



ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE

Minutes –16th of September 2010

Hoover 212

ECSS.01011.P.003.A

- I. Call to Order- **Natividad** (3:48PM)
- II. Opening- **Carroll and Mellott**
- III. Roll Call- **Perko**
- IV. Approval of Minutes (ECSS.01011.SS.003)- **Perko**
Minutes Approved as Corrected
- V. Administrative Reports
 - a. Student Life- **Dean Calenda**
Calenda- No formal report. I will take any and all questions. Thank you for letting me attend the retreat, it was a pleasure to get to know you all.
 - b. Campus Security- **Assistant Director Dale Boyer**
Boyer- Skunk issue was addressed and directed to facilities. There was a gentleman standing on the corner of Schlosser handing out religious information. Technically it was Borough property, so it was legally out of our jurisdiction.
 - c. Office of Student Wellness and Campus Health- **Director Sandy Spayd**
Spayd- Flu Shots will be available, please look for more information about that. The Gardasil vaccine will be give to the first 100 students that sign up for free. We will be advertising that soon. Our first blood drive of the year is set to occur on Tuesday September 28th. On that note, we would like to consider a co sponsorship with Senate for a future blood drive.
Post- Is the Well up and running during normal hours? **Spayd**- Yes, Monday through Friday it is open from 10:00AM-1:00PM and then 3:00-7:00PM and 1:00PM-3:00PM on Saturdays. We have had people stop by regularly. **Taylor**- Are students guaranteed all 3 shots? **Spayd**- If you haven't completed the series, we will work with you to get the rest of the shots that are you are missing.

d. Center for Student Success- **Stephanie Dixon-**

Dixon- Counseling Services has an emergency hour from 3:00-4:00PM every day. Academic Advising is seeing a heavy flow in students right now. Tonight in the Kav in the BSC there is an Accounting Night from 4:30-7:00PM. It is a great opportunity to network. Disability Services is seeing quite a line for tutors. If you hear of anyone have difficulties navigating the services, please let the department know. We are here to help students. **Hitchens-** Thank you for rotating through the department, I think it's great that we get to meet all of you.

VI. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. President- **Natividad**

Natividad-Spoke with Dr. Koz more in depth about the research project. I have received a few e-mails from Senators about serving on Dean's Council and Parking Appeals Committee. Jenn is working on the rest of the committee appointments. You should hear about the appointments by Friday to those two committees. We will be sending representatives from Senate to a leadership conference on Saturday November 13th. It will be for a small group of student Senators. If you are interested, please send an e-mail to the Senate account and we will send you an application. CAEP is a new student group that deals with service in impoverished areas. They are looking for anyone with a financial background, like a treasurer or someone with a mathematics background. E-mail Stephanie Diaz for more information. The trip they sponsor will be over the majority of Spring Break. This past week I talked to one of the Etownian editors. Last year we they posted a snippet of the Minutes in different editions of the newspaper. We will try to accomplish this again this year.

b. Vice President- **Hitchens**

Hitchens- -Retreat- Thanks to Dean Calenda for coming to the retreat. If you would like to start a leadership journal please see Dean Calenda. We will continue this at senate dinner. The retreat survey due by next Thursday in my mailbox or at the meeting. I believe everyone has a gas card. There is a lost and found in the Senate office with items of clothing that people left at retreat as well as other personal belongings. We need 2 clowns for the Homecoming parade. If you know anyone who is interested please let me know via e-mail. Campout was a success. Thank you all for being so flexible with moving to the Bird cage due to the scheduling conflict at the alumni house. There was a tie between the Class of 2011 and the International club. The campout cup goes to the Class of 2011. There is a lost and found in my apartment that is mostly made up of digital things like DVDs and USB drives. I would really like to return these to their original owners, so if you know of anyone who is missing something from the campout please direct them to the Senate account or my personal e-mail account. Registration packets for Homecoming tables for clubs are due by: Monday September 27th. The fair is going to have a lot of new vendors this year that we are really excited about. **Simpson-** What is your mailbox number? **Hitchens-** It is 883.

