Student Government Association Minutes from August 2012 Retreat

August 10, 2012

Present: President Bergenn, Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Sanchez, Sonet, Towler, Truex, Zohlman

Meeting called to order at 1:36 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Unfinished Business

Be it resolved that the Senate creates a standing rule during the 2010-2013 Academic year, that all motions involving funds of over $100 must be voted on by a roll call vote. (Truex, Alaimo)

Option to move unfinished business to the next meeting

Vote is unanimous.

New Business

President Bergenn passes the chair to Vice President Braun.

Motion to approve the Committee Consolidation Plan (Bergenn, Marcelli)

Information: Senator Baldassario would like to know what happens if the referendum fails.

Vice President Braun says that if it fails things will go right back to the way they were.

Senator Baldassario would like to know if that’s a standing rule.

Vice President Braun says it is up to us to make it a standing rule or to go back, but someone else can bring up a new change.

About: Vice President Braun read the explanation of the Committee Consolidation Plan as found outlined in the Committee Consolidation Plan document. “To consolidate the standing committees of the SGA Senate in order to maximize the efficiency of the governing body.”
She also says that the eight standing committees will break into four committees plus one side committee. This means people in those committees will have to double up on their duties. Examples of the four committees would be Finance, Student Life, Academic and Public Affairs Committees.

Against: Senator Baldassario says it’s a hard time for people to attend one of eight committees and with the four there will be less freedom and it will be hard finding the same meeting time to work for all.

For: Senator Hubbard understands that the meeting times may be inconvenient for the senators, but the point isn’t to make it more convenient it is to make is more efficient and senators may have to make sacrifices. The point is to be efficient for the student body.

Information: Senator Towler would like to know if the plan is accepted will there be some way to conduct the committees by email if you have to miss a meeting.

Vice President Braun says the By-Laws state you only have to attend half of the committee meetings. There are 15 weeks in a semester so you are allowed to miss about six or seven meetings.

Information: Senator Dattilo would like to know if people in the committee could meet and then email the committee chair.

Vice President Braun says they can speak about that when the plan is in effect.

Information: Senator Berriault would like to know how the Public Affairs Committee would go about with elections.

Vice President Braun says senators do not ask questions to the chair for another person and the question will have to wait, but it’s been recorded.

Against: Senator Truex says with consolidating the eight committees there will be less meeting times which will cause issues. Each committee has specific things to focus on and he thinks all eight should be kept.

For: Senator Sonet says the main point of the consolidation is to have a higher effect, more people equals more of an effect.

Against: Senator Baldassario says eight is too many, but four committees is too little. Suggests maybe having six committees or find another way to consolidate.

For: President Bergenn says he put together the consolidation plan with a lot of thought. As it stands the committees have 3-4 members with a full senate. If you can’t figure out times for four committees then we can put in the By-Laws to use Faculty Senate in lieu of committees, but that is a separate discussion.
President Bergenn also says the focus isn’t how it works for the Senate. The senate works on the behalf of others. More can get done with more people. The change doesn’t limit the committees to create subcommittees. This allows eight people to share ideas instead of 3-4.

It’s a risk, but changes can be made all year as the senate sees fit.

Against: Senator Towler says we are here to represent the student body, but how can we represent them if we can’t make the meetings?

Information: Senator Sonet would like to know if we motion to amend the amendment and add two committees if we want?

Vice President Braun says yes.

Information: Senator Sanchez would like to know what the purpose of the side committee is.

Vice President Braun says the Internal Affairs Committee will be used for stipend reviews and things within the senate. It will be less frequent and on an as-needed basis, which is why senators can double up on committees.

For: Senator Radden says more people equals more insight. It makes no sense to keep doing the same thing with hope of a better result.

Information: Senator Towler would like to know about the Ad-Hoc committee.

Point of Order (Baldassario)

Vice President Braun says that is a separate motion.

Against: Senator Truex says maybe six committees instead of four. He suggests holding the vote to look things over and not consolidate as much.

