



Elizabethtown College
Student Senate
Minutes – October 22, 2009

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The meeting was called to order by **Metcalf** at 3:47 p.m.

Opening activity performed by **Hitchens**.

Roll call performed by **Hitchens**.

Absent at roll call

Dos Santos, Freitag, Goff, Hihn, Landis, Porcaro, Tanner

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from October 15 meeting approved as corrected.

Executive Cabinet Reports

A. President – Metcalf:

- The Board of Trustees meeting is this weekend.
- The report has been sent out for those of you who would like to read it.
- Thank you for your participation during Homecoming. It went very well.
- Alex and I are working on the academic involvement aspect of Senate.
- November 5 at 7p.m. will be dinner with the Professors.
- Today's discussion on school spirit at athletic games will be to brainstorm how to increase participation and school spirit at athletic events.
- We encourage classes to participate in E-thon as a group.

B. Vice President – Shenk:

- Thank you all for your help and involvement this weekend, especially the Homecoming Committee.
- There will be a follow up Committee meeting with Mark Clapper in the next two weeks, so if you have pros or cons about Homecoming please send them to me.
- The Powder Puff game was rescheduled for tonight and it starts at 8.
- Our Senate dinner will be moved to November 12, so add that to your calendar.

C. Secretary – Hitchens:

- Please return your name plates to me, or keep them with you for next week's meeting.
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D. Treasurer – White:

- No report.

E. Judicial – D'Angola:

- The Judicial Committee has been reviewing club constitutions and class bylaws.
- FERPA release forms and eligibility checks were put in mailboxes today.
- To be eligible for Senate you must not be on anything worse than disciplinary probation, or on any of the three levels of academic contract.
- There were concerns, but we are going to continue to use the FERPA release form.
- They need to be back in by next Tuesday and the information is on the cover letter.

F. Elections – Kauffman:

- **Simpson:** We had a great turnout with voting for Homecoming.
- Congratulations Katy Kauffman on being crowned Homecoming Queen.

- We had a small problem with sashes, but it was fixed.
- **Kauffman:** I am revamping a position that is already in place and not used and they will be Members of the Rights and Responsibilities Board. They will not be on the board, but will be there as a Senate representative and will not be involved in the actual judicial process.
- **Schneider:** We have a Peer Board with five people and we sit in on hearings for students who have received points or who have an alleged violation. We take the information from that hearing and meet with Kat Matic and she has final say. We deal with issues other than alcohol as well.
- **Kauffman:** You will have to fill out an application and then Kat Matic will work with me to select members. *Takes Volunteers.*
- Engaging Educators rewards educators for engaging students both in and outside of the classroom. Certificates are awarded at faculty assembly in front of their peers.
- If you have a faculty member who you would like to acknowledge for their efforts, I will be taking nominations. You can also nominate on the Senate website, or e-mail the Senate account.
- Nominations: Schiding, McDevitt, Greenberg, Timetsky, Lorenzen, Jaughen,
- Students not in Senate are encouraged to nominate professors as well.

G. Publicity and Marketing – Smith:

- Thank you for everything during homecoming.
- We had five teams sign up for photo Hunt and two teams turned in their cameras. We'll be awarding them next week.
- Thank you all for making posters.
- The bulletin board in mail services has a list of the equipment going into the updated Bodyshop. It's coming within the next few weeks.
- If you have a problem with your polo shoot me a photo
- The concerns Table was overlooked, and I apologize, but we are working on student concerns at the moment.
- Tuesday, November 17 is the next concerns table.
- Please read the Etownian. There are articles about the Diversity Plan, Homecoming, and a specific article on Senate. We are working on addressing those concerns as well.
- We will list class Senate information on the website, so if you want to list anything from Homecoming or upcoming events, let me know.
- We have new members of Passport, so they will be in Campus Connections soon.
- There is a button on the homepage for additional Budget requests forms.
- We are working on a page of what Senate has done this year.
- For Trick or Treat 2009 we have 16 groups signed up and we will have a table for the Christmas Tree Lighting.
- The deadline for table sign-ups is tomorrow at 5p.m. at the latest.
- All tables should have candy or a trinket to hand out to the kids and then clubs are encouraged to have information to hand out to the parents.
- We are not sure how many children to expect, but we have hung up flyers all around town where children may frequent.
- *Point of Clarification:* This event was a direct response of Club Council asking for more connections within the community, not Senate trying to program more.
- **Isaak:** Green Gables, one of the original SDLCs, used to have a Trick or Treat night and it was a great relationship for the Town and Gown relationship.
- We do not want to get defensive about the Etownian article. We know that some students have adverse opinions about Senate and we would like to address those rather than get defensive about them.