c. Secretary- **Perko**

Perko- Please remember to use the sign in sign out sheet if you are leaving early or coming to the meeting late. Also, there is an informational sheet going on that has everyone's name, position, class, mail box #, cell phone number, birthday and any standing committees you are on. Please fill in the appropriate information as it is being passed around.

d. Treasurer- **Care**

Care- The treasurer's seminar went really well for the late notice that was given. If anyone has questions about budget requests, please direct them to send an e-mail to the Senate account.

e. Judicial Chairperson- **Lynch**

Lynch- Lynch- In previous years, a new senator orientation was done. Chris and I will be doing such a program this year. Senator Erin Pyne resigned. This past Tuesday Judicial Committee met, we are working with club constitutions. If you know of anyone who wants help or needs to submit a constitution have them get in touch with me.

f. Elections Chairperson- **Simpson**

Simpson- had an election this week. Congratulations to Nevin Brown and Lauren Vignes. We are having an election on September 28th. They are due by Monday September 27th at noon. Elections committee is meeting on the 21st. Sent an e-mail to everyone about what committees people are interested in. Pick your top 3 and have them back to me by Tuesday the 21st by 10pm. Send them to simpsonjc@etown.edu
Carroll- Where are we with about the i-clickers and assigning names? **Simpson-** Talked to Ron Heasley about it, but we can work on this later in the semester. **Peters-** Can we print the committee interest sheets out and give them to you? **Simpson-** Sure!

g. Publicity and Marketing Chairperson- **McCrary-McClain**

McCrary-McClain- This is an update about the Passport Program, I have contacted all of the different outlets, ECTV, the radio and the newspaper to advertise the program. The Halloween event will be held on Thursday October 28th. We will have a fire truck, costume contest and a ghost story telling. We are currently working on reserving locations. We would also like to link the Halloween event with the Christmas Tree ceremony in terms of advertising. If you know of anyone who wants to be Santa please let me know. P&M committee met this week; we are trying to fix the Senate logo I will be meeting with someone from the Marketing department to try and work on this.
DiGrazia- It might be cool to have President Long do the ghost story telling.

VII. Old Business

a. ECSS:01011.EL.001

Natividad- As a reminder this is debate on the legislation that was presented at last week's meeting. Everyone will get a chance to speak twice during debate. I will be taking a speaker's list, so if you raise your hand I will signal that I have written down your name.

Simpson- First of all I would like to apologize for last week if I did not accurately explain the legislation. This is not anything personal, it is something that came out of people in the past who have been "placeholders" in Senate and they don't really want to be there. I don't know if anyone is familiar with what happened last year with the Class of 2012. At the end of last year we had two students run for 6 rep. positions. This legislation articulates the belief that by having fewer spots, it would spark competition for the seats. At campaign this past spring, we did not have a good turn out for elections for any class. We just want to make sure people really want to be in it. I think that everyone should be on the same page with the numbers, and that if this passes it will be in effect for the 2011-2012 term for next year. So, with that being said does anyone have any questions about the legislation? Okay, we will now move into debate. The whereas statements are still the same, regardless of the emotional language they are not included in the actual changes to the documents. **Howson-** I've been asking my fellow first year classmates about the legislation. I've received 7 I don't cares, 8 no's and 3 yes's. I am opposed to this because my class had so many people run for positions at Campaign and I think that showed a lot of interest in Senate. **Simpson-** Is there any debate for? **Hitchens-** Who do we address when speaking? **Natividad-** The chair, who during this debate is **Simpson**. **Desmond-** I am skeptical of the legislation. Regardless of the wording of the whereas statements, ultimately they serve as a precursor to the legislation to come. There should be backing and research behind the legislation. Furthermore I feel that the purpose of our senate is to advocate for students rights. I think that 8 people is a more efficient number. If we limit ourselves we won't receive as many ideas and it will limit us. I am not convinced that this legislation is beneficial as written. I move to table this legislation for another week to so that it can go back to committee and come back next week with changes. **Carroll-** Just as a reminder, there are two minutes per speaker per debate speech. **Natividad-** Hannah made a motion, she needs a second. **Howson-** Second. **Simpson-** Questions about the motion? **Post-** If we have questions is this the time to ask them on the motion or the legislation? **Simpson-** This is the time to ask questions on the motion. **Calenda-** Just bear in mind that if you delay the decision, the Board of Trustees may not be able to receive it in time to review it for the fall meeting. **Natividad-** When does the Board of Trustees need the legislation by? **Calenda-** Due the first week of October. **Clemens-** When is the next meeting after the October one? **Calenda-** The student affairs committee doesn't always meet in January, but that is an option. The next concrete opportunity would be April. *Debate on Desmond's Motion-* **Flannigan-** I think this should be discussed a little more, if there was a week to clarify the legislation I would be in favor of it. **Taylor-** I am opposed to this motion. I think that there was more than enough time to review the legislation. It was presented last week, and then sent out via e-mail more than once. **Hitchens-** Tabling this for a week isn't going to do anything or change anything else. **Desmond-** I withdraw my motion. **Carroll-** Just as a reminder, please refrain from circle talking, if your point has already been made, don't restate it. **Lynch-** Something that we need to remember is that these meetings as well as class meetings area also generally open. We don't want someone to just be called a Senator. We want them to be active within both Class Senate and big Senate. Limiting the number will essentially increase the activity of the each Senator. There are still 10 Senators per class,

