse, vulgar and crude activities, etc.
- Belligerence and noise are the biggest complaints that are received. Large groups walking to and from parties seem to be the biggest issue.
- We have tried through residence hall programs, academics, etc to work on community relations and it is not working well enough
- October 7 is a meeting with local law enforcement individuals, concerned community members, a landlord, a district judge, Dean Calenda, Caroline Lalvani, and others.
- We may have to be more forceful implementing the law.
- Students are scared of getting points off campus. Could we have rules about on campus parties?
- **Lalvani:** The problem is more so about respect and we need to change behaviors rather than just move parties on campus.
- 2006-2007 had an alcohol committee and could be reestablished.
- There are more students living off campus than have in the past.
- Need to inform students that going off campus is not any better in terms of getting in trouble.
- There are no outlets for students. You are taking away land and closer parties for us.
- **Lalvani:** We are more concerned about the behavior and students defecating in yards and breaking beer bottles which is not acceptable. Residents are more concerned about foul language and behavior of College students walking to parties.
- Could we look into Shuttle services to Off Campus houses?
- **Calenda:** That would be like a Safe-Ride program. The issue is underage students who are drinking and going to parties.
- Residents in town want a conversation with administration.
- A problem is high school students who are causing problems.
- It's easier for residents to blame the college students and while we are a large part of it, there are other problems too that need to be looked at.

- Residents often live around the “houses” and don’t understand that this isn’t the majority of the houses and this isn’t the majority of the students.
- Residents project past years onto us.
- **Lalvani:** They will project past onto you. I can site things we do to enhance the community, but it will never even it out for them because we haven’t solved it to their satisfaction. They contact the college to solve a problem that is not the college’s responsibility to solve; it’s the borough police. If they don’t act then we can’t act. Some of this will not go away.
- This town survives on the college. They made a decision to move down the street from a college.
- Harassment of students by police officers is not fair.
- We need to look at other campuses to see what they are doing and find a solution rather than just talking in circles in Elizabethtown.
- We populate part of the town, so this argument will keep happening.
- **Lalvani:** We have looked into other institutions and it was like comparing apples to oranges, but we have tried to use what we have seen. New solutions and new ideas are welcome. The only method to validate whether a student is from high school or college is when they write the report. But our department has verified that these problems are due to our college students.
- The police department instigates and sits outside waiting for one person to leave so they can knock on the door. There is an older community around us, but this is a college town.
- The police are looking for problems. If security becomes lighter or more caring than it may help.
- **Shenk:** I move to extend the time limit. Second. *Motion passes.*
- The rumor is that the college is targeting off campus partying and that borough was instructed to show zero tolerance towards off campus partying this year.
- Rather than doing rounds they are targeting houses and waiting for problems to occur.
- It’s a disservice to the students on campus to only hold the people off campus accountable for the actions of the on campus residents.
- **Lalvani:** I will look into the comments about the police department. I will take concerns back to the community, but there is potential for positive outreach and there are many people who appreciate everything who don’t complain all of the time. There is a handful of residents who call and complain and they are concerned for property, the safety of their families, the safety of the students. There is also a handful of students creating problems.
- **Lalvani:** There has not been a zero tolerance policy as far as I know. The police have actually been lenient.
- We need to learn to share the town. Homeowners are responsible for what happens in their house and if someone drank in a house then it is the house’s responsibility.
- **Lalvani:** The school has not given out addresses of off campus houses to borough police; that is a rumor. If there are difficulties with students, campus security will be contacted but we cannot release names or addresses.
- **Lalvani:** We don’t assume that houses where students live are party houses. After the October 7 meeting we will talk about expanding the meetings to various groups of students.
- Look into keeping a driver on call so that those who are not able to get back to campus are not putting themselves in harmful situations.
- Borough Council created an ordinance that says if there are three noise complaints or problems with property, by law the Borough must notify the landlord to start the eviction process.
- The cops should just stop students before they can even get into the house rather than waiting until they are in the house.

