February 27 2013

Present: President Bergenn, Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fellows, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Pancak, Radden, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Towler Truex, Zohlman

Meeting called to order at 3:12 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from February 20, 2013 (Baldassario, Marcelli)

Passes Unanimously  

Chief Powell: Public Safety

I’m here to tell you what CCSU is doing in regards to public safety. Public safety is everyone’s responsibility. We’ve spoken to consultants, put in place crisis management documents and mutual aid agreements. And Emergency operations center has been put in place and employees have gone through additional training. We take a holistic approach with the last line of defense being the police. The police are there to put a stop to a horrific event becoming worse but you already have a horrific event to begin with. So we like to advocate for prevention. You still want to call 911 but if there is no crime the police play no role. There are departments on campus who can help identify a person who may be going down the wrong path and needs help.

The police are there to research and investigate and they are trained in quick action deployment (QUAD).

In an issue you have three choices, run and call the police, hide or fight the individual. To prepare you have to review the basic documents and know what to do. If you receive a CCSU alert seek shelter. The mass alerts are to get information out and when they are sent they don’t necessarily have all the information available to them.

Berriault: there was an incident of a gunman over the summer and there was trouble with the mass alerts. Has that been fixed?
Chief Powell: we put out the notice and then got information of him being off campus so there was no need to further the message, but we couldn’t cancel the old one so we are doing our best.

Narcisse: is there any way we can have censors on campus

Chief Powell: characteristically a gunman would have told someone so there is no need. Generally they are looking for soft targets that they can do the most harm to

Szabo: if you see a crime happen and you try to stop it is there anything that protects the citizen

Chief Powell: yes there are protections

Mills: is there a reason over the summer it wasn’t put over the loud speakers

Chief Powell: there was no need to go further with the alert

Sonet: do you have to sign up for the emergency text system

Chief Powell: no, should be automatic

Narcisse: what about metal detectors

Chief Powell: that’s talking a huge expenditure and having someone there at every post

Mgushi: would you say the police are short numbered

Chief Powell: any police chief would say they don’t have enough people but we are here to provide the services

Truex: what about a check in system

Chief Powell: that’s a police issue and a thing with student affairs

Bergenn: maybe we can further talk about this in committee and report back to the senate

Chief Powell: the university has done well in being able to embrace the holistic approach because I know a lot of places that still refuse to

**Student Affairs Report: Dr. Tordenti**

1. The executive committee to the president has presented a budget to the UPBC. We’re still in the process so there is still many uncertainties that we won’t know for months

2. The University has been advised not to proceed with the Night Life Shuttle as it is currently proposed due to liability issues

Bergenn: I will look into possibly providing private insurance
Public Hearing

Danny Ravizzo: SCUD:

Tomorrow at the Capitol there will be a Higher Ed public hearing and we need bodies there to give three minute speeches about the Governor’s Budget proposal. We’re hoping to get as many people there and we are taking sign ups and written testimonies if you can’t be there.

Towler: can we email this at any time

Bergenn: check your email; you’ll have something that explains everything

Committee Reports

Academic Affairs: Marcelli: meetings have been moved from Tuesday to Thursday at 6p in the 1849 room

Towler: on the agenda…

Point of Order: Marcelli

Well taken: we’re still on Committee reports

Internal Affairs: Braun:

This is all laid out in the agenda and we got rid of one of the standing rules we were going to propose because a standing rule cannot amend the By-Laws.

Move to accept Internal Affairs Recommendation IA13-001 (Braun)

For: Braun: these are rules that the E-Board already follows and this is just having it written down. Some of this will mold and change with e-board elections packets as well and we will be looking at Title 1 as well.

Germaine: 1-9 is stipend amounts?

Braun: we’re going to leave this as 1-9 and stipend amounts will change to 1-10

Against: Baldassario: I know this is just going with what already happens but I’m not comfortable with 1-9-a. I don’t like that it is already a standing rule and I think the idea of the e-board being able to allocate money for any purpose they see fit is ludicrous

POI Braun to Baldassario: do you want a specific amount indicated and do you want restrictions?

Baldassario: I just don’t think the Senate should be able to allocate money without the Senate’s approval
For: Berriault: this is nothing new and it can only happen with 2/3 vote of the senate. The only thing that is new is item E about the Senate being able to overturn something. There is nothing in the by-laws about this so this is just putting it in writing.