plus the 7 in Executive Cabinet makes for more than enough members to carry out Senate's responsibilities. **Ashe**- I would like to speak against the legislation. Passion varies per senator. There are projects that give everyone the opportunity to participate. Regardless of the wording in the legislation, there will still be bad blood in the future of Senate if this is passed, because essentially people will be competing for their seats next year. **Hitchens**- I am going to speak for it. I presented highly emotional legislation last year regarding the alcohol policy that rivaled this. In the past we have dealt with getting people to join Senate and stay in Senate. Despite a college's size, most schools don't have a large Senate. It's supposed to be a competition to get into the body. **Post**- We are worried about the image of how people are looking at Senate now. We will seem elitist, if the number of senators decreases by two in every class. This will impact the classes negatively because there will still be a lot of work to do, but with less people. With 8 representatives, you're looking at talking to about 62 people a day, by decreasing by two Senators that number will increase by a lot. We are supposed to be advocating student rights; we can't efficiently do this with fewer Senators than what we have now. **Taylor**- It's a means to fix a larger issue at hand. Maybe Senate is the problem, not the number of people. We need to address why people aren't running. **Ashe**- Just to clarify, I am not attacking the emotion of the language of the legislation. Competition is a necessary part of Senate. However with this legislation, the unity among class senates may disappear. If we are concerned that class Senators are not carrying their weight, then we should utilize the Judicial committee and the system of judicial review that is in place. **Kunkle**- What happens if those 6 people elected don't want to be there, then you are stuck with them? That isn't useful for anyone. **Post**- We have to look at the first year class as an example. This year was an odd year in terms of running, there weren't as many people running for positions as in previous years. It is a popularity contest, and by cutting down that number we are eliminating potential candidates. Maybe if we work on publicizing Campaign more before that fact that could be helpful in getting students who are passionate about what we do more involved in Senate. **Flannigan**- Idealistically this solves the logical problem. People are voting by whether they know you, not what you do. As for a previous point, I don't think we should be conforming to other schools. For how large our body is, we function very well. How many people from outside come to see our meetings? Not very many. Maybe if we can encourage more people to come to meetings we can express this to the student body and in turn get more people involved. **Lynch**- Quorum is 2/3 of our functioning majority. Also as a reminder, time commitment of any Senator cannot be questioned in debate. **Howson**- We should be voting on who people are, and what they do to get into Senate. One of the big problems that I see is that people don't know what Senate does. I think that we should work harder to get the information out there. These two issues go hand in hand and should be tackled that way. **Simpson**- Just to clarify the acronyms, SGA stands for Student Government Association and SGP stands for the Student Governments of Pennsylvania. **Graham**- How often is quorum not met? **Natividad**- Over the years, we've noticed that it becomes more of an issue during the spring semester with an increase in student athletes and student teaching. **Lynch**- Last year for the Class of 2012 we actively tried to get people to run for Senate. By decreasing Senators, we can increase the amount of campaigning that people have to do to get in to the body. On another note, Judicial review is always an option if someone isn't doing their job. Don't forget to utilize the committees we have here in Senate. **White**- I call the question. **Care**- Second. **Simpson**- Can we finish the speakers list? **Sheeley**- I am personally opposed to it. With the use of the survey and the help of Dr. Koz's class, we can learn how to

