



Elizabethtown College
Student Senate
Minutes – September 29, 2011

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The meeting was called to order by **Frantz** at 3:49 p.m.

Special Order of the Day: Amnesty Policy Discussion (5 Minute Maximum)

Roll call was performed by **Sheeley**.

Approval of Minutes (ECSS.01112.SS.002 and ECSS.01112.SS.003) – **Sheeley**

Approved

Administrative Reports.

- A. Student Life –Calenda:** Any questions? **Clemens:** When you have academic issues, you go to your professor first, and then the department chair, and then you would move up to the Dean of Faculty. I had students say that fall break is starting earlier and that they have classes that go until after that time. I was wondering why that is happening and who makes that call. **Calenda:** You should contact Betty Ryder. She deals with the calendar.
- B. Campus Security – Boyer:** Just a recap, we did have 5 ambulances on campus, two were alcohol related. We had five cars damaged in Schlosser loop. We had an incident at the Etownian. We had an incident at the dance. There were some thefts last weekend including a backpack and a couple wallets. We had a situation Saturday evening where a guy approached two female students in a car and made sexual advancements and exposed himself. We're working with borough police and have a good idea of the suspect. Please be aware of the situation. **Frantz:** Why was the description of the person sent out later than the report? **Boyer:** There were email problems on Monday. Some of the stuff we wanted to hold back to corroborate reports. We had 3 different reports and wanted them to line up. **McCrary-McClain:** I appreciate the difference between the special connections and the For Your Safety. **Whitman:** Where were the thefts? **Boyer:** The one happened around Nicarry. **Clemens:** If there are any thefts reported by RAs, do the reports go to campus security? **Boyer:** They go to Kat, but you should call campus security as well.
- C. Center for Student Success –Davies:** We have an apology to anyone that's requested tutors in the past couple weeks. We're pretty sure that we've corrected the problem and doubled staffing hours. **Peters:** If we've been a tutor in the past, but haven't signed the papers yet, can we still do that? **Davies:** Yes. **Serdenes:** Is there a writing tutor available during the day? **Davies:** We've discontinued that. Professors want better thought out papers than grammatical papers. There are two professors working with writing tutors. Students can meet with writing tutors the same way you sign up for a regular tutor. **Gockley:** Have you been working with the departments as well to do group tutoring? **Davies:** The students that come to us say that they want something more formalized. We do tell the students to do both. We're trying to balance out having tutors too stretched out. **Farkas:** I'm a tutor for the Chem. Department and we sit there for hours waiting for questions and no one usually come. **Davies:** We can try contacting those tutors directly and coordinate them. **Benowitz:** Students enrolled in 100 and 200 level courses may receive early warnings if they are getting a C or less. Faculty will be reporting early warnings between October 3rd and 7th. Student senators working with first year students should encourage them to meet with their professors and seek assistance from learning services. If a student gets two or more early warnings, they need to meet with me or Stephanie Rankin. The Student Life Art Auction is November 30th in the Susquehanna room at 6 pm. The purpose of the auction is to raise money for the ALANA scholarship. The tickets are \$5. The grandson of the founder of the college will be coming in March with another alumnus. They will be speaking on March 20th in the Young Center and on the 21st in Leffler as part of the open book programming. They were used against their will for scientific studies on the effects of starvation on the human body.

Executive Cabinet Reports

- A. President – Frantz:** If you haven't signed up for the fun run on Sunday, you should sign up. There are still t-shirts available. The committee for the tree planting and race need volunteers before the race to help set up. There are also prizes for participants in the race. **Clemens:** Did you check the time for set up? Dean Calenda said 3 pm is good. **Frantz:** I'll let the volunteers know. It's a good way to get out there and meet the president. Inauguration is this weekend and goes until Sunday. You can attend the ceremony on Saturday at 2 pm in the Dell. Please RSVP. I'm starting to meet with the class presidents to look at class progress. Continue to send in campus community ideas. There is no meeting next week because of fall break. We had another resignation by Aggie Serrame. Promote open positions in your class.
- B. Vice President – Farnish:** The first senate dinner is October 13th. Are there any suggestions for the meal? I would like a general consensus. If you agree on pasta, I'll go with that. The time is from 5:30 to 7pm. It's whenever the meeting gets done.
- C. Secretary – Sheeley:** I'm passing around a sign up to do the opening activity.
- D. Treasurer – Wideman:** No Report
- E. Judicial – Clemens:** No Report
- F. Elections – LaChance:** The nominations are in for Homecoming. We are taking the top 20 for each spot per class. We only took the top 20 because there were so many names.
- G. Publicity and Marketing – McCrary-McClain:** I'm looking to try to fulfill some of the recommendations from Dr. Koz's report. I emailed all the student groups for their meeting times so that we can go and they can give us their concerns. I'm working on strategic planning. I emailed the class presidents about getting more participation from class members on float building. We want to encourage class unity with this. **Peters:** After the meeting, I would like one person from each class to be filmed and answer two questions about float building to get people to come out and help. The stuff for the passport program is completed and we're going to get that going next week.