Information: Senator Rodriguez would like to know if you would lose your stipend for not attending the meetings.

Vice President Braun says no, but there are alternative options.

For: Senator Berriault says it would be better to do the consolidation now and make changes if we need to rather than having to start all over again and get the student body involved.

Call to question. (Mills, Braun)

All in favor of ending the debate

Y23 N2 A1 (President Bergenn)

Debate is ended.
Motion to accept the proposed Committee Consolidation Plan.

Y20 N4 A2 (Baldassario, Truex)

Motion Passes

Motion to create a standing rule that the Scholarships Committee and the Student Life Committee are to have corresponding meeting times and locations. (Bergenn, Marcelli)

Information: Senator Towler would like to know if you can get a scholarship if you are in the committee.

Vice President Braun cannot not answer the question.

Senator Towler would like to know if this would affect elections.

Vice President Braun says no.

For: Senator Baldassario says this standing rule makes the consolidation plan a real thing. The Student Life Committee and scholarships has a lot to do with limited people. This will only make things easier and create less work for people.

Against: Senator Dattilo says is the plan doesn’t pass then we’ve pigeon holed groups to the same time. She would like to create separate times for the committees until the plan is certain.

Information: Senator Truex would like to know if elections are a separate committee or included.

Point of Order

For: President Bergenn says if it fails there are two options. We can right now have four groups at the same time and then split into eight or we can have eight groups at different times and consolidate later, but it is easier to go from 4 to 8 then 8 to 4.

Information: Senator Mgushi would like to know if the Scholarship and Student Life Committees are together can we rename the committee while keeping the same duties.

Vice President Braun says in the Constitution the only way to change the committee structure is through a referendum. She says to wait until October, but having a standing rule will give the allusion of one committee.

Against: Senator Towler says Scholarship and elections would work better together not student life committee.

For: Senator Radden says that if need be they can separate, but they will work well together. The committees can always form times for subcommittees.
Motion to create a standing rule that the Scholarships Committee and the Student Life Committee are to have corresponding meeting times and locations

Y22 N3 A1 (Towler)

Motion passes.

Motion to create a standing rule that the Events Committee, Promotions Committee and the Conference Committee are to have corresponding meeting times and locations (Bergenn, Marcelli)

President Bergenn motions to amend standing rule and have elections committee inserted between events and promotions committee, following the comma. (Bergenn, Mills)

About: This is the same as the other motions, which were passed.

Against: Senator Berriault says the consolidation of elections committee is premature. When the vote goes to referendum at the same time as elections the elections for the four open seats won’t be as effective. The consolidation is too close to elections.

For: Senator Baldassario says you need more people in elections committee, just two people is hard. He says the committees are still all separate, they are just meeting at the same time and place.

Motion to amend standing rule and have elections committee inserted between events and promotions committee, following the comma.

Y23 N3 A 0

Motion Passes

Motion to amend the standing rule to exclude Conference Committee (Fernandez, Lopez)

About: Senator Fernandez says they should be their own entity.

Against: President Bergenn says things have already been put in place for that to happen. It is not a good idea to separate something that will be disestablished.

Y3 N15 A7 (Sanchez, Truex, Towler, Radden, Zohlman, Khan, Mgushi)

Motion Fails.

Motion to create a standing rule that the Events Committee, Elections Committee, Promotions Committee and the Conference Committee are to have corresponding meeting times and locations.

Y19 N4 A1 (Towler)
Motion Passes

Vice President Braun reminds senate that they are running a half an hour late, but can stay at the Capitol as long as needed.

Motion to create an AD HOC Academic Affairs committee, which will be automatically terminated once the results of the referendum vote pass. (Bergenn, Marcelli)

Information: Senator Truex would like to know what academic affairs would entail.

