



ELIZABETHTOWN COLLEGE STUDENT SENATE
Meeting Agenda –4 November 2010

Hoover 212
 ECSS.01011.P.010.A

- I. Call to Order- *Natividad* (3:55PM)
- II. Opening- *Peters & Sheeley*
- III. Special Order of the Day- Harassment Discussion (20 minute time limit)
McGeary- A student was called a derogatory name while leaving the dorm. Another student has had demeaning pictures drawn on her white board outside her room.
Natividad- Have you heard anything else? **McGeary-** I have not. Personally, I feel safe physically and so do the students that I have talked to. The verbal comments are more of an issue right now. **Natividad-** Has anyone else heard of anything?
Clemens- The RA's in Founders have been notified of the incidents in a general sense. We have been told to keep an ear out. **McGeary-** Matt O'Neil has been very helpful, and has met with me twice. Diane Elliot has also been involved. Dean Calenda and I are also planning on meeting sometime in the near future. **Natividad-** Have any of these issues been brought to Campus Security? **Boyer-** Not to my knowledge. **Desmond-** We need to take these issues seriously. As a Senate we should work towards promoting tolerance in the residence halls. Maybe we could work with the RA's, since the dormitories are the primary area that the incidents are taking place in. **Clemens-** I would be curious to know if this has been a growing trend in this type of bullying on campus. **Natividad-** Dean Calenda, has this been an issue? **Calenda-** What exactly is the incident being discussed on the floor?
Natividad- Amanda had brought some specific issues dealing with harassment, but we are talking about harassment and bullying in the general sense now. **Calenda-** I am not aware of a specific trend. We have a special team that deals with issues like this. There was one issue so far this year that was handled through the Rights and Responsibilities Office; it skipped the designated diversity team. **Natividad-** I feel like a lot of incidents are not reported. **McGeary-** It's not a new issue, but recently it has gotten a lot of attention nationwide. I think people are more comfortable coming forward and being open about it. **DiGrazia-** What can we do to help? **McGeary-** As ALLIES, we do Safe-Zone training. We teach awareness and advocate for tolerance. **Natividad-** What is the next available time to be trained? **McGeary-** We will be doing it in the Spring Semester. This year we would like to expand the training and do one for faculty and one for students. **McMullian-** The main idea of Safe Zone Training is to promote awareness and how to react to someone who comes to you with a bullying problem. We are also helping to promote a positive image of diversity. **Ashe-** As Senate we might be able to help finance a project, but we are not a programming body. One idea for an event might be for everyone to moderate and correct your speech and the speech of others around you for one week. Then at the end of the week, you could give out a bracelet or something to reward them for their participation. **McGeary-** For National Coming out Day and National Day of Silence Day we have activities. **Natividad-** When is this? **McGeary-** It is sometime in April. **Natividad-** If you need any help with anything please let us know. **Knights-** Are students aware of the resources available to them? **McGeary-** We put that

information in the minutes. We have about 200 people in the e-mail distribution list, but some have graduated and some are from the community. We could look into publicizing the resources more. **McMullian**- Part of the issue is that people don't know that you don't have to be directly involved to report the incident. You would be advocating for those around you. **Merroth**- For people who aren't associated with ALLIES or aren't comfortable with coming out yet, maybe it can be better explained and made available to campus. **Clemens**- We should advocate for student responsibilities, we need to make sure that students respect each other and are made aware of the situation and are decent to each other. At least from my class, we would be willing to work with you to send an e-mail to the distribution list about resources and remind them about human decency. **Desmond**- Maybe we could look into doing something like **Ashe** has suggested, Maybe Exec. Cab. could look into this as a viable option. **LaChance**- Did you coordinate the wear purple day? **McGeary**- No, we tried to do Rainbow day earlier in the semester but, we did not get a good turnout. **LaChance**- Are you doing one of those days for next semester? **McGeary**- We could look into it. **LaChance**- One idea would be to pick a color and then sell t-shirts in that color to advocate for unity and acceptance. Anyone who didn't wear the determined color would then be considered the "outsider". **Natividad**- Please let me know if there is anything that Senate can do to help with future events.