Administrative Reports

A. Student Life –Calenda:

- Homecoming weekend went well.

- The floats were beautiful.
- B. Campus Security – Boyer:**
- There was one disturbing incident during Homecoming: Two female students found an unconscious male partially laying in Lake Placida. He was an alum who was so intoxicated that he passed out at the lake. If he had not been found he most likely would have been the first alcohol related fatality on this campus.
 - Other than that incident we had a very successful Homecoming.
- C. Residence Life – Bridgeman:**
- We have started piloting an online housing selection model.
 - We are working on getting feedback at the moment and you'll hear more about it soon.
- D. Center for Student Success –Isaak:**
- As a result of student input we have set aside from 3-4p.m. daily as a walk-in time for students.
 - Kerry Slater unfortunately cannot make it to Senate, but she is anxious to meet you.
 - The Capitol Region Internship Fair is Tuesday October 27 at Penn State Harrisburg Capitol Union Building from 10 to 3p.m.
 - Dress well and bring your resume. Questions about the event can be directed to Career Services.
- E. Office of Student Wellness and Campus Health – Spayd: [As reported by Calenda]**
- 41 students have gone home and 10 are self-isolating with influenza-like illnesses right now.
 - Students who are not sick are concerned with where to place self-isolating students.
 - After fall break students seemed to be getting much sicker more quickly.
 - It is not mandatory to go to the clinic, but please self-isolate or go home if you are sick and let Eileen Wagner know so that they can notify Residence Life and Kris Sagun so that you are not assumed to be missing.
 - If fever cannot be contained by Tylenol or ibuprofen or a cough that hurts, please see a medical professional.
 - Wash hands from 15 to 30 seconds and use hand sanitizers.
 - There are some flu kits in The Well, but with the temperature drop it was too cold to have an employee there.
 - Students are not getting help because they don't want to be sent home due to concerns about missing classes. **Spayd:** Professors have been asked to excuse those students who are ill and professors will be notified once the student lets Eileen know that they will be isolated or going home.
 - There was a rumor that University Physicians Group is charging a new patient fee of \$100. **Spayd:** There are students who are being billed and this is due to the change with insurance policies and whether or not they are covered.
 - Students are still seeing Marge, but now they are being charged and have not been before. **Spayd:** She is an employee of UPG, but I will take that concern to UPG. Please do not panic, and bring this to the attention of Eileen. The bill should have gone home to parents and not to students so that it could be handled by insurance. The process is more complicated and now that billing has gone out these issues are arising.
 - Is there a new patient fee? **Spayd:** I will check on that.
 - Students assume that if UPG takes their insurance card then they will take their insurance and that is not the case. **Spayd:** I will let them know to make students aware and help students with that. There would be options such as seeing Eileen first or visiting a different physician in the area.
 - If we don't have insurance through the school, can our insurance be sent to health services? **Spayd:** The business office has sent that information to Eileen, and with these layers of billing I will bring this to her attention.
 - Do parents get copies of the bill? **Spayd:** They should, but I will confirm that.

- **Calenda:** I'd welcome a representative from Student Senate to sit in on a meeting between Sandy and myself in early November to have a student voice there.
- If a student is to go see Eileen they will not be charged.
- Two of the four healthcare providers are down with influenza-like illnesses right now.
- What is Eileen's role? **Spayd:** Eileen can help students who are not sure if they need to see doctors or not.
- Some students have asked to see Eileen and have been sent straight to doctors. **Spayd:** I will bring that up because that should not happen. If they ask to see Eileen then they should be sent to her.
- All E-town students are sent to the left side and should be asked if they would like to see Eileen first.
- New staff is constantly being trained to make things easier for students.
- When a student calls we try to direct them to Eileen, and I appreciate feedback about this since some students don't know who to contact.
- Isolated situations can be e-mailed to spayds@etown.edu
- If a student calls for Eileen and is picked up by a UPG employee then the message will be given to Eileen and she will get back to them.