Vice President Braun read the Academic Affairs definition as outlined in the Committee Consolidation Plan. It reads as follows, “The Academic Affairs Committee shall address matters of student concern in regards to academics at Central Connecticut State University including, but not limited to, curriculum, academic advising, academic standards, academic integrity, and academic freedom.”

Information: Senator Mgushi why “which will be automatically terminated once the results of the referendum vote pass” was included at the end of the motion.

Vice President Braun says whether or not the student body votes yes or no you will have to get rid of the AD HOC committee.

Motion to amend the motion and get rid of everything after the comma. (Dattilo, Towler)

About: Any academic affairs committee is important and shouldn’t be gotten rid just because it doesn’t fit into the plan. It’s too good not to have.

Against: Senator Berriault says they already have academic affairs covered. In creating an AD HOC committee the student body should fail to vote for the academic affairs then I don’t know where I would stand. If the referendum passes it wouldn’t be AD HOC, it’d be standing.

For: Senator Baldassario says they can always for back and change things. It is wrong to assume why they would vote for or against the Committee Consolidation Plan. Saying if the referendum fails it has to be cut out is not logical.

Information: Senator Sonet would like to know if the original motion means if the student body approves the referendum.

Vice President Braun says she can’t answer that.

Information: Senator Dattilo would like know if there is only a need for an AD HOC if it goes through, but no need for an AD HOC if it doesn’t pass then would it still exist?

Vice President Braun says the AD HOC can be terminated at any time.
Motion to amend “Create an AD HOC Academic Affairs Committee, which will be automatically terminated once the results of the referendum vote pass,” and get rid of everything after the comma so the motion reads “To create an AD HOC Academic Affairs Committee.”

Vote: Y22 N0 A4 (Sonet, Lopez, Sanchez, Fernandez)

Motion Passes

**Motion to create an AD HOC Academic Affairs committee**

For: Senator Towler says AD HOC should be ongoing. The Student Body should have a right to speak on behalf of their academic affairs.

Y26 N0 A0

Motion Passes

**Nominations of Voting Chairs & Co-Chairs:**

Information: Senator Baldassario would like to know if you still have to nominate chairs and co-chairs if they are meeting at the same time.

Vice President Braun gives the seat back to President Bergenn.

President Bergenn says technically there is the still the same committee structure. If it is more effective to have four then the senate can choose to nominate just four and leave the other four vacant.

Senator Baldassario would like to know if the consolidation fails can the senate nominate chairs next meeting.

President Bergenn says yes.

**Student Life Committee:**

Chair:

Senator Mills nominates Senator Sonet.

Senator Sonet accepts.

Senator Marcelli nominates Senator Kitchener.

Senator Kitchener accepts.

Senator Towler nominates Senator Sanchez.

Senator Sanchez respectfully declines.
Senator Sonet says there are a lot of things he would like to see get done and being a resident makes him available 24/7.

Senator Kitchener says she was co-chair last year and there was a lot they did well, but she would like to continue to make sure things go through in the short and long term.

Vote: Sonet 19 Kitchener: 6

Senator Sonet is the new Chair of the Student Life Committee.

Co-Chair:

Senator Baldassario nominates Senator Kitchener for Student Life Committee Co-Chair.

Senator Kitchener accepts.

Vote: Majority

Senator Kitchener is the new Student Life Committee Co-Chair.

**Events Committee:**

Chair:

Senator Mills nominates Senator Radden.

Senator Radden accepts.

Vice President Braun nominates Senator Pancak.

Senator Pancak accepts.

Senator Radden says he was co-chair last year and got a lot done, but he has a lot of ideas to make this year better.

Senator Pancak says she was co-chair of conference committee last year and would like to branch out. She says she also has a lot of experience with CAN.

Vote: Radden: 12 Pancak: 11

Senator Radden is the new Chair of Events Committee.

Co-Chair:

Senator Truex nominates Senator Pancak for Co-Chair.

Senator Pancak respectfully declines.