IV. Roll Call- **Perko**

V. Approval of Minutes (ECSS.01011.SS.009)- **Perko** *Approved as Corrected*

VI. Administrative Reports

a. Student Life- **Dean Calenda**

Calenda- At the Board Of Trustees Mtg. I made a presentation to about strategic initiatives. Most of these are falling under residential renewal. There is dual focus of renewing existing structures and looking at what we need in terms of construction. A lot of research has been done to examine student preferences, peer institutions, update housing stock, off campus housing, etc. Strategic recommendations, modernize existing residence halls (heating and cooling, flooring, lighting, addressing the density of people living in the buildings + a need for common areas). Create other places for students to go, other than the BSC. Add common spaces to create more diversity of activity within campus, build new suite and apartment-style housing on College Hill (90-180 beds). It would be located on the old farm property. It is along Cedar Street, by the Writer's House. Some of the plan that has already been implemented have been improving the residence halls, the body shop, the apartments' body shop and blue bean renovations. The next questions involved looking at Ober Hall. Constructed in 1960, 262 beds. Mechanical needs in Ober, windows, heating and cooling. Possibility for more living learning programming opportunities. A New Ober, Core lounge, and lobby renovation. Create a sense of an entrance in to the building, a vestibule. Zoning of lobby, for studying, talking, etc. Neighborhood zones, each floor would have a lounge and some floors would have a kitchenette. Male and female bathrooms on some floors. Completely new bathrooms and plumbing. The basement, open up the tunnel into a lounge and lobby with laundry area. There will be an elevator. The ADA features will be paid attention to. Some rooms will be for ADA specifically. Sprinklers, electronic access, staff room is updated. **Natividad**- Do we not have sprinklers now? **Calenda**- No. It will take 8.6 million dollars. The Board has recommended that we focus on Ober

in stages. The bathrooms will be dealt with this summer. A separate changing area for the shower area. Approaching 2 million dollars for this part of the project along. The next phase will be the main lobby. In the fall, there will be new bathrooms. **DiGrazia**- What is the difference in splitting it up as opposed to do it together? **Calenda**- I will look into this and report back to you. **Peters**- Is electronic card access a plan for all buildings? **Calenda**- As we focus on each building, it will be upgraded. **Post**- I'm wondering why the bathrooms were chosen first? All of the other dorms had common areas upgraded first? The bathrooms will have to be re-done. **Calenda**- I am advocating for the common area to be taken into account and taken up to speed relatively quickly. **Post**- Is Brinser anywhere on the map? **Calenda**- It is not on the map as of now. It was actually renovated not that long ago. **Howson**- For safety is it just sprinklers and electronic access? **Calenda**- Windows are important, an elevator is important. **Peters**- With heating and air conditioning. Are the units staying the same? **Calenda**- There will be a central air system. **Calenda**- We are testing wardrobes for Ober. Students who are living there are testing them out. **DiGrazia**- Will students be able to control the temperature. **Calenda**- I don't believe so, but I will check on that. **Post**- Could there be any student feedback about temperature? I know that is a point of contention. **Calenda**- I'll have an answer for you next week. **Howson**- Is there a plan to make Myer bathrooms co-ed. **Calenda**- We will be looking into that with everyone renovation. **Natividad**- The presentation is in her public folder.

b. Campus Security- **Assistant Director Dale Boyer**

Boyer- No report, any questions.

c. Center for Student Success- **Benowitz**

Tonight @ 7:00PM in Hoover 212, I will be holding a presentation about how to change your major, add a minor, etc. Go through the core program and how it developed and how the curriculum could be applied to everyone. Last night I did a presentation in the BLR about writing, students are concerned about how to write, it lasted 2 hours. The consensus was that we should have this meeting once a month and open it up to everyone, not just first years. We will start this as a program in the spring. If you have been through the second floor of the BSC, the art gallery is still in progress. Encourage your friends to submit. December 2nd, 6:00Pm. Go to the Carole Isaak Alana Scholarship, an art auction. Student tickets will be \$5.00. **Carroll**- Can that workshop be open to all students?

Benowitz- Yes. **Knights**- Is there a specific topic per session? **Benowitz**- No, it is fairly student oriented. It can be topic driven or more structurally related.

Desmond- Is there any way the workshops could be geared towards professional writing? **Benowitz**- Yes. **Natividad**- Could you explain the strive program?

Benowitz- No.

VII. Executive Cabinet Reports

a. President- **Natividad**

Natividad- Thank you to Amanda and Caroline for speaking today. Make sure that you listen to students around you and advocate. Contacted by Allison about a volunteer for SCAD. Contact me for information, and I will talk to you. One event Tuesday night for the Strive Program. It is for Seniors, the last one was for Managing your Budget. The next one in the 15th, about HR benefits and beyond. Thank you for the Dignity of One event. As far as the alcohol issues go, there was an article in the Etownian and the local paper. Reached out to a staff member to have a discussion with the student body. We want to have a board up in the

residence hall. Passed compliments to Eric Turzai about radio and Halloween Dinner. Wants everyone to get excited for the Thanksgiving Dinner. In Exec. Cab. we would like to have one meeting in the Kav so we can be very open. February 17th is the date right now. Questions or thoughts about that? Then I will book that. **LaChance-** Did you say you wanted to have a discussion about the Four Loko. **Natividad-** We wanted to make students more aware of it as opposed to just handing out a factsheet. Contacted Chaplain Sadd, maybe try and connect it will called to lead points. **Peters-** The Campus Connections went out with a Four Loko warning. **Calenda-** I wondered if people had read that. I think small group discussions would be great, please stop by during my office hours. **Natividad-** Share your knowledge and take care of your friends.