Student Comments

- Is it possible to get parking one night a week for students with field-work early in the morning? **Boyer:** I have requests often and I can't make exceptions, I'm sorry.
- Thank you for changing the cereal dispensers in the cafeteria and making them ambidextrous.
- Recycling has not been put into the library since it never gets picked up, but facilities has been contacted about picking it up.
- Ron Heasley fixed the computers so that full time students will no longer be limited to an hour.
- Thank you to Campus Security for showing up quickly to Royer for the two early morning fire alarms on Monday morning.
- Students are being notified about the shower-heads in Founders and why we went with that company, but facilities may be able to shed more light on that and
- The response time for the fire alarm in the South Apartments yesterday was extremely slow. **Boyer:** The individuals responsible are being addressed.
- Facilities is having more hand sanitizers installed in computer labs and at strategic points around campus.
- The issue with the light between Zug and Wenger has been passed on and should be addressed.

Committee Reports

- At the Borough Council meeting a comment was made about students parking incorrectly on public streets. Bainbridge will most likely be permit only sometime in the near future. Please pass the word along to be conscious of how you park if in a residential area; park close to the curb, with the flow of traffic, and keep distance between cars and driveways.
- The Traditions Committee has been working hard with the Christmas Lighting Ceremony. We are putting on more lights this year than last year and facilities is looking into getting more lights.
- We will have a Santa Clause the day of or the day before the ceremony to give away candy canes.

Old Business

A. Off Campus Update

- We have had some focus groups.
- The first group was Wednesday and we addressed concerns that had not been addressed yet, developed feedback, and thought about questions for next week's Senate meeting.

- The focus groups are invitation only, but you can send me suggestions.
- Next week's meeting will include the Borough Patrol and Liquor Control Enforcement.
- 20 minutes will be given to those two groups (10 minutes apiece) and then the rest of the time will be Q&A between students and those representatives with Caroline Lalvani as the mediator.

New Business

A. School Spirit at Athletic Games Discussion –

- This discussion is about how to create more unity and school spirit at athletic games.
- Nancy Latimore, Abbie Heller, and Matt Toressani, Krystal Talley have all been invited to help us with this.
- We have discussed making shirts that could be worn to multiple sporting events.
- SAMS may be creating shirts for the basketball games.
- Concern that there has been a decrease in participation among students at athletic events. There is no home field advantage.
- We are stretching ourselves thin with how many events we have but we should strive to have a higher turnout at games.
- Two years ago, Exec Cab discussed a Midnight Madness for the start of basketball season, and we could look into that for other sports, or future years.
- It is more fun to play when people attend the game and it's more of an adrenaline rush.
- We would have theme nights for our sports games.
- SWEET has offered to put their name on certain games to try to increase attendance.
- We are working on the Pink Out game: Field Hockey vs. Arcadia this Saturday at 1p.m.
- Colleges Against Cancer is working with sports teams as well to do things at half time.
- The first men's basketball game is November 15.
- The Cheerleaders would be happy to cheer at games other than just basketball.
- JMU has a fight song that is sung before every game and the freshmen get t-shirts with the fight song upside down so they can look down as see the words.
- The Traditions Committee can look into that after the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony.
- Alumni are disgusted with student participation. We need to come up with a game plan on what is and is not allowed to be said during a game.
- The class of 2009 had a class night two years ago where each class had a color and they came to the game to cheer on their classmates in the game. We also had fowl towels. This was met with resistance from the athletic department, so we need to work together.
- GEARs nights at the high school games. We need to involve the community as well.
- Could we have ECTV sponsor a competition so that the team with the most spirit at a game will get on T.V. the most.
- Maybe P&M could make posters for the games.
- Basketball would be a great place to start since their season hasn't started yet. Spread the word, get people to wear a certain color. We could make a Facebook group, have a list of chants, and build off of there. It would be a Cat Pack.
- A group of students should start a Facebook group, but we need more of a grassroots effort. We need a group of students who would take it upon themselves to get people to attend the games.
- Having the athletes themselves promote the games would help too.
- It would not be wise to create an athletics committee within Senate, but we will work closely with SWEET, the athletics department, and the cheerleaders.
- We need to create a Booster Club to promote sports.
- There is an athletics committee which is has senators who sit in on it.