**Conference Committee:**
Senator Baldassario nominates Senator Fernandez.
Senator Fernandez accepts.
Senator Rodriguez nominates Senator Lopez.
Senator Lopez accepts.
Senator Fernandez says he has been a senate member for five years and has been active in conference committee in the past.
Senator Lopez says she was chair last year and while it was trial and error they learned a lot and which can help create a better committee for this year.
Vote: Fernandez: 11 Lopez: 8
Senator Fernandez is the new Conference Chair.

**AD HOC Academic Affairs**

**Chair:**
Vice President Braun nominates Senator Marcelli.
Senator Marcelli accepts.
Information: Senator Fernandez would like to know if you can appoint a chair.
President Bergenn says it can be done that way if you wanted to.
Vote: Majority
Senator Marcelli is the new AD HOC Academic Affairs chair.

**Finance Committee:**

**Co-Chair:**
Senator Sonet nominates Senator Truex.
Senator Truex accepts.
Senator Rodriguez nominates Senator Mills.
Senator Mills declines.
Senator Truex says he has already been working with Treasurer Alaimo and there is a lot he is looking forward to doing.
Vote: Majority

Senator Truex is the new Finance Committee Co-Chair.

Events Committee:

Co-Chair:

Senator Dattilo nominates Senator Baldassario

Senator Baldassario accepts.

Senator Baldassario says he likes planning events and would like to work with the promotions committee if the consolidation plan goes through.

Vote: Majority

Senator Baldassario is the new Events Committee co-chair

Academic Affairs:

Senator Truex nominates Senator Gomez.

Senator Gomez declines

Senator Baldassario nominates Senator Dattilo.

Senator Dattilo accepts.

Senator Fernandez nominates Senator Berriault.

Senator Berriault declines.

Senator Fernandez nominates Senator Towler.

Senator Towler accepts.

Senator Dattilo says when she wants to be the line from the students to the faculty and open up communications to make changes.

Senator Towler says she agrees with Senator Dattilo and has already been working with the math department to create a special stats course for struggling students.

Vote: Dattilo: 17 Towler: 7

Senator Dattilo is the new Academic Affairs co-chair.

Information: Senator Berriault would like to know about the internal and public affairs committee.
President Bergenn says they do not exist yet and you can’t nominate for a committee that doesn’t exist.

Senator Baldassario would like to know if the plan goes through would they redo nominations.

President Bergenn says yes.

Vice President Braun says committees won’t be assigned this year, instead there will be a draft. The draft is based on the top 3 choices the senators sent to her via email. She encourages the senators to talk to the chairs and co-chairs of the committees they would like to be a part of.

Senator Truex would like to know if it is the chairs and co-chairs that are choosing.

Vice President Braun says yes.

Motion to adjourn (Mills, Baldassario)

Meeting is adjourned at 3:01 p.m.

August 12, 2012

Present: President Bergenn, Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Hubbard, Kitchener, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Sanchez, Sonet, Towler, Truex, Zohlman.

Meeting called to order at 1 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to accept minutes from May 2, 2012. (Mills, Hubbard)

Motion Passes SG13-009

Student Affairs Report

Mr. Hazan spoke about an initiative and big push for weekend programming. Part of the initiative will be $1,150 to start a grant for clubs to hold weekend events and things around campus, like RECentral will be opened all weekend to residents and commuters.

President Report

President Bergenn introduces the clickers for voting. The clickers make voting more efficient and easier. He has a portable receiver to track all of the senate votes. Each clicker will be labeled with a senator’s last name and each senator will have a specific ID. President Bergenn can save the results and look back to see who voted on what. He also has a computer program that can create charts of the votes.
President Bergenn says the retreat was very successful and he has been able to meet with groups and make some set goals. He spoke with the groups about initiatives they’d like to see get done and the popular ones were: a shuttle system, priority to on-campus and weekend events, parking garage counter that tells if the garages are full.

Asks if there are any questions

Senator Truex would like to know if using the clickers would eliminate the ability to see who’s voting for what.

