October 17, 2012

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

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from October 10, 2012 Meeting. (Mills, Baldassario)

Motion Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report

No Report

Public Hearing

None

President’s Report

In the agenda the ratification comes after the voting of the Constitutional amendment, but that was postponed last week because of the new senators, so the ratification will be moved up in the agenda.

By the end of the week 12 of the 18 faculty committee student spots will be filled, the list will be online.

Last week Student Life and Finance was asked to look at the shuttle idea. Student Life went through some ideas, but more information will be presented at Finance Committee next week. SUBOG, IRC and CAN have also been contacted about the idea.

Guest Speaker:
Timothy Malone, Central CT Regional Planning Agency

Last year they were approached by professors for a more active form of transportation, like biking and walking. 83% of the CCSU community commutes, mostly using cars so the department began a “Transportation Demographic Management Plan” for non-automotive modes to get around campus. They’re doing surveys and traffic analyses but want help from the students. If anyone is interested in helping contact him or fill out one of the flyers handed out.

Towler: are they planning more buses between CCSU and Capitol Community?
Malone: they’re starting up the bus way but unsure of new routes and other plans.

Baldassario: best to contact via phone or email?
Malone: email

Narcisse: will the stops be like a car lot to park and ride?
Malone: yes they are like park and rides.

Towler: are they going to develop a train to go into New Haven?
Malone: they have a train that goes from Springfield to New Haven, but they’re not really involved and the closest stop to hear is Newington.

Bergenn: For new senator elects, training will be Friday. In today’s meeting feel free to ask questions if you don’t understand something or abstain in a vote if you are unsure.

Vice President’s Report

November 16- responses are due from attending an even or meeting.

A new liaison email is being constructed, so if you want anything specific in there send her a blurb or the information.

Treasurer’s Report

Thank you to finance for all the hard work during contingencies.

Hopefully all of these pass and if there are any questions feel free.

Towler: can you rationalize the ones that were turned down?

Treasurer Alaimo goes through the reasons for all the recommendations one by one.
Radden: YSA was too much money, but are they going to come back and apply for something else?

Treas. Alaimo: Co-sponsorship comes out of our funds so we thought it was too much for just one speaker when they have free speakers. They are also doing fundraising.

POI Towler: did anyone tell them about a fundraising loan?

Alaimo: Yes and they can come back.

POI Narcisse: does the denial for the NAACP include conferences and other requests?

Alaimo: co-sponsorship was denied, it’s different from contingency.

**Committee Reports:**

Public Affairs:

Fernandez: Applications for the conference open to senators will be available next week at the meeting.

Baldassario: Last year the application deadline was after the Senate meeting but we’re changing it to 3:05 to make life easier for the senators. We’re opening the applications for the National Leadership Conference to all students.

Truex: What are the dates for the first conference?


**Ratification**

Move to accept and ratify the Fall 2012 election results. (Alaimo, Marcelli)

For: Alaimo: Public Affairs did a great job with the elections and we have some great new senator elects.

Motion Passes SG13-038

Senator elects join the other senators.

Dr. Tordenti issues the oath to senator elects.

Senators Fox, Testa, Fallanca, Szabo, Lee, Kirk and Sejdiraj are sworn in.

**Unfinished Business**
Internal Affair Recommendation:

Bergenn: to let the new senators catch up, Senator Berriault proposed a Constitutional Amendment, which was postponed to until this week in which it’s now back on the table.

**Move to postpone motion until next week’s meeting.** (Braun, Mills)

For: VP Braun: it’s not a time sensitive motion so we should take our time, let the new senators go through training and have time to learn about the motion.

**Motion Passes**

POI Towler: is there going to be a meeting Friday to discuss the motion?

Bergenn: No, Friday will be new training for Senators.

**New Business**

**Move to approve Finance Committee recommendations FC13-019, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 030, 031 & 032.** (Mills, Choplick)

- FC13-019: Move to deny Spanish Club contingency request.
- FC13-020: Move to allocate $530 to the Design Club from SG9016 with $30 to be used on flyers from the copy center and $500 to be used on clothes, fabric, and accessories from the Salvation Army and Savers with the stipulation that the clothes be donated after the show.
- FC13-021: Move to deny the NAACP/Design Club Co-Sponsorship request.
- FC13-023: Move to allocate Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu $2626 to go towards two mats from account SG9016.
- FC31-024: Move to allocated Ski and Snowboarding club $2550 from account SG9016 to go towards travel.
- FC13-025: Move to deny the YSA co-sponsorship application.
- FC13-026: Move to approve the Spanish Club line-item change.
- FC13-027: Move to deny CCSU PRIDE’s contingency request.
- FC13-028: Move to approve CCSU PRIDE’s line-item change in full.
- FC13-030: Move to deny Shlock’s contingency request.
- FC13-031: Move to deny the Economics Club Contingency request.
- FC13-032: Motion to deny the ASCE contingency request and recommend to put in a base budget request.
For: Mills: Finance met for 3 ½ hours Monday to go over everything and everything you’ll say we’ve already brought up and gone over so trust Finance. I separated two of them because there were discussions about the two specifically.

Against: Dattilo: I don’t see a big enough correlation between all of them to pass them as one.