- Problems occur on the way from the house back to campus, so why not patrol the roads instead of sitting outside of the house?
- We could look into a minibus or van with a toll system that could be a profitable and safe means of transportation.
- What should we do this weekend if these are such big problems? **Lalvani:** Be respectful. Don't make poor choices, and stay quiet.
- Have your friends help support you in these decisions. There is a lot to be said for peer-to-peer discussions.
- Maybe we could create a student volunteer patrol.
- The concern is that there is an angry group of residents patrolling and it could be dangerous.
- There is a Borough Police officer in charge of the Community Watch Group and he counseled the group on their liability. He spoke with them about what they can and cannot do. They have a legal right to have this group, but it needs to stay within a certain protocol.
- **DiGrazia:** I move for a three-minute recess. Second. *Motion passes.*
- What does the college do with complaints? **Lalvani:** Warnings about houses go to the Office of Public Affairs and specific problems also go to Kat Matic.
- Do the members of the Cedar Street Block Watch have the right to make a citizen's arrest? **Lalvani:** I am not sure, but I will find out and I don't think that is their intent. Their goal is to keep disruptions from being detrimental.
- Can we create a town hall meeting somewhere in town to address this?
- We are a community and should be taking care of each other, but a lot of the problems come from morals. Houses shouldn't be held responsible for someone's actions on the way back to campus since we cannot stop them.
- The houses were invited to come as members of the community and not as party houses or problem houses. Unfortunately less on campus residents have shown up than off campus residents.
- It's great that students came today and voiced their opinions and we really appreciate it.
- No one is to blame, but we have documented that there are houses who have continuous parties.
- Could we look into having a row or a street with just College houses?
- Students have no outlet or place to hang out and do spend time together outside of the classroom. There is nowhere to go and nothing to do on the weekends other than college sanctioned activities that aren't necessarily what students want to do.
- The houses will address respect now that we know and have heard this,
- If we get respect we'll give respect and if we give respect we'll get respect.
- We can't make people more respectful. It's not the people who live in the houses, so we need to come together as off campus residents and create guidelines about behavior and if people don't follow those guidelines then they can't come back.
- We need Campus Security and Borough Police both to patrol and look for people stumbling around and between the two patrolling forces maybe we could limit problems.
- A source of the problem is what students do before they even get off campus.
- On campus we have vandalism, stolen property, etc. done by people in town and we need to hold the Borough Police more accountable.
- Senate needs to work harder on getting the word out about what will happen with the estate that we bought. We need to let students know that we are listening to them and that we have these plans in the works.
- There is no rhyme or reason to when problems occur. Normally the calls happen when there are big parties off campus, but it happens both off and on campus. It does not matter what events (i.e. Senior Nights) are occurring.

- Off campus residents need to meet and get to know their neighbors and mingle with one another to figure out when their neighbors work and create good relations, etc. **Lalvani:** There used to be a neighborhood picnic and the neighbors would all come out and meet the students. There used to be wonderful success stories about that.
- Traditions Committee should look at starting the neighborhood picnic again.
- We need referral services about alcohol and substance abuse since binge drinking is such a large problem. Rather than getting people in trouble we can get them help and create a better atmosphere.
- Talk to neighbors before having parties and ask for them to notify you if there are problems.
- The off campus houses are still a part of E-town, so the hope is that the administration will defend them as well.
- **Lalvani:** The residents are fearful and we have never had problems at that level which is why we are here. These are definitely college students. With the residents there is sometimes even a level of concern, not just anger. It is definitely a two way street. There are some residents who don't say anything because they appreciate having you here. There is room for improvement. Student Senate is trying to be proactive and work with the community more and this is an issue and not the overall view of residents about students at Elizabethtown.

#### **Announcements**

- **Hitchens:** Please send me feedback again on the minutes and let me know if the format is any better.
- **Smith:** Please hang the flyers about Tuesday's meeting.
- **Shenk:** The Homecoming Committee is meeting at 8 p.m. in the Senate Office.

#### **Adjournment at 7:10 p.m.**

#### **Next Meeting**

October 6 at 5:30 p.m. in Hoover 212.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Caitlin Hitchens**  
**Student Senate Secretary**

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#### **Summary of Motions and Votes**

- Motion to elect a parliamentarian pro tempore – **Smith** – Passes
- Parliamentarian pro tempore elections – Congratulations **Lynch**
- Motion to vote on each budget allocation greater than \$1000 separately – **Busher** – Passes
- ECSS.00910.FC.002.B Circle K Budget Allocation – Legislation Passes
- Motion to table Melica's Budget Allocation – **Smith** – Fails
- Motion for a five-minute recess – **D'Angola** – Passes
- ECSS.00910.FC.002.B Melica Budget Allocation – Legislation Passes
- ECSS.00910.FC.002.B Students in Free Enterprise Budget Allocation – Legislation Passes
- Motion to table Vocalign's Budget Allocation – **Smith** – Passes
- Motion for a two-minute recess – **Smith** – Passes
- Motion to extend the Off Campus Council discussion time-limit – **Shenk** – Passes
- Motion for a three-minute recess – **DiGrazia** – Passes