November 14, 2012

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

Meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from October 31 2012 Meeting. (Mills, Zohlman)

Motion Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report: No report

Public Hearing

YSA:

We presented to finance committee for a line item change but there were still some concerns with it to go over. We’re hosting a civil liberties conference and we’re trying to being in the renowned Glen Greenwald in to speak. He lives in Brazil but is willing to come to Connecticut. His total fee is $4500, the entire conference is $6000. We have outside funders and we’re proposing the line item for his plane ticket of $1522.74 and $1000 toward his honorarium or just $2500 toward his honorarium.

Berriault: who is attending, when is it and why is the speaker important.

YSA: It’s Saturday Dec. 8 and we’re expecting 150-200 people. Greenwald is a major civil liberties writer and attorney who writes for the Guardian.

Towler: have you considered a fundraising loan

YSA: we have money in the budget, it was originally for a concert that we just couldn’t put together. We requested a co-sponsorship but it got denied. We don’t need a loan because we have our own money and outside contributors.
Baldassario: have you worked with your liaison or anyone in the SGA?

YSA: This is the third time presenting in front of an SGA body, there were still concerns after our last presentation so we came back to present.

Choplick: can you elaborate the honorarium?

YSA: he’s asking for a $3000 honorarium fee, but the total to get him here is $4500 but that can increase with ticket prices as the dates get closer

Germaine: you’re charging a fee to get into the conference where is that money going?

YSA: it’s a suggested donation but would go back to paying off the conference

Berriault: classes end Dec. 7 is there anyway this could be booked for early spring?

YSA: The conference is already booked, has been since September, it’s only the first day after classes end so we’re still expecting a good turn out.

Choplick: what is the total conference cost?

YSA: About $6000 depending the Greenwald’s ticket prices

Marcelli: will the conference happen no matter if Greenwald can or cannot come

YSA: Yes, but it will be heartbreaking. A lot of speakers are coming because Greenwald’s coming he is the key note of the conference and was scheduled at this time because of his schedule

Bergenn: do you have a quote from Greenwald about his rates?

YSA: We can get them to you soon

Alaimo: what is the projected attendance

YSA: 150-200 People, it’s building a following all over the region

Dattilo: were speakers informed Greenwald was coming before you knew it was definite

YSSA: If we don’t get this money someone’s going to put it on their card to get him here although we thought we had a simple line item

Dattilo: but did speakers agree to speak with the understanding the greenwald was coming?

YSA: No just motivated to come

Towler: this is a weekend event have you asked for money from Weekend Central?
YSA: Yes, but we were told they had already given their grants for December.

President’s Report

If anyone is free from 6:15-7:30 before the basketball game Friday and is willing to help the Students Giving Campaign let me know.

The first week back is scheduled for Jan. 16, if we have a meeting this week it will be held in Vance 105.

We went through the Spring semester dates for the shuttle and there will be a few days when the bus doesn’t run, which means we can do a trial run after Thanksgiving break.

Vice President’s Report

Event and meeting reports are due by Friday, they are only on one of your clubs

Treasurer’s Report

Contingency and cosponsorships were due Friday, we got about five requests and I suggest you look through the minutes.

Towler: why was YSA denied

Alaimo: lack of information

Committee Reports:

Fernandez: for Public Affairs: COSGA applicants have been picked and emailed and have a week to respond back. NCSL applications are due by Dec. 3 by 5p.

Sonet: Student Life: Competition for a Cause: A lot of food was collected and if anyone has any free time Thursday or Friday and wants to help pick up the food let me know.

Kitchener: Student Life: thanks for everyone who helped with the Coffee Talk. If there are any surveys you’d like students to fill out for the next one let me know.

Marcelli: Academic Affairs: there are some library things in the works and we’re working on a financial planning seminar for Nov. 27

Towler: Transfer Thursday has been rescheduled for Dec. 6 from 6:30-8:30

Presentations:
Spring Awakening: We’re doing Spring Awakening, the contemporary rock musical with two talk backs with the Women’s Center and Pride. There are six performances with 120 seats. We raised ticket prices this year to $8 for students and $20 for nonstudents. Last year we sold 89% of our tickets. Auditions are opened to all students interested and we’re running a design contest for our posters to include the design department. The money requested is for things like hiring a director. A professional director is needed at this level to provide a higher level of efficiency. We’re asking for about $23,100. We have 100 students working on this with a cast size of about 18-20; this is all very beneficial to the entire student body

Towler: when is it?