- Students don't have time to go to games.
- Working with professors would be a lot harder than working with the athletics department.
- Could we look into Friday night games?
- Look into a bus or a shuttle for certain games that could charge a dollar and then paint faces for a little bit, and then cheerleaders would cheer on the bus.
- Our first goal should be to get students to attend home games and publicity with banners and interaction with athletes could help bring people out to home games.
- A pep band could really help raise spirit at the games.
- The athletics department will be happy to help support these activities. The best bet is to contact Nancy Latimore. A Booster Committee is a great idea.
- We have the Blue Jay Athletic Association which includes many alumni and a student booster club could fall under that association and then help be supported by that association.
- Could we use the scroll-thingy in the BSC (it's under the jurisdiction of OSA) to announce the daily games.
- Could we put a scroll-thingy in the cafeteria?
- The LCD T.V. that we are working on for the BSC would ultimately announce sports games.
- The LCD could be in the Marketplace and funded by another group and controlled by a Student Group.
- Long-term, teams would like a field house and that would help participation.
- Each sport could have a booster club headed by alumni.
- The upperclassmen need to teach the underclassmen cheers and get the underclassmen to come out to events so that we can pass these things along to future underclassmen.
- The first step should be a big group meeting on campus to bring people and ideas together.
- Could we work with the Blue Jay mascot to promote events in the BSC? Kathy Staib, Assistant Director of Athletics, is in charge of the Blue Jay.

B. SGA presentation –

- A few students are starting to entertain the idea of creating a student government.
- A Senate is a solely legislative body. We have judicial, programming, and executive bodies, which a Senate should not have.
- The Government would have branches to encompass all groups and increase communication across all boards with groups such as SWEET, OSA, etc.
- We are looking at it as students outside of Student Senate, not as Senators.
- It would have a representative from Club Council, OSA, CRA, etc. coming together to look at this possibility.
- There would be changes within Senate.
- *SGA layout presented*
- This is the way our entire campus governs right now.
- Senate should not be a programming body as we are now; we should be solely a legislative body.
- Our strategic plan calls for us to move toward a Student Government.
- We do have a timeline; this year is a legislative year, next year is the year for policy, and the third year would be for implementation.
- This is not Senate trying to expand power.
- This would make committee involvement better and allow communication to be clearer and easier.
- The focus group would look at sizes of groups in other schools, especially with Senate, since the Senate used to be much smaller.
- There would still be smaller internal committees within Senate, but Senate would be much smaller and people would be involved in different ways.

- This would streamline the process.
- Senate would be adapted to fit this model. We, as Senate, would not be moving into these positions.
- This focus group will have representatives from Club Council, OSA, CRA, Senate, the Community, etc. The focus group would research other student governments, see how those bodies work, and what would work here at Elizabethtown.
- Most groups would operate similarly to how they do now, but they would have that Chair or Liaison to help with communication.
- **Shenk:** I move to extend the meeting until names have been gathered for the focus group. Second. *Motion passes.*
- *Names collected for focus group volunteers.*

Announcements

- Into the Streets is Saturday at 9a.m. The rain date is Sunday at 10a.m. If it is drizzling we will still be doing it. Wear your Senate t-shirt.
- 2011 will not be charging for the Leftover sale. The sale will be November 11 and we will have about 20 tables.
- Judicial Committee please keep an eye out for an e-mail tonight.
- If you want to be Santa see Amanda after the meeting.
- Kate Walsh is doing stand-up tonight at 8p.m. in Gobble.

Adjournment at 5:54 p.m.

Next Meeting

October 29 at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

Respectfully Submitted,

Caitlin Hitchens
Student Senate Secretary

Summary of Motions and Votes

- A. Motion to extend meeting until names were collected for SGA focus group – **Shenk** – Passes