better inform our student body about Senate. The lack of participation is a problem that comes out of a lack of knowledge. **Taylor-** Why wasn't the question called? **Natividad-** New people wanted to speak during debate. **LaChance-** I think that this legislation could change the mindset of Senators and therefore increase participation within Senate. **Mc-Crary-McClain-** Remember to speak up when talking during debate. **Rosser-** I am opposed to this legislation. In the long run, this might be a good idea. But my mindset is right now is that if someone is just holding a seat, then use the judicial process to take care of it. **Fauntleroy-** If we get rid of two Senators can they still be on class senate? **Hagerty-** I was added sort of as a place holder and as time has gone on I think it turned out really great. **Clemens- Point of Clarification.** What committee is this from? **Shields-** This was an initiative from Strategic Plan, but it was written by the Elections Committee. **Douglas-** Are we shooting down the strategic plan in turning down this legislation? **Shields-** There could be other ways to address the problems that the legislation meant to talk about but, if anyone has any other suggestions we are open to them. **Clemens-** I think that we should be concrete in our convictions and or opinions with this legislation. As president I cannot back this legislation because as part of my job I delegate to my class. We need manpower and this would be getting rid of two senators. **Hitchens-** I think that we need to look at this for who is coming to Senate in the future. Our positions are not secure from year to year to begin with. Please don't think that this is new legislation. This is just the first year it has come to fruition. **Clemens-** Questioning some people's dedication to Senate. I didn't think that was part of debate to begin with. In terms of competition, what happens to the class that had the level of competition to begin with? We need to be most efficient in advocating for student rights. By reducing the manpower we will be hurting Senate as a whole in the end **Hitchens- Point of Clarification-** We will not be kicking people out at the end of the semester **Ashe-** That could be debate **Post-** I move to temporarily suspend Standing Rules 8.2.5. Seconded by **Howson.** Questions, Debate: **Care-** I am against this motion because we are already working into circle talk. **Desmond-** I am in favor of allowing everyone's opinions to be heard. **LaChance-** I am also in favor of this motion, because this debate is really important and I would like to hear what everyone has to say. **Post-** If you could speak more than twice, you could clarify the points that you brought up before. **Howson-** I agree with the previous statements in favor of this motion. **McCrary-McClain-** I am against this motion for the previous reasons stated. **Mellot-** I am against this motion for the reasons previously stated. **Sheeley-** I am for this motion because I would like to hear what people have to say. **Simpson-** We will now move in to a voice vote- division. We will now move to an iClicker vote. **Clemens-** Please sit down and be quiet and get ready to vote. **Donte-** Can you clarify vote? **Simpson-** Voting to suspend Standing Rule 8.2.5. **Simpson-** We will not be suspending the standing rules, the *motion does not carry.* **Carroll-** Since Mike called the question; we technically should not be in debate right now. This was never addressed. **Simpson-** We will do a vote with the i-clickers to decide if we want to continue the debate. **Simpson-** We will not be extending the debate. Since the question has been called, we will move to a vote. **Carroll-** Elections committee, since you have a vested interest in the legislation it is recommended that you abstain from this voice. **Howson-** What is the title of the legislation? **Simpson-** Amendment to the Constitution and Bylaws Article III. **Ashe-** Can you please clarify the voting options? **Simpson-** Yes, A is yes, B is no, and c is abstain. **Simpson-** This legislation fails, 10-33-4. **Natividad-** Thank you very much for your patience during debate. **Donte-** I believe that today was display of inefficiency. There was week to read the legislation and voice concerns. Please come prepared in the future.