Musical: April 23-27

Towler: is it on the weekend

Musical: it’s a week long

Towler: have you asked SA/LD for weekend money?

Musical: no

Truex: the money for the mics and batteries shouldn’t that be covered departmentally or by events management

Musical: I’d have to talk to the professors

Truex: with the 6 piece band can’t you use bands at school

Musical: I know there’s been a struggle departmentally with music and theater

Dattilo: what’s the guest artist?

Musical: the director

Alaimo: do you think members of the musical would be willing to contribute

Musical: I don’t think we are

Fallanca: is it possible to reuse old materials

Musical: we do but it all depends on the director’s vision

Mgushi: how the is music department and theater departments willing to support this

Musical: I can’t answer that
Unfinished Business

Marcelli: chair and co-chair appointments?

Bergenn: yes, keep in mind nothing with finance and student life is changing

Marcelli: nominate Sen. Radden for chair of public affairs

Truex: nominate Sen. Fernandez for chair of Public Affairs

Fernandez: decline

Senator Radden wins

Berriault: nominate Sen. Baldassario for co-chair of public affairs

Baldassario: I accept

Sen. Baldassario wins

Manento: I nominate myself for co-chair of Academic Affairs

Towler: I nominate Sen. Narcisse for co-chair of Academic Affairs

Bergenn: she’s not here to accept and she hasn’t spoken to me about it

Sen. Manento wins

New Business

Move to approve finance committee recommendations FC13-039, FC13-040 and FC13-044. (Baldassario, Mills)

For: Baldassario: these are all straight forward and the only reason the two running club requests are both coming up is because we didn’t have a meeting last week

Vote: 31Y (Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fallanca, Fellows, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Ott, Pancak, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Towler, Truex, Zohlman) 0N 0A

Motion Passes: SG13-058

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-042. (Mills, Marcelli)

For: Mills: ASCE came for a contingency but it was more like a base budget and because they have no base budget we told them to resubmit and they did. Some of the things we didn’t want to
approve and we can only give $500 anyway so we wanted them to be able to choose what they spent the money on, excluding what we didn’t think was right.

Vote: 27Y (Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Choplick, Dattilo, Fallanca, Fellows, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Ott, Pancak, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Towler, Truex, Zohlman) 0N 2A (Berriault, Kitchener)

Motion Passes: SG13-059

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-043. (Mills, Marcelli)

For: Mills: Physics and Earth Sciences club’s conference changed location and became more expensive, this could have been a contingency but they came with a line item so we should approve it

Against: Choplick: they never presented and I don’t feel comfortable approving this because in the past votes have gone differently once we heard from the club

POI Dattilo: do we require them to present

Bergenn: No

For: Mills: this is a simple line item change and we don’t require a presentation this information is enough

Vote: 28Y (Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Dattilo, Fallanca, Fellows, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Ott, Pancak, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Towler, Truex, Zohlman) 0N 3A (Baldassario, Choplick, Sejdiraj)

Motion Passes SG13-060

Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendation FC13-047 (Baldassario, Mills)

Chair is passed to Vice President Braun

For: Baldassario: should contribute $17000 to the musical. It can be amended if you don’t agree on the number, but I don’t support $23000 because that’s too much, but $17000 is still a decent amount. There are still some things that couldn’t be answered and are unclear like money for a band and microphones but we’re giving them enough flexibility where $17000 can pay for the majority of it. But feel free to amend

Against: Alaimo: the musical does do a good job and there are 100 students working on this but I suggest we deny this motion because it will kill this group in the future. We can help them by
having them become a club and put them on an even playing field this motion dictates how future senates spend money

Point of order: Mills: not germane to the motion

Not well taken

Against: Alaimo: reason behind this will cause a loop hole by letting the organization have two years

Point of Order: Bergenn: not germane to the motion

Well taken

Against: Alaimo: this decision for $17000 is because of another motion. I say make them a club and give them $5000 for directors, $1000 for scenery, $1000 for costumes, $1800 for royalties and $150 for shipping royalties and go through needs versus wants and then give them back their revenue of $3468 for a total of $12418 that’s a good amount. There are 100 people working on this, if they each paid $100 that’s $10,000 some are even facility issues so even $50 a person would help them comfortably.