POI Manento to Braun: why is it 2/3 and not the majority

Braun: it started as 3/5 and changed to 2/3 but I wouldn’t mind if it changed to majority

Towler: Motion to amend and add in Section a, “not to exceed $500 at any one time”

No second, back on the motion

Move to amend Section 1-9-e, changing “2/3” to “by majority vote” (Kitchener, Manento)

For: Kitchener: majority vote is easier to overturn in senate and it is more accommodating

Vote: 18Y (Braun, Alaimo, Anderson, Fernandez, Fox, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Lee, Lopez, Manento, Ott Pancak, Szabo, Towler) 9N (Baldassario, Choplick, Germaine, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Radden, Truex, Zohlman) 2A (Berriault, Fellows)

Amendment Passes

Back on the motion

POI Baldassario to Braun: in part c where will it all be written?

Braun: it will be in the minutes and there will be a specific record just for e-board decisions

Vote: 20Y 3N 1A

Motion Passes

Move to accept Internal Affairs Recommendation IA13-002 (Braun)

For: Braun: in the by-laws we want to change “meeting times” to “meetings” and for the second part we want to implement a business casual dress code

Yields Time for questions

Towler: would a collared shirt suffice

Braun: yes, like the SGA shirts we have so in case you can’t afford the extra clothes you have the collared SGA shirt

Anderson: will all the lettering be fixed

Braun: yes it will all be worked out
Move to amend and add “IV: At the beginning of his or her term of office, the Vice President must issue guideless that define acceptable business casual attire. Those guidelines must be made available to all elected SGA members.” (Berriault, Baldassario)

For: Berriault: the guidelines are simple and we were worried about business casual not being defined so this makes the VP responsible for defining them

Vote: 18Y 2N 0A

**Amendment Passes**

Back to the motion

Against: Kitchener: this should be enacted at the beginning of the year so people know before they run. I have a thing with dress code being linked to attendance and I just feel uncomfortable.

Vote: 11Y 8N 2A

**Does not pass**

Motion to create a standing rule for the 2012-2013 academic year that senators may be excused for arriving late or leaving early from regular senate meetings by the President or 2/3 vote by the senate. (Braun)

POI Narcisse: is this put in place for classes or just because if you want to leave early or show up late

Bergenn: just as it says arriving late or leaving early

For: Truex: in the by-laws this isn’t addressed and this allows the President or 2/3 of the senate to excuse it until the By-Laws are changed

Vote: 18Y 1N 2A

**Motion Passes**

Baldassario: can excusals be made retroactively

Bergenn: it’s a standing rule for the entire academic year so yes

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. The base budget request packets are out so let your clubs know
2. We’re sending out weekly emails to let people know
3. There is a reference PowerPoint on the website and collegiatelink
4. The last date for contingency and co-sponsorships is this Friday 3/1
5. The first info session will be Tuesday @ 2p

**Vice President Report**
1. Next club liaison email is due next Wednesday and I’m done being lenient. Base budget information is in this email so it’s important they get out
2. Liaisons need to sign the base budget forms this year
3. Anyone who went to COSGA brought back grab items so make sure to take one at the end of the meeting

Alaimo: we have some new information regarding the PRIDE line item so you shouldn’t vote on FC13-074.

**President’s Report**

1. Happy birthday Alex Lee!
2. I’m in touch with the SCSU SGA President she’s trying to get a meeting together with the CSU SGA E-board members, BOR Representatives, and student affairs. I’m going to go to their meeting Friday and last night I went to Western and they passed the joint resolution. The resolution has also been endorsed by the SAC
3. Sen. Marcelli has contact info for the President at ECSU so I’m reaching out to him as well
4. During a roll call vote we should all be silent
5. I’ll bring something up on open floor so I’ll be passing the chair to Liz

**Unfinished Business: None**

**New Business:**

Motion to refer C & D on the agenda to the Internal Affairs Committee (Berriault, Choplick)

For: Berriault: it’s pretty straightforward they need to be sent to Internal Affairs for further review

Vote: 20Y 1N 0A

**Motion Passes**

Motion to rescind SG13-082 (Lee, Marcelli)

For: Lee: after we allocated the money we found out some information that services wouldn’t be what we thought they would be. The SST decided to pull away so I think it’s best to pull our money out.

Against: Baldassario: maybe we should look into the services before we allocate money

Vote: 19Y (Braun, Alaimo Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Fellows, Fernandez, Germaine, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Sonet, Truex, Zohman) 1N (Baldassario) 0A

**Motion Passes**
Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendation FC13-075 (Baldassario, Marcelli)

For: Baldassario: this club is similar to an old publication that used to be in the Resident Halls. It’s a comedic publication and they’re trying to be switched to the media board but for now this should suffice them

Motion to amend to add “$300 in the other line item for printing the newsletter.” (Berriault, Manento)

For: Berriault: I don’t understand why we would include $100 for refreshments but not money for printing the newsletter. They originally asked for $400. Printing costs $49 per issue and they want to do 6 issues a semester at 700 copies and issue. When finance talked they suggested suing our printer and limiting it to 150. They can’t success if they can’t print. I have an email from res life saying it’s okay if they go in the res halls but if they can’t print what good it is? $400 isn’t a lot so they should just get the money to print

Against: Baldassario: it’s not $150 it’s 150 copies per day and they can print multiple days which is giving them more than $300 in printing and is in fact more beneficial for the club. They should really even be part of media board.

