



**Elizabethtown College  
Student Senate  
Minutes – October 27, 2011,**

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The meeting was called to order by **Frantz** at 3:48 p.m.

Opening Activity- *Peters and Myers*

Roll call was performed by **Sheeley**

Approval of Minutes (ECSS.01112.SS.006) – **Sheeley**

*Approved*

**Administrative Reports**

- A. Campus Security – Boyer:** No Report. **Post:** When does the gym close? **Boyer:** I believe they lock up at 11, but I'm not sure. **Post:** Who would I go to about that? **Boyer:** I would say the athletics. Talk to someone there.
- B. Center for Student Success- Davies:** From Stephanie Rankin, the last day to withdraw from a course is in two Fridays. The advising period has begun to begin looking at classes for next semester. **Whitlock:** If you withdraw and are failing, what happens? **Davies:** It shows up as a W.F., but it won't count toward your GPA.

**Executive Cabinet Reports**

- A. President – Frantz:** We had a resignation by Kaitlin Koons this week. I hope you all brought things for strategic planning today. Remind people about the Messiah game this weekend even if you do not agree with the policy. The medical amnesty group will be giving their first report today. If you have stuff in the senate office, you need to clean it up. This weekend was the board of trustees meeting. Friday morning I went to the student affairs committee. There were four presentations by different groups. There was a strategic planning meeting about the mix of academic programs. On Saturday, there was a discussion on the book the first-years read. We talked about the inclusive excellence update. We also discussed some of the past renovations and future ones.
- B. Vice President – Farnish:** No Report
- C. Secretary – Sheeley:** No Report
- D. Treasurer – Wideman:** I got our budget and its \$47, 183.76. My committee and I approved 3 requests that just have to be approved by Dean Calenda.
- E. Judicial – Clemens:** Today is the last day to request a Constitution.
- F. Elections – LaChance:** Petitions for the open positions are available outside the senate office. I'm going to try to have the first-year petitions due Monday.
- G. Publicity and Marketing – McCrary-McClain: Peters:** Tonight is the Trick or Treat event, rain or shine. It's still outside. **Frantz:** Donte gave me a sheet to pass around to find students to go to club meetings.

**Old Business**

**A. Committee Updates**

- a. Advisory Committee- Gockley:** We met this morning. They are trying to give diversity a broader meaning to include the whole campus. They are trying to move forward a day of Diversity conference to promote it.
- b. Academic Council- Graham:** We've been going over academic proposals. We've approved 4 so far. We are working on the academic calendars as well. We approved renaming WRI's to GWR. They want to take it up to two courses for it. **Davies:** Was there any mention of a four credit ASL

course? **Graham:** No, I don't think so. It may be pending. **Clemens:** Since the faculty voted on it, do you want our opinion? **Graham:** I would like what you have to say on it. **Flanagan:** I think we should limit the number of core classes that we need to take. **Clemens:** I agree, I don't think we should raise it. **Lynch:** I think a good solution would be to make the classes more intensive if that's what they want. **Frantz:** I agree with Colin. I wouldn't want to add another course. When will the name change be public? **Graham:** I believe it will next year. **Clemens:** I took a WRI that seemed more legitimate than other WRI's, so maybe they could focus on making them all equal. **Davies:** I would suggest the same thing. One of the purposes of the first year seminars is to teach college level writing, so maybe they could make them GWRs. Encourage the council to support a full time writing center.

- c. **Integrity Committee- Preivity:** We hung the pledge of integrities in the mail room. Next we are going to the FYS's to talk to students about not plagiarizing.
- d. **Medical Amnesty- Post and Galanek:** We will have the draft next week. The policy is to increase the likelihood that a student will call if they need help. We looked into a study by Cornell University. The schools we're looking at to develop our own draft include Gettysburg, Emerson, Dartmouth, NYU, Lafayette, and Misericordia, just to name some. They all vary from each other to draft the best policy. We've contacted Kat Matic and Sandy Spayd for information. We'd like to involve the Dean and Campus Security as well. Our committee will be meeting on Tuesday at 7 pm to make the first draft. **Preivity:** In the study, what did it include? **Galanek:** One of the most common reasons for not calling for help was fear of getting the student in trouble. **Frantz:** I move for a five minute recess. **Lacaille:** Second. **Frantz:** It's approved.