VIII. New Business

a. Finance Committee- Junior Senator

Raffensperger nominates **Farnish**, accepts. **Moore** nominates **Brown**, accepts. Speeches, debate, vote. *Congratulations- Brown*. Point of Clarification **Ashe**- Every senator has to be on committee correct? **Simpson**- Yes, if they are not elected to a committee, they are appointed to one.

b. Elections Committee- Senior Senator

Ashe nominates **Galanek**, declines. **Post** nominates **Hagerty**, declines. **Taylor** nominates **Carroll**, accept. Speeches, debate, vote. *Congratulations- Carroll*

Care- I move to open would like to add an item of new business to the agenda. I would like to open a discussion about the efficiency of Senate and encourage everyone to vote in favor of this motion.

Howson- Second. Questions. **Post**- Can we make this an ad-hoc committee to address this? **White**-

Would that then be the job of the quorum committee? **Simpson**- No, because that only looked at

classes and it did not look at participation. **Care**- Can I amend my motion? **Natividad**- Yes. **Care**- I

would like to add a fifteen minute cap to the discussion. **Farkas**- Second. Questions. Debate- **Taylor**- I

think this is a great idea, but I think that we should discuss it as a class first and then come back in a

week. **Carroll**- This is debate on the 15 minute amendment. **Rosser**- Point of Clarification- What is the

15 minutes? **Natividad**- Just debating about having the 15 minute discussion or not having it. **Post**-

Confused. **Care**- I withdraw all of my motions. **Care**- I move to have a 15 minutes discussion about

Senate efficiency. **Clemens**- Second. Questions. Debate. **Post**- I like the idea of being able to talk about

these issues, but I think it should be done in a smaller committee first and or class senate. **Mellott**- I

agree with the previous Senator's comment. **Care**- I would like to speak today about this while the ideas

are still fresh in everyone's head. **Simpson**- Regardless of how the vote on this motion turns out, it is

vital that everyone talks about this is class senate. **Landis**- I am in favor of this motion, we can talk

about it now and then bring it back to class senate and speak about it about next week. **Clemens**- I

agree with the previous Senator's comments. **Douglass**- I call the question. **Hitchens**- Second. **Carroll**-

Any questions so far? **Natividad**- Voice vote, motion carries. The discussion will end at 5:41PM.

Natividad- I will take a speaker's list and open debate. **LaChance**- Are the guests allowed to speak? Can

your class bring suggestions to Senate so we can gather our opinions. **Shields**- In addressing **LaChance's**

comment the members of the research class are supposed to be a 3rd part bias, but tell your friends to

come and give us feedback. **Ashe**- If we really have issue with Senators not pulling their weight, and

then we really need to use our judicial system to take care of those problems. Passion is very important

to each Senator. **Flannigan**- Half of my original senate from my first year is gone. We need to be more

realistic with the first years and how senate is and the amount of responsibility that is involved. People

still don't know what we do; we need to improve that line of communication. **Natividad**- Just as a

general comment, please watch your language. **Landis**- One of the biggest issues today was the circle

talk. I really liked the Opening Activity because it helped me pay more attention to debate. **Taylor**- I

would like to thank Owen for going back to the student body and getting their opinions about the issues.