Point of Order: Choplick: not germane to the motion

Not well taken

Against: Alaimo: this puts them on an even playing filed and remember this comes out of our reserves continuing to do this will only hurt us

POI Dattilo to Alaimo: have you discussed them becoming a club

Alaimo: yes they said down the road

Move to amend the motion so it reads as follows: Motion to approve allocate $17,000 to be used for the spring musical within the line’s requested from SG9010. (Choplick, Bergenn)

And to insert the following as an addendum to the motion.

The schedule for the maximum request in subsequent fiscal years for the musical production must adhere to the following formula:

\[ a^* = (at-1 - rt-2) 0.80 + rt-1 \]

\[ a^* = \text{maximum request for funding from the SGA} \]

\[ a = \text{allocation} \]

\[ r = \text{revenue from the production of the spring musical} \]
\( t = \text{fiscal year} \)

- a* means this is the maximum amount the group putting on the musical can request from SGA each year.
- at-1 represents the amount of money which was allocated the previous year (\(t \) stand for this fiscal year; \(t-1 \) stands for last fiscal year).
- rt-2 represents the revenue from 2 years before the requesting year. This is subtracted to make sure that, because their revenue is stored in our accounts, the amount of revenue that is contributed by the musical does not impact the amount in which the allocation changes.
- \((at-1 - rt-2) \, 0.80 \) is 80% of the amount of money allocated last year, not including revenue from the year before that.
- + rt-1 by adding last year’s revenue back into the equation, we are making sure that anything the group collects is returned to the group. Again, the reason we have to do this is because they do not have a revenue account, so their revenues are stored in our SG account.

Ex. a* = \((at-1 - rt-2) \, 0.80 + rt-1\)

If this year’s allocation = $17,000 and last year’s revenue = $3,468, assuming every year’s revenue is also $3,468,

Then, a* for next year

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a* \ (2014) = \ ($17,000 - $3,468) \, 0.80 + $3,468
= ($13,532) \, 0.80 + $3,468
= $10,825.60 \, + $3,468
= $14,293.60 \text{ is the maximum amount that can be requested for next year.}
\]

- this is the amount that could be coming from student activity fees.

Let’s say that is granted in full, the following year would go as follows.

at-1= $14,293.60
rt-2 = $3,468
rt-1 = $3,468

\[ a^{*}(2015) = (14,293.60 - 3,468) \times 0.80 + 3,468 \]
\[ = (10,825.60) \times 0.80 + 3,468 \]
\[ = 8,660.48 + 3,468 \]
\[ = 12,128.48 \] is the maximum amount that can be requested for next year.

- this is the amount that could be coming from student activity fees.

For: Choplick: I don’t think we should decide their needs versus wants and we shouldn’t cut their budget in half in one year. With this formula in one year they can’t request an amount that is less than what we gave hockey this year, this limits them while also making them self-sustainable.

Kitchener: I’m just confused about (Rt-2)

Choplick: r is the revenue and t-2 is the prophet from two years ago

Kitchener: why two years ago

Choplick: because of the allocations from the year prior

Truex: are you implementing this for every year or is this just something you’re hoping them follow

Choplick: this isn’t added to the by-laws so it’s not every year

POI Towler: do we have to give $17000 or can we give $10000

Choplick: that’s a separate amendment

Towler: can you amend the amendment

Choplick: yes

Baldassario: is the concept to have them find another way for them to fund this or become a club?

Choplick: to become self-sustaining or become a club

Bergenn: can you provide an example of how this would work

Choplick: Then, a* for next year

\[ a^{*} (2014) = (17,000 - 3,468) \times 0.80 + 3,468 \]
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= \$14,293.60 is the maximum amount that can be requested for next year.

