

## Senate Meeting – November 10<sup>th</sup> 2016

- I. Opening of Meeting
  - a. Call to Order
  - b. Pledge of Allegiance
  - c. First Roll Call
  - d. Approval of Today's Agenda
    - i. Moved – Senator Holm
    - ii. Unanimous approval
  - e. Approval of Last meeting's minutes
    - i. Moved – Senator Holm
    - ii. Unanimous approval
- II. Hearings
  - a. Open Gallery I
    - i. Lee Ladoue (sp\*)
      1. Program statistics (bystander intervention training, reached 845 students, primary prevention programs, trainings)
        - a. Increase every year in clients, possibly due to increasing number of events and campus SAVE act, increased referrals
        - b. There is an increase in reports, not necessarily an increase in incidents.
      2. Poster campaign (consent)
      3. Questions
        - a. Senator Mustafic
          - i. With the new POTUS, are you expecting increased sexual assaults.
          - ii. **Lee:** A lot of people are coming into centers very distressed.
        - b. Senator Le
          - i. How do you think the new POTUS will affect the White House's program on sexual assault?
          - ii. **Lee:** Federal funding may very well be cut for Violence Against Women staff/centers
        - c. Chair Shelley
          - i. What kind of resources could we point men to?
          - ii. **Lee:** All of our services are available to men, our support group is only for women right now. Many men generally want 1 on 1 support rather than groups. All sexual assault centers have classes available.
            1. 3:30-4:30 at the Women's Center
        - d. Senator Le
          - i. Thanks for being a great advocate!
      - ii. Glenn Davis (First-year and transition programs)
        1. Initiatives to support first year students
          - a. 69% retention rate, 60% for students of color

- i. These are concerning numbers
- b. What can we do to support transition from HS to University better?
- c. “Reimagining the First Year”
  - i. Done a lot of work behind the scenes, working on broader recognition
  - ii. Want to help retention specifically in students of color, first-gen college students, students from low-income backgrounds
  - iii. Current projects:
    1. Growth and Belonging Mindsets
    2. Improving University Correspondence (Coordination, student friendly)
    3. Micro-Cross-Training
    4. New First Year Seminar
    5. Meta-Majors

## 2. Questions

- a. Senator Schmitt
- b. President Johnson
  - i. Meta-Majors?
  - ii. Davis: They will not be majors in and of themselves, but they should be spread relatively evenly throughout the schools
- c. Chief Justice Cruzen
  - i. Are the first-year activities specifically about organizations or just broader activities?
  - ii. Davis: Broad. We want to learn what gets student’s interest and what makes an activity alluring.
- d. Chair Olson
  - i. A lot of scholarships only apply to specific majors, will meta-majors work with scholarships?
  - ii. Davis: Not right away, to be sure. If it catches on, some sort of new structure for scholarships may come about.
- e. Senator Lura
  - i. Do students leave when they aren’t involved in organizations?
  - ii. Davis: Complicated. A lot of students who leave simply leave and don’t look back or give feedback. We can look at which institutions they end up in, and we get worried if they transfer to a comparable institution (Mankato, Bemidji, etc.). We wish to retain a high 70%.
  - iii. Follow up: Would meta-majors help second or third year students, or is it more geared toward first years?

- iv. Davis: We have only talked about it in the capacity of first year, but we could change this idea.
    - f. Proxy Muzamill
      - i. Is there any program that serves peer mentors for international students?
      - ii. Davis: Expanding and decentralizing peer mentor program. Not many answers for specific international peer mentors, but I'll get answers and feedback.
    - g. Senator Holm
      - i. Main street help me figure out where I fit in on campus.
    - h. Senator Mustafic
      - i. Are there any other universities doing this right now?
      - ii. Davis: Yes, a lot of these are best practices at other institutions. These projects have been tested and proven on other campuses.
      - iii. Follow up: Success rate?
      - iv. Davis: I have data on that to send out, references have data. No data off the top of head.
    - i. Senator Uecker
      - i. Are there any proactive measures? Are we trying anything new?
      - ii. Davis: We're trying to catch up to the curve right now, nothing completely new or fresh. We're incubating ideas for student success in our work groups.
    - j. Senator M. La Vine
      - i. Is your group working to incorporate nontraditional students in these programs?
      - ii. Davis: We are having talks and working on it. Many of these new initiatives are inclusive (meta-majors). Extended advising hours for nontrads. We're trying to meet needs of veterans too.
  - b. Finance Hearings
    - i. SVO conference (Approved in SFC 9/0/1)
    - ii. CSci club
      - 1. Withdrew request after being denied by organizer
    - iii. Society of Women Engineers
      - 1. Tabled again
    - iv. Senator Schmitt: Move to approve finance requests
      - 1. Senator Le seconds
      - 2. Passes unanimously by voice vote
  - c. Internal Elections
    - i. None
- III. Plenary Session I
  - a. Unfinished business

- i. CC-005
      - 1. Read in by Senator Uecker
      - 2. Senator Mustafic
        - a. Call to question
        - b. Seconded by Senator Schmitt
        - c. Passes Unanimously
    - b. New business
      - i. Senator Schmitt
        - 1. Limit recess to 10 minutes
        - 2. Seconded
        - 3. Motion fails
- IV. Recess – 6:16-6:36
- V. Officer Reports
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
    - i. Office hours!
    - ii. HLC:
  - c. Chief Justice
  - d. Students United
    - i. Talk to Pres Johnson if you have any questions.
  - e. RHA Rep
    - i. Delegation in Missouri
      - 1. Passed some legislation
      - 2. Transferred funds
    - ii. Case-Hill's What's HOT
  - f. Academic Affairs
    - i. Senators are still working on their projects
  - g. Campus Affairs
    - i. Went to the RHA conference
      - 1. Their Chik-Fil-A uses plastic cups!
    - ii. Safety Walk
    - iii. Women's Center
  - h. Cultural Diversity
  - i. Constitution
  - j. Elections Committee
  - k. Executive Council
    - i. Only two more senate meetings
  - l. Fee Allocation
    - i. Atwood Memorial Center
      - 1. No programming of their own; host most UPB events
      - 2. Surveys
      - 3. Remove bar area in Quarry
      - 4. 83% of Atwood budget: R&R and salaries.
    - ii. Senator Kennedy: Any plan for where WoW was?

1. Moved a projector down there, convert it into rehearsal room, they have chairs and tables in closet.
  - m. Legislative Affairs
  - n. Public Relations
    - i. Picture retakes next week, committee pictures
    - ii. Get active on social media
    - iii. Senator Schmitt: Can anyone get a retake
      1. Yes
  - o. Senate Finance
    - i. 3 requests; two approved on tabled
    - ii. Collegiate link training
  - p. Student Services
    - i. VP and I worked with Public Safety on safe walk
    - ii. D. Bowker hitting up green fee
  - q. Technology Fee
    - i. Working on the wireless upgrades; installed at earliest winter break and goes through spring semester
    - ii. Broadband upgrades for campus
    - iii. Student survey for tech fee
  - r. Urban Affairs
    - i. Senator Le came to talk to us about lights in Barden park
    - ii. Lights near hockey center
    - iii. Want stop sign next to Garvey
  - s. University Committees
- VI. Plenary Session II
  - a. Last Call for Business
- VII. Closing of Meeting
  - a. Open Gallery II
    - i. Senator Le
      1. UPB Karaoke
      2. SCSU Drag Show next week
  - b. Open Statements
  - c. Last Roll Call
  - d. Adjournment
    - i. Adjourned at 7:22