Vote: 19Y (Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Choplick, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Hubbard, Kitchener, Lopez, Mgushi, Mills, Ott, Rodriguez, Truex, Kirk, Lee) 12N (Dattilo, Germaine, Khan, Manento, Marcelli, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Sonet, Towler, Zohlman, Fallanca) 5A (Berriault, Fox, Test, Sejdiraj, Szabo)

Motion Passes

Point of Parliamentary Procedure: Baldassario: What is the process by which you can change a decision made by the Senate after the fact?

Bergenn: you can motion to reconsider with new information which needs to passed by 2/3 of the senate or you can motion to rescind something that’s been passed at the next meeting and you can amend something previously adopted and make changes to something that’s already been passed.

Towler: Move to look at Finance Committee recommendations one by one because there is not enough similar reasoning.

Bergenn: you can’t motion that, its already been passed.

Marcelli: You need 2/3 or the majority to rescind. To reconsider the person who makes the motion has to be on the winning side and it’s during the same meeting.

Move to accept Finance Committee recommendation FC13-022. (Mills, Choplick) [NAACP]

For: Mills: NAACP came to us with $2000 request for two different conferences along with the contingency request to get money to give to the Design Club for their fashion show. We said for them to come back with a co-sponsorship and they did.

POI Hubbard to Alaimo: What was the reason this was unforeseen?

Alaimo: want fact or my opinion?

Hubbard: Just how was it unforeseen?

Alaimo: they didn’t anticipate on spending this money.

POI Narcisse: How much money do they have in the base budget and can they do a line item change?
Alaimo: we gave them over $5000, $4500 to be used on a trip to Howard, which they’re doing this week.

POI Narcisse: are they using the full $4500?

Alaimo: I can’t answer that.

Scott Hazan: Yes, they are using it all.

Against: Towler: They should be able to go to their conference, even if we only fund part of it.

Point of Order: Fernandez: Not germane to the motion.

Not well taken.

Against: Towler: Because of the work they do this will be beneficial to them and the entire campus.

For: Mills: There was no information about the conferences, it wasn’t denied just because it wasn’t unforeseen.

POI Narcisse: if they wanted can they come back with more details?

Bergenn: they can come back with a contingency request.

Vote: 30Y (Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Khan, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Sonet, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 4N (Dattilo, Hubbard, Kitchener, Towler) 2A (Khan, Sejdiraj)

Motion Passes

Motion to reconsider the Senate’s vote on FC13-019, 020, 021, 023, 024, 025, 026, 027, 028, 030, 031 & 032. (Baldassario, Hubbard)

For: Baldassario: I voted in favor of this because I agree with a lot of the recommendations, but the way this was done doesn’t seem right. There was no debate and I’m not comfortable with that we need to have discussion and give people the chance to speak.

Against: Alaimo: We send the finance minutes out before the meetings and people could have asked questions. If you don’t agree with something you can make an amendment.

For: Mills: I want to apologize for making the broad motion but keep in mind this is something we’ve already discussed.

Bergenn: Remember it’s a motion to reconsider not rescind.

Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: in order to rescind what percent is needed to pass?
Bergenn: it’s a motion to reconsider and it needs to pass with the majority to go back to the original motion.

Against: Radden: Finance worked hard and this isn’t usually how we go about things but we have proof of each decision so we can pick out anyone if we have issues with them. And people had the opportunity to ask questions.

For: Baldassario: Just because we could ask questions doesn’t mean we were given the opportunity to disagree with something.

Vote: 19Y 15N 2A

Motion passes

Marcelli: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: Can Sen. Mills withdraw his original motion?

Bergenn: yes

Mills: I withdraw my original motion, okay with Choplick.

Motion Withdrawn.

Bergenn: the motion is withdrawn which means it’s like it never happened.

VP Braun: Just so new senators know they can leave at 4:20p if they have to.

Move to approve finance committee recommendations FC13-019 and FC13-026. (Mills, Marcelli)

For: Mills: Spanish Club came with a contingency for a banner but found a way to do it for less and found ways to move money around with a line Item change.

Vote: 30Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Sonet, Towler, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 0N 0A

Motion Passes

Move to approve finance committee recommendations FC13-20 and FC13-021. (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: Design Club asked for a large contingency for the fashion show, but it’s not well put together. They asked for $1000 for clothes from H&M and Forever 21 along with lighting and runway money. As design club they should design their own clothes so we thought $500 from Savers and the Salvation Army was good. They also asked for a co-sponsorship with NAACP for more money for clothes but we didn’t want to give another $1000 for clothes.

POI Towler: What happened to the conferences?

Bergenn: that’s separate in the contingency.
Vote: 24Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 1N (Pancak) 4A (Radden, Sonet, Towler, Sejdiraj)

Motion Passes SG13-042

Move to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-023 (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu came with the truest contingency. Last year they bought mats but over the summer they got destroyed in the bubble and now they can’t be used. The company they bought them from offered to take 50% off, but they want to get mats with a 6-year warranty so we decided two mats for $2626 and a 6-year warranty.

POI Szabo: are we now going through each recommendation one by one?

Bergenn: it’s up to the senate but the idea was to break the motions up and vote on them separately.

Vote: 26Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Sonet, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 0N 1A (Truex)

Motion Passes SG