President Bergenn says no it just cuts down on manually counting.

Senator Berriault asks about the light on the clicker.

President Bergenn says it doesn’t matter.

Senator Dattilo asks if they can discuss them later.

President Bergenn says you can always ask to vote a different way, the clickers just add a different option.

Senator Dattilo wants to know if the clickers are now a set procedure.

President Bergenn says how voting is done is set by who’s running the meeting, but if you think it can be done differently then you can make a motion. But generally we will be using the clickers to see a response and check results.

Senator Kitchener would like to know how the clickers show an abstention.

President Bergenn says just like regular voting. No voting or raising a hand to abstain can still go on in the meeting.

Senator Berriault would like to know if they give the clickers back.

President Bergenn says yes because it makes more sense to have them all together.

**Vice President Report**

Vice President Braun has nothing new to report.

**Treasurer’s Report**

Treasurer Alaimo would like to thank the new finance committee. Every week he will try to have a budget of different accounts. He would also like everyone to know that finance committee will be meeting the second week of school.

Senator Radden asks the second full week?
Treasurer Alaimo answers yes, the second full week.

**Committee Reports**

**Public Affairs**

Senator Baldassario asks the senate if they have any ideas for pep rally to please share them. Their first major task is pep rally because elections can be done before the start of school. If you have any ideas he asks you come to a committee meeting on Mondays from 3-4:15 or send him an email.

**Academic Affairs**:

Senator Marcelli says meeting times will be Tuesday at 3 pm. The first meeting will be held on Sept 4. The committee also wrote their mission statement and would like to work with students and faculty this year to create good working relationships. They would also like to have a student sitting on Faculty Senate.

**Public Affairs**:

Senator Radden says the committee has agreed to a mission statement and would like to work with the students and faculty to engage in the community.

Vice President Braun asks that she be sent a copy of all mission statements and a committee report.

**Unfinished Business:**

Motion to create a standing rule for the 2012-2013 academic year, that all motions over $100 be voted on by a roll call vote. (Truex, Alaimo)

About: Senator Truex: It’s good to have on record who voted and $100 is a good starting point for dealing with money.

Against: Senator Mills says he is not against the motion, but would rather it be for all financial things.

Move to amend the resolution and take out “over $100” and change to “all financial decisions.” (Baldassario, Mills)

About: Senator Baldassario says the senate used to do that for $1,000 and at one point it went lower, but it is quick enough to vote on.

Vote: Y23 N3

Motion Passes
Motion to create a standing rule for the 2012-2013 academic year, that all motions dealing with financial decisions be voted on by roll call vote.

Information: If it’s a resolution will we need a separate motion.

President Bergenn says the resolution is just a formality.

Information: Senator Fernandez would like to know if you do a roll call vote or use the clivkers.

President Bergenn says it can be done either way.

Senator Dattilo objects to using the clickers.

Vote: Y23 N0 A3 (Towler, Lopez, Sanchez)

Motion Passes

SG13-010

New Business

Be it resolved by the Student Government Association of Central Connecticut State University that we would like to extend our appreciation and gratitude to Quinnipiac University for being an exceptional and gracious host to our organization during the weekend of the second week of August of the year 2012. (Berriault, Marcelli)

About: Senator Berriault says this was proposed because Quinnipiac let us use the space on a weekend.

Information: Senator Hubbard would like to know what the point of the resolution is. What course would the resolution take?

President Bergenn says he was going to send a letter, but the resolution shows the senate as a collective agreed to it.

Vote: Y24 N1 A0

Motion Passes

Motion to create a standing rule for the 2012-13 academic year, that when a point of information is called, the person asking for the point of information may direct their question to another person through the chair, with the chair’s permission. (Truex...)

About: Senator Truex says he got the idea from the Capitol tour guide. This will make things easier because the President may not always have all the answers. It will save time and the worst that can happen is the chair doesn’t approve.