The classes should be divided and be accountable for a percentage of the students in their class. We

should all take initiative. **Shields**-In talking about class efficiency, the elections committee are talking to

Dr. Koz's class about efficiency in the survey please e-mail me about any questions that you would like to have included in the survey. **DiGrazia**- I like the idea of having some class senators that were not a part of senate as a whole but were accountable to class senate. We should look into this as a possibility. **Howson**- I agree with **DiGrazia's** idea of how to work with Senators to increase efficiency. **Clemens**- I think that a good idea would be dividing up class senators by buildings, like RA's so that those people are held accountable for passing along information to our fellow students. We should also rely on e-mail and electronic communication on a daily basis. Maybe the Presidents' of the classes and of Senate could temporarily appoint people to fill any spots instead of overwhelming elections committee. **Post**- We are talking about two very different things. Efficiency comes down to us doing better. In terms of helping us to get people to run, we need to focus on the future. Focus on the new class coming in and work very hard to make it a positive experience. **Howson**- Would the appointments be permanent for the semester of the year? **Clemens**- It would depend on the person. I was thinking that class senate could vote on that. **Moore**- Last night was our first class meeting. We decided to implement a system where each senator represents a dorm where students know they can go to and have concerns addressed. **Ashe**- We have to remember that policy and actual government takes a lot longer, we are moving at a pretty fast pace. Why don't we rotate mandatory members versus those who are optional to attend the weekly big Senate meeting? This would force classes to work together. **Gockley**- It would be a great help to be familiar to the rules, based on this meeting it seems like everyone could use a clarification in procedure. It might be beneficial to have everyone do New Senator orientation. **Peters**- Maybe P&M could do a video at Campaign about what Senate does and this might help first years decide to run. **Douglas**- Maybe we could do more than one year terms to go along the lines of continuity. **Simpson**- Since we are elected each year, we cannot do this the way the rules are now. **Natividad**- We have reached our 15 minute time limit. That was very efficient, thank you!

Student Comments

Landis- The lights by the quads are still out. **Natividad**- Anything with a lighting question should go to facilities. Please e-mail to workorder@etown.edu **White**- The Conestogan may not be in existence after this year. They would like our help. **Natividad**- I will look into that and contact the appropriate people. **Mellot**- I'm going to Borough council tonight, so if you have anything that you would like to be said please let me know. **Rosser**- Thanks for retreat! It was first time attending a fall retreat and I really enjoyed it. **Clemens**- There are two articles in the Etownian that address the international issue we talked about last week, and I think that it is still relevant and as a result we should be actively engaged in speaking with our fellow students and getting feedback and all the information we can.

Announcements

-Behounek- I would like to see all class presidents after the meeting! **DiGrazia**- The class of 2011 needs to meet briefly after the meeting. **Carroll**- I apologize for some of the confusion earlier in the meeting, if you have any questions or concerns about how the meeting was run today please see me or Colin after the meeting. Also, thank you for working with the opening activity! It went really well. **Care**- I challenge everyone to go out and talk to people. **Natividad**- **Landis**, your sleeping bag is in the Senate office; please get it as soon as possible. **Natividad**- Also, we are getting individual pictures taken

immediately following the meeting for the website. From now on we will be meeting downstairs in the Hoover lobby so that we can continue to be respectful of classes that are meeting until or during our meeting time. **Post-** Just to clarify, we are gathering downstairs and then meeting up here in our regular room Hoover 212.

Adjournment

-Natividad - 5:47PM

Next Meeting: Thursday September 30th, 2010 in Hoover 212

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Perko

Student Senate Secretary

Summary of Motions and Votes

-Desmond moved to table ECSS.01011.EL.001, seconded by **Howson**

-Desmond withdraws motion

-White called the question, seconded by **Care**

-Post moved to temporarily suspend Standing Rule 8.5.2, seconded by **Howson**

-Vote to suspend the standing rules- *motion failed*

-Vote on ECSS.01011.EL.001, legislation failed with a vote of 10-33-4

-Care moved to open a new discussion under New Business, seconded by **Howson**

-Care amended the aforementioned motion to include a cap of fifteen minutes for the proposed discussion.

-Care withdrew the motion and amendment

-Care moved to open a discussion about Senate's efficiency under New Business that would have a 15 minute time limit. Seconded by **Clemens**- *Motion Carried*