Fallanca: this doesn’t take power away from the Senate it just limits the musical right?
Choplick: correct

Manento: what changes if the revenue goes up
Choplick: the money coming from reserves wouldn’t change

Dattilo: if they were a club this would become null in void?
Choplick: yes

Truex: what if they can’t support themselves
Choplick: there is no escape clause they fund it themselves, find donors or become a club

Marcelli: what happens if after several years and they don’t become a club and we limit them to almost no money? We don’t restrict clubs like that do we?
Choplick: I don’t believe so

Towler: no escape clause and no money if they don’t become a club, that’s the point?
Choplick: this isn’t trying to kill them just make them become less reliant on the SGA

Kitchener: what’s the impact on the SGA been by funding this
Choplick: I can’t answer that

Szabo: was funding this ever a problem
Choplick: you’d have to ask the eboard

Szabo: how would I come to senate and ask for the limit but say I need more
Choplick: this doesn’t restrict senate from approving more

Berriault: I oppose this amendment. This is wrong for everyone and the end doesn’t justify the means. If they want to become a club tell them to become a club. This is a Stone Age way of getting what you want, you need to communicate. We have a committee whose job it is to recommend things like this and this is saying we don’t trust future senates to make a good decision. How many clubs make a profit? Sports clubs don’t make a profit, but this musical does. This amendment is terrible and we’d be letting down the students and kill a campus event.

For: Fallanca: this equation just lets them know what to expect
Against: Baldassario: this is just twisting the musical’s arm in getting donors or becoming a club, which is our goal but is still uses our reserves. This is just a minor solution and not the way to go

For: Ott: less reserve will happen anyway we always have more clubs and less money so finding other solutions to help is good

POI Berriault: the point of the original motion was to fund $17000 to add this amendment with lasting effect without putting it in the by-laws isn’t that against Robert’s Rules

Braun: I’d have to read the whole book to find that but from what I see there’s nothing that addresses that, so no

Against: Dattilo: it’s not out of the question to ask them to contribute their own funds, either ask them to become a club or rework the reserves

For: Bergenn: this is about finding a solution, the math is what it is, it’s black and white. We’re not killing the musical we’re responding to an impending recommendation that wouldn’t fund the musical. This is done with the intent to gradually decrease funding. Cutting it in half will kill them this way they’ll be prepared and they’ll know what they can ask for. When you ask how do you say you need more? Other clubs do that so it is plausible that it can happen. We’re funding something that can be a department, class or club; this is just telling them to pick a direction. We want to save the musical and this is the best way to do it

POI Towler: do they have a bank account that they can put 10% of their revenue in each year to build up a savings

Braun: they’re not a club and it gets paid with our money so no, they don’t have an account

Call to previous question (Ott, Mills)

18Y 6N 0A

Debate is ended

Vote on Amendment: 8Y 12N 4A

Amendment fails

Original Motion for $17000

For: Testa: the $13,000 for directors is essential, $2000 for royalties is needed and the other $2,000 is for props and costumes. This is less than what was allocated last year. This is a major event on campus

Against: Dattilo: members could contribute funds

For: Mills: cutting $3,000 may force them to contribute anyways

POI Marcelli: does the motion specify who it is going to

Braun: they use the card through SA/LD so I’m assuming they’d know it was the musical
Against: Truex: this is a big number and things can be cut. Members can pay out of pocket, but I’m in favor of giving them their revenue. I also don’t like funding this if professors get class credits.

**Move to postpone (Bergenn, Truex)**

For: Bergenn: there are a few other things on the agenda to get done and this number was done with the intent that the other amendment would pass, now the numbers are just arbitrary and we should have reasoning

Against: Baldassario: $17,000 wasn’t arbitrary

Point of Order

Well taken

Against: Baldassario: we don’t have a meeting next week so we wouldn’t be able to talk about this until the end of November, so this should be done today

For: Towler: things are not set

Point of Order

Well taken

For: Towler: we should postpone until things are more concrete

Against: Dattilo: we should amend this and not wait

For: Bergenn: doesn’t make use to amend it

Against: Berriault: we’re doing a good job debating and should continue

**Call to question (Mills, Towler)**

**Debate is ended**

Vote on postponement: Vote: 9Y 11N 1A

*Not postponed*

**Original Motion**

**Move to amend and strike out $17,000 and add $3468 and add at the end “and to refer back to Finance Committee for further consideration” (Marcelli, Truex)**

For: Marcelli: this is the only non-arbitrary number and no one is opposed to giving the revenue and this also doesn’t stop us from giving more

Against: Mills: finance made this recommendation, sending it back won’t change things
For: Baldassario: we didn’t get all the answers and there are still ways to bring costs down

Against Berriault: we can’t vote on this for two weeks we have the numbers so we shouldn’t delay