#### **New Business**

- A. **Discussion on Campus Community Working Group- Frantz:** We have two co-chairs, John Rohrkemper and Nancy Florey, here to hear student's opinions on how to better the campus community. **Farkas:** With campus connections, the majority of students do not read them. Maybe look into different avenues of contact to get information out. **Rohrkemper:** We all agree on that. There has been a lot of thought put into it and we are trying to work on that. **Galanek:** I do read the security specific emails, so maybe try to match that. **Raffensperger:** Specific emails with one or two points would be better and easier to tackle. **Rohrkemper:** One thing I was thinking about was having an electronic calendar that would list everything on it that you could access. **Peters:** The office of communications has been working on that. **Flanagan:** What about maybe doing a blog that had everything? **Whitlock:** For now, maybe list the headings first and could see what they want to read. **Talley:** Could you change the format because I don't get all of it on my phone? **Desmond:** Where I worked this summer, they put headings on the emails that were more fun and inviting, like an electronic newspaper. **Whitlock:** Maybe being able to associate the Jay's Nest with your meal plan, like one meal a day. **Farkas:** We were talking about departmental relationships. I think communication between them would be better to try and make things work for students. **Gockley:** Make sure there are updated building plans for selecting rooms. **Rohrkemper:** We discussed things about making floors and buildings more cohesive. Do you prefer moving buildings every year? **Frantz:** I think if all the buildings were the same and up to date that would be better. **Myers:** I don't like the way that the block rooms off for freshman before we pick. **Post:** I thought when I first came that I would be more involved with my floor, but there really aren't any interactions between the people on the floors. A lot of people get frustrated because they feel like they can't solve anything when they go to residence life. **Lynch:** It's not all bad. I've had a good experience. **Desmond:** My one issue is their security in the dorm. I don't think the RA's are doing their job when they are on duty. There should be a system with dorm security. **Farkas:** I like that we have the relaxed atmosphere here and that we can leave our door unlocked. **Boyer:** I don't know how many times I've gone to people's rooms for thefts that leave their door unlocked. **Lachance:** Every year, they set a limit to how many students can move off campus for the next year. And, every year they realize that they need more upper classmen to move off campus because they need more room for housing of freshmen. I think if someone wants to live off campus, they should be allowed to. **Goslin:** I think the freshmen survey sent out to assign roommates should be improved. **Graham:** I like that people can come into the dorms without checking in. If you feel uncomfortable; you can go to your RA. **Clemens:** I've been to the one forum meeting. I think we need to improve technology and communication on campus. I think the problems arise because there isn't an efficient way to have information flow throughout campus. **Lacaille:** I think Residence Life should work more with admissions to fix the issue of how many rooms they need and how many people they can let off campus. **Rohrkemper:** Some schools

have a house system where faculties live in the residence halls. **Peters:** It may be beneficial for some situations, but I feel that it would be difficult for faculty and their children. **Boyer:** Basically that's what you have now with area coordinators. **Flanagan:** It's hard enough to get to the dorms we want to be in now, so that would make it much harder. **Bono:** I think if a student wanted that, they could live in a community. Going off of the housing contract being so difficult, that should be made clearer to freshmen so they know what they are getting in to. **Clemens:** Founders was built to also have classes. I would caution against having buildings like that. **Lacaillade:** Another problem is that, with releasing people, not your entire group is released and it causes problems. They should release people in groups. **Flanagan:** I think if we buy up the houses around the community for student housing, it would help eliminate alcohol and noise problems. **Raffensperger:** Dealing with lease and deadlines with getting that information to school is difficult. **Post:** I think we're at a tipping point with how many students are coming. There is just no other place to put people. **Lacaillade:** I think they should assist people approved to move off campus to find a place to live, like having guidelines and such. **Peters:** I like that. Career services could also help with that too. **Post:** I think that we see all the problems between the departments and the faculty don't realize it and that it affects us. Mostly with non academic departments. **Clemens:** Work on the learning process for students throughout the entire experience. Staff should work closer with faculty. **Farkas:** Do you know any plans for future renovations? **Frantz:** I just know the dam and continuing dorm renovations. **Rohrkemper:** I'm sure Brian and Donte would like to get more ideas throughout the semester.

#### **Student Comments**

None

#### **Announcement**

- **Lacaillade:** Happy Birthday to Laura Farnish, Alex Wildberger, Wayne Gross, and Ryan Serdenes.
- **Lynch:** Allison Bridgeman and I have been talking about the bike shelters with models I gave her. She's working with facilities about the cost and locations to put them and any renovations. There are a lot of sporting events this weekend and you should all go.
- **Talley:** Class 2012 and Traditions stay after.
- **Clemens:** RA's in Brinser are going to be taking residents out to learn about finding apartments and such. Let me know if you would like to go with us.
- **Lachance:** I want to thank dining services and all who participated for the dinner last night.

#### **Adjournment at 5:05 p.m.**

#### **Next Meeting**

November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Keelyan Sheeley**  
**Student Senate Secretary**

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