- b. Vice President- **Hitchens**
Operation Santa Hat update- Have 3 tables, if anyone wants to come sit a table or stop by. November 8th from 4:00-7:00Pm. November 22. Packages will be mailed out on December 8th. If anyone wants to make 883, there are things in campus connections.
- c. Secretary- **Perko**
- d. Treasurer- **Care**
Allocated \$100 to the Newman Club. **Natividad-** Can you keep us updated on a weekly basis?
- e. Judicial Chairperson- **Lynch**
Lynch- If you got a half cut for the 25, it was actually for the 24. If you are planning on studying abroad please submit a letter to me. You need to be granted a leave of absence. In our letter of intent say why you should be granted the leave and how that will make you a better person.
- f. Elections Chairperson- **Simpson**
Simpson- No report. Post- Update on new member? Simpson- I intend to wait until the Spring Semester to get a better candidate turnout. I also need to talk to my committee. I'll get back to your class soon.
- g. Publicity and Marketing Chairperson- **McCrary-McClain**
McCrary-McClain- Shirts and polos in office so stop by. Thanks to everyone who came and helped out. Working on press release for Christmas tree with **Rosser** on November 17 at 8:00PM.

VIII. New Business

- a. Class Reports
- b. Class of 2014- **Moore-** Class Dinner was a not needed successful. Finished Bylaws. Homecoming went really well. Class Unity, will be making a Relay for Life Team.
- c. Class of 2013- **Engle-** Fiesta time, Wednesday 5-7Pm. Mexican themed. Tuesdays 8:15 PM, changed location. Despite the outcome of the match, we were happy to contribute to buses. In the weeks following Homecoming, there was a complaint about the messages on the t-shirts that were sold at Homecoming.
- d. Class of 2012- **Knights-** Homecoming went really well. Looking into options for Class Unity. Working on Jr./Sr.
- e. Class of 2011- **Taylor-** Thank you to the classes and the athletics department. Working to get a bus for this coming weekend. The game is scheduled for 8:00Pm on Saturday. Last night we had out class dinner and announced our class gift. We will provide a scholarship for one or two students for all 4 of their years here. Everyone can donate. In other news we are sponsoring the Homecoming

leftover sale on November 22nd, from 6-8Pm. Still taking clubs e-mail the account. **LaChance**- How many people? **Behounek**- Only 1 of the 3 buses was half full. **LaChance**- It was great. **Graham**- How much will the bus cost? **Taylor**- If we fill it, Athletics would cover the cost. We will fill one and take it from there. **Knights**- Who is it for? **Taylor**- Yes, for a new student. We are working with a trustee; they are willing to match us on a scale of some kind. Every student that donates will get a nice little picture frame with the Class of 2011 on it.

- f. Committee Reports (as relevant)
- g. *Service Committee*- **Landis**- Keep an eye out for Adopt and Angel. The week before Thanksgiving Break. The gift tags will be out, from a school in Lancaster. Sitting tables the week before break. **Natividad**- Are we doing gift wrapping ? **Landis**- Not sure on the date. It's around finals week. **Natividad**- Are we shoveling? **Landis**- I will ask. **Peters**- If we missed into the streets? **Landis**- If you can do this, let me know. **Hitchens**- Heather is coming to club council to talk about RAP. **Landis**- The RAP program began last year, students wanted to participate more. **Merroth**- I'm a coordinator for that program, let me know. *Traditions*- **Rosser**- Working on the Tree Lighting Ceremony. Wednesday November 17th. We have been working with P&M, a guest speaker, the mayor and A Capella groups. E-mail me with questions or concerns.

IX. Student Comments

Lynch- The power outage? **Boyer**- Lasted about 15 minutes. Working on a line outside of Schlosser, they did not notify the campus. It was PPL, ITS struggled with it. **Peters**- The fire alarm in the BSC? **Boyer**- When the power went off, the exhaust fans stopped working and that may have triggered the alarm in combination with other things. **Rasmussen**- A few people have come to me and said they have not received t-shirts they ordered from the Homecoming fair. **Shields**- Contacted A-Z, they only have one graphic designer, they are very backed up with orders. **Natividad**- Maybe we could put something in campus connections.

X. Announcements

Knights- Class of 2012 we are meeting after this.
Simpson- Girl's Night out is Saturday night, proceeds go to a Domestic Violence shelter. Selling tickets tomorrow in the concourse. **Peters**- Get wristbands at the same time, \$2 each.

XI. Adjournment – *Natividad (5:16PM)*

Respectfully Submitted,

Karen Perko

Student Senate Secretary