New Business

- a. Discussion of Potential Amnesty Policy (15 Minutes Maximum) – Frantz:** You discussed the handout at the beginning. We're going to look at the policy that Lehigh has. I highlighted some important information. The first point is that students who seek emergency medical attention for themselves related to consumption of drugs or alcohol will not be charged with violations of the Code of Conduct. They will have treatment though. **Calenda:** Is there any reference to the number of individuals who can claim medical amnesty when assisting a student? **Frantz:** I don't think there is a specific number. The policy states that if you are found by campus security, you will not get medical amnesty and you will not get amnesty for repeated events. I'm going to open it up to you to see your opinions on this. **McCrary-McClain:** To my understanding, you won't receive sanctions for seeking help, but will you get in trouble for being unruly while getting help? **Frantz:** I would say that you would still be in trouble for unruliness, but not the alcohol. **Lachance:** It says related to that consumption. **Clemens:** I did some research and found a long list of schools that have this medical amnesty. I think we should expand our policy so that we can be on this list. **Peters:** How many times would a student be able to be covered? **Frantz:** I think that would have to be discussed and go case by case. **Brown:** If you get in trouble for drinking, can campus security go back to your room and see if there is alcohol in your room? Because you may be covered under amnesty, but they can get in trouble for the alcohol that they have in the room. **Boyer:** We would document it, but it would go back to the Office of Rights and Responsibilities. **Farnish:** Would they look at the parties and such that the student was at? **Calenda:** I would like to hear your opinions on that. **Post:** We wouldn't be changing other policies. This would just be for the medical aspect of a situation. The way the judicial aspects are handled wouldn't be changed. I think the repeated violations aspect of this is important. This wouldn't be a get out of jail free card for every time. **Lacaillade:** I think if this is in place, we need to set the guidelines crystal clear. The purpose of this needs to be stated clearly. **Frantz:** Do you think the Lehigh policy is clear? **Lacaillade:** It seems clear to me. I think we should look at other policies from schools closer in size to ours to get a clear picture. **Galanek:** For part b, it covers the person that is helping someone? **Frantz:** I think so. **Farnish:** Just to clarify, this is just an example of a policy to get a general idea. **Calenda:** Bear in mind that this is just a suggestion. I think you should take note of the questions that you have so that they are answered in the policy. **Davies:** Keep in mind what alcohol intoxication does to cognitive functioning and explore protecting a student that is looking out for another

student. **Post:** I move to create an ad hoc committee to work on this. **McCrary-McClain:** Is this something the CARE Committee could work on? **Frantz:** That was what we were thinking. **Post:** I feel that it is our duty to advocate for students and do this. Then, we can send it up the chain. **Boyer:** I've never had a student that needed help call campus security. **Frantz:** I would say that the context for this is that there have been several occasions where a student that needed help wouldn't let someone call campus security because they didn't want to get in trouble. **Desmond:** Would there be a further collaboration between the RAs and campus security? **Frantz:** Let's just finish up the motion first. **Graham:** I am for this. I think this would be really good. **Frantz:** We'll move into a voice vote. This passes. **Calenda:** Can I recommend that you consider establishing a charge for the committee? What is the outcome that you are looking for this group? **Clemens:** I'd like to have the committee report back to senate by a certain time and report what schools that they plan to base their document off of. **Lachance:** We've exceeded our time limit.

- b. Lachance:** I move to add a 10 minute discussion on the Food Truck. **Lynch:** Second. **Peters:** What is the point of this? **Lachance:** I've had some issues and would like to discuss location issues. **Lacaillade:** I think this is something for dining services to deal with. **Frantz:** We'll move into a vote. There is a division. **Lachance:** I withdraw the motion.
- c. Graham:** I move to an election for the ad hoc committee created. **Lacaillade:** Second. **Peters:** Is this appointed to or voted on? **Frantz:** I'll take volunteers. **Post:** Shouldn't we have a charge for this first? **Frantz:** These are just volunteers for it. Not everyone that volunteers will be on it. The general charge is to create a general amnesty policy draft. **Post:** I move to table this until we have a better understanding of the committee. **Raffensperger:** Second. **McCrary-McClain:** You have to define the charge and such before you can do this, right? **Clemens:** In my opinion, the president can take volunteers for the committee before the charge is stated. There is nothing to table.

Student Comments

- **Post:** Is there any progress made to the covered bike racks? **Lynch:** I have emailed CRA and the woman in charge many times and have not heard back yet. **Clemens:** Is Allison Bridgeman the advisor to CRA? **Calenda:** Yes. **Lynch:** I'll email her then.
- **Glass:** We are part of Club FEAST. We are looking to learn more about senate and bridge a connection between us and you. We wanted to get a feel for this.

Announcement

- **Rommel:** 2013 meet after the meeting.
- **Peters:** One person from each class please meet me after the meeting for the film.
- **Serdenes:** 2015 stay after.
- **Clemens:** If you are able, attend the tree planting and fun run. Judicial committee stay after.
- **Lynch:** There is a cross country meet at Lehigh this weekend.
- **Desmond:** Pre Law club is hosting an event for applying to law school tonight. You should come out if you're interested.
- **Lachance:** Elections meet after.

Adjournment 4:56 at p.m.

Next Meeting

October 13th at 3:45 p.m. in Hoover 212.

Respectfully Submitted,

Keelyan Sheeley
Student Senate Secretary