For: Choplick: this motion was broad based on the other amendment so it should go back

Call to question (Dattilo, Mills)

Vote: 15Y 5N 2A

Debate is ended

Amendment Vote: 14Y (Baldassario, Choplick, Fallanca, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Sejdiraj, Towler, Truex) 6N (Berriault, Dattilo, Fellows, Hubbard, Pancak, Zohlman) 2A (Bergenn, Testa)

Amendment passes

Original motion

Point of parliamentary inquiry: Baldassario: with the amendment do the same rules apply

Braun: yes

Call to previous question (Mills, Choplick)

Vote: 17Y 4N 0A

Debate is ended

Vote on Original motion: 14Y (Baldassario, Choplick, Fallanca, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Sejdiraj, Towler, Truex) 5N (Dattilo, Fellows, Pancak) 2A (Bergenn, Berriault)

Motion passes

Motion to approve finance recommendation FC13-041 (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: YSA came today with just a little more information, we’ve been asking for this from them and they just got back to us today. We’ve denied clubs because of lack of information and this is what happened

Against: Baldassario: this program is happening and they already have the money. This conference is better than a concert and it will benefit CCSU
For: Berriault: they were denied by finance because of lack of information because they waited until Senate is fishy

Point of parliamentary inquiry: Truex: do we have quorum

Bergenn: yes quorum is 19

Against: Braun: finance denied because of lack of information, they came with information so this should change your minds. We’ve made note of “simple” line item changes before and we need to treat all line item changes the same

For: Marcelli: it’s not the lack of information, it’s the way they conducted themselves by leading people on and how they are trying to pressure us into caving. This is just bad planning and they have been lying to everyone. This is just unprofessional.

Against: Towler: Greenwald just encouraged the other speakers to come the line item is just a reasonable motion

For: Mills: this is money for one person, the others are coming regardless

Against: Baldassario: if they don’t use this money it sits there and will go to waste, the concert wont happen but the concert will

For: Berriault: this isn’t their money it’s the student’s money, if they’re being deceitful they shouldn’t be rewarded.

Against: Towler: the money will sit there and the students wont benefit

For: Marcelli: a line item is rolling they will only waste this money if they choose to do so

Against: Kitchener: we shouldn’t decide on emotions, we denied on lack of info and now we have that info

For: Dattilo: they still have a whole semester for the concert, it didn’t fall through they just didn’t try

Against: Testa: the concert didn’t get put on because Chris got hurt and had to step down

For: he still planned a whole conference whilst hurt

Against: Khan: we’re talking about civil liberties, they tried to get weekend money and fundraised and contributed. They have the money and need it for an event right now so we should use it

POI Kitchener: motion to approve a denial?

Bergenn: yes, a vote yes is to deny and a vote no is not to deny.
Vote: 5Y (Berriault, Choplick, Fellows, Marcelli, Truex) 11N (Braun, Fallanca, Khan, Kitchener, Kirk, Manento, Mills, Narcisse, Testa, Towler, Zohlman) 3A (Baldassario, Dattilo, Sejdiraj)

**Motion Fails**

Motion to adjourn (truex) no second

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-046 (Baldassario, Choplick)**

Lost quorum

**Open Floor:**

Baldassario: with lacrosse I’m okay with giving them some of the money but I may amend to cut it down and we need to stop making double negative motions

Bergenn: that happens because the motion shouldn’t sit in limbo but the language is hard/ I challenge Nick president of the College Republicans, to a debate

Scott Hazan: even if you approve travel I have final say if students can drive themselves

Narcisse: trains and planes too

Hazan: any travel

Kitchener: with the call to questions, we should let people speak if they want to speak. Student life will have a quick meeting after and the SGA Turkey Celebration will be Sunday from 4-7p.

Mills: if you have a problem with finance recommendations come to finance committee

Towler: when are they?

Mills: Monday at 4

Marcelli: if LAX gets granted the van what are your feelings

Hazan: I cant answer that right now

Towler: is it possible to create an AD HOC committee for older and non-traditional students

Bergenn: if a group showed enough interest then yes but there is a fine line for something like this

Towler: not just older but all nontraditional students
Bergenn: it’s worth bringing up

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 6p

Respectfully submitted by University Assistant Brittany Burke.