POI: Lee: is this striking the 150 or just adding

Bergenn: adding to the end

For: Berriault: we should give them the money. We say we don’t want people to rely on us and we’re trying to make things like the musical more dependent so why can’t we give them the money so they can do this on their own?

Against: Mills: they want to print black and white two sided, our copier does that so why give them money

Call to previous question (Fernandez, Baldassario)

Vote: 18Y 1N 2A

Vote: 1Y (Berriault) 18N (Braun, Alaimo, Baldassario, Choplick, Fellows, Fernandez, Germaine, Kitchener, Kirk, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Sonet, Truex, Zohlman) 1A (Anderson)

Amendment fails

Back on the original motion

Move to amend the motion to strike out everything after SG9018 (Choplick, Mills)

For: Choplick: the request states they want 700 issues every two weeks, at 50 copies a day that’s 350 a week there is no need for the extra stipulation
Against: Fernandez: this may be a more delicate situation the copier is hard to get at on weekends

POI Berriault to Choplick: does the 7 days include snow and holidays

Choplick: no

POI Anderson: can we amend and amendment

Bergenn: no but we can make another one once this is through

I withdraw my motion: Choplick

Against: Marcelli: I agree with bobby but I don’t think we should do this at all. This doesn’t require us to give funding; we have a media board for a reason. They’re still a club without money and they can still make copies

POI Fernandez: what is the process for becoming part of media board

Bergenn: basically the SAC recommends it.

For: Alaimo: I didn’t mean for this to be controversial. This is meant to be convenient for the club and I don’t want to give a lump sum because we could run out of supplies

Move to postpone the motion to the following week (Berriault)

No second

Against: Choplick: I don’t think we should make exceptions because this can hurt other clubs too. We need to be the same across the board

Call to previous question (Germaine, Fernandez)

Vote: 12Y 6N 2A

Debate is ended

Vote: 8Y (Alaimo, Baldassario, Berriault, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Kirk, Narcisse, Sonet) 9N (Braun, Anderson, Choplick, Fellows, Lee, Marcelli, Mills, Truex, Zohlman) 2A (Kitchener, Manento)

Motion fails

Bergenn: there is new information for PRIDE so if you prefer to have it not come up we can move to open floor
Open Floor

Alaimo: I have a concern with our affiliation to Danny and SCUD. Danny Rivazzo is a registered lobbyist in CT and he runs Students of Connecticut Universities for Democracy. I’m just concerned that his group has an agenda of their own. I don’t think we should be affiliated with any group that isn’t one of our constituents, which is the student body. It’s not good to associate the two. He can come to meetings take part at the rally but it’s not appropriate that his lobbying can be linked with the tuition increases. It’s a gray area

Bergenn: I shared similar concerns, but Danny wears a lot of hats. He does lobby but he is also a graduate student and he created SCUD while he was an undergrad at WCSU, but I will check into everything

Alaimo: this document I have says a citizen group

Bergenn: citizens or citizen action

Alaimo: I just want a parallel and I don’t want an association that could lead them to using us as pawns

Bergenn: yes he has an obvious affiliation but we’re more tied to the Democrat and Republican clubs on campus so I have no problem with ties but yes, we shouldn’t be doing anything that can be misconstrued as working with or for a lobbying group

The chair is passed to Vice President Braun

To allocate an amount not to exceed $1,800.00 to provide transportation to 61 Woodland Street in Hartford on the day which a vote on tuition increases is on the Board of Regents’ Agenda.

(Bergenn, Marcelli)

For: Bergenn: I’m sure I’ll use less than that amount but we have just preliminary quotes from DATTCO. We can’t get school buses because they’re still doing their routes at 8:45 but we can get an activity bus for about $550. I can’t imagine filling three buses but I don’t want to have to turn anyone away. The faculty senate is also doing something similar.

POI Baldassario to Bergenn: Tuesday 3/21 at 10a and the bus would leave around 9a

POI Marcelli to Bergenn: when’s faculty senate motioning for this

Bergenn: 3/11

Vote: 14Y (Alaimo, Anderson, Choplick, Fellows, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Testa) 0N 2A (Baldassario, Truex)

Motion Passes: SG13-117

Chair is passed back
Choplick: everyone knows the dress code is a pet peeve of mine but I want to know what others have an issue with, with this and what has changed since the retreat

Mills: I just wanted to let everyone know how well Kitchener did while presenting at COSGA

Motion to adjourn (Baldassario, Marcelli)

Meeting is adjourned at 5:36pm

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.