Against: Senator Baldassario says he agrees, but this can possibly cause people not to do their homework before meetings. People may use this as a crutch to ask questions.
For: Senator Hubbard says during debate people may not get questions answered, and this is the best way to vote possible.

Call to question. (Towler)

Fails

Information: Senator Mills would like to know if this interferes with Robert’s Rules.

President Bergenn says no this is one acceptable way to do it. Anything out of line can still be answered by the chair at their digression.

Vote: Y20 N5 A0

Motion Passes.  

Motion to amend section 1-2 (b) of the by-laws by deleting “4:35” and inserting “4:20” and section 1-4 (c) of the by-laws by deleting “4:35” and inserting “4:20.” (Braun, Marcelli)

About: Vice President Braun said this came up a lot last year because of class at 4:30. It should have been brought up earlier in the semester and the SGA shouldn’t be competing with academics. I want to stay in the time block to make it more convenient for students. Being more convenient will help draw people in. Pople stay past 4:35 so people will stay past 4:20. And we rarely lose quorum so that is a nonissue.

Y22 N1 A2 (Hubbard, Truex)

Motion Passes

Motion to create an AD HOC committee to be called the Internal Affairs Committee to be chaired by the Vice President of the SGA (Braun, Dattilo)

About: Vice President Braun says this is the last step to the Committee Consolidation Plan. This committee will include stipend reviews and meet on a as needed basis. This committee means we won’t have to discuss by-law changes in senate meetings.

Information: Senator Berriault would like to know if a by-law change was needed can any senator attend? Would it be an open vote?

Vice Preside Braun said yes.

Senator Berriault would like to know if changes get approved would it go to the Senate.

Vice President Braun said yes, the kinks would be worked out and then brought to senate like the finance committee would do.

Senator Mgushi would like to know why the Vice President of SGA? Why isn’t the chair appointed?
Vice President Braun says the Vice President already does a lot of the things included in the committee.

Senator Simms would like to know if this would be separate from the Committee Consolidation Plan.

Vice President Braun says yes because an AD HOC committee can be terminated at any time.

Senator Fernandez would like to know if it is an AD HOC committee can anyone on campus vote?

Vice President Braun is unsure of how to answer the question, it should be saved for Point of Information.

Information: Senator Mgushi would like to know who is the chair?

President Bergenn says right now no one, basically the Vice President is in charge. The Stipend Review Committee is encompassed by the Internal Affairs Committee and will be gone after the committee consolidation plan passes.

Information: Senator Fernandez would like to know if it is an AD HOC committee can anyone on campus vote?

President Bergenn says any AD HOC is open, but because it was created by SGA only SGA members can vote.

Y20 N3 A1

Motion Passes SG13-013

Open Floor

Senator Dattilo would like to know on the clickers if names are recorded all year.

President Bergenn says you can look back as long as it is saved.

Information: Senator Radden would like to know if once you hit a button can you change your answer?

President Bergenn says yes, the last vote hit once the poll closes is what counts.

Senator Towler would like to know what the question mark button does.

President Bergenn says the senate wouldn’t regularly use that button.

Senator Manento would like to know if they can change votes in a roll call.

President Bergenn says yes, nothing changes. Brittany would write down yes or no and we can go back and forth.
Senator Kitchener would like to know if they were always allowed to switch their roll call vote. President Bergenn said it wouldn’t really be switching votes he just won’t see it until the end. Senator Radden says he wants to wait to set money aside with SA/LD to get feedback. Senator Mills doesn’t think we need to set money aside right now. Senator Baldassario agrees with Senator Mills. He would rather save the money and put it to use by the committees, especially since SA/LD is using their money. Vice President Braun thinks this would better be discussed in a committee like finance. Senator Berriault would like to know if last semester’s minutes will be emailed to them directly or put online. President Bergenn says minutes will always be sent by email 48 hours before a meeting, but they will have to see how things go about getting them online. Senator Mgushi would like to know about scholarships. Mr. Hazan says $20,000 from Dr. Trodenti’s office and $5,000 from his office was set aside for events. Senator Hubbard says with $25,000, the max funds a club can be given for one weekend is $1,150, which will bring us into the spring semester. He wants to see how it will go before using the money. Senator Radden says he would like to see how things go and strategize but this is more a debate for finance committee. Senator Mills suggests having free weekend movies in Torpe Theater. President Bergenn reminds him that is a program done by CAN. Senator Baldassario asks the senate to plan on one or two games they can get to, to help show SGA support and CCSU pride. Senator Berriault moves to adjourn. Motion fails. Senator Sonet asks if the senators have any surveys in mind or anything they would like to know from the students to please get in contact with him. Senator Towler asks if we have any suggestion boxes that we can place near the info desk or devils den. Senator Towler tries to yield time to Senator Sonet. Point of order is called.
President Bergenn says there are drop boxes that can be used.

Senator Gomez suggests a live chat room for students to send questions so that any senator can answer them.

Senator Marcelli says in dealing with Academic Affairs, he wants to know what issues students are worried about and care about the most. If there are any suggestions or the senators get feedback please contact him or Senator Dattilo.

Senator Truex suggests an open forum night so the senators can answer student questions.

Vice President Braun says the ideas are fantastic but may be better suited to discuss in the committees.

Senator Dattilo supports talking in committees, but ideas are more likely to be said in open floor than a committee meeting.

Treasurer Alaimo agrees with Vice President Braun. He says ideas in open floor rarely succeed; instead we should do our homework and talk about things in committee meetings as a way of being more productive. If you have ideas go to a committee meeting or send an email.

Senator Baldassario says to try and plan around the club fair on Sept. 11. There should be a big SGA presence there and it is a good way to meet members of the clubs you have been assigned.

Information: Senator Towler would like to know the day and time.

Senator Baldassario: Tuesday from 11-4.

Senator Marcelli says the retreat is the starting block and if you have an idea bring it up.

Senator Kitchener says it would be a good idea to have more professionalism in the meetings. For instance, she suggests not touching your phones out of respect for the speaker.

President Bergenn says they should remain professional.

Senator Towler says with Academic Affairs she helped the math class start a stats class and asks them to follow up with it.

Senator Dattilo asks if she could get the senate information on the class.

Senator Towler says the class is for anyone who fails stats. The class will be the same level of difficulty and have the same information, but more help will be provided.

Senator Mills says the International Studies Department has classes all at the same time and Academic Affairs should look into that.

Senator Dattilo said they talked about getting a student rep to sit in on the course scheduling meetings so anyone interested please email her or Senator Marcelli.
Senator Truex said classes get changed so drastically it’s hard to have a representative if they change anyway. Maybe the representative can also be notified of any changes.

Senator Sonet asks Academic Affairs of the general education curriculum.

Senator Marcelli says they are supposed to get two student seats for the GenEd proposal and at least one person needs to be there.

President Bergenn says they are working with another committee under the Board of Regents so Faculty Senate is waiting.

Senator Mills wants to know what happened to the bills they opposed of.

President Bergenn says they were passed and there was nothing they could have done to stop them.

Treasurer Alaimo says he is on the Student Advisory Committee to the Board of Regents. He suggests doing a monthly report based on his meetings. If there are any questions with the Board of Regents he can answer them or get them answered for you.

Senator Towler would like to know what happens with the high school students that do not have the needed requirements because their high school does not require them.

Treasurer Alaimo says he will look into it.

Senator Baldassario reminds the new senators to check to see if they have office card access and if they can log on to the office computers. If not, ask the old senators for help.

President Bergenn says if you do not have access talk to me or Brittany (UA).

Mr. Hazan, to answer Senator Towler’s question, the students can either go to a community college or if they know they want to go to a four-year school they should be speaking to their guidance counselors.

Motion to adjourn (Baldassario, Hubbard)

Meeting adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by University Assistant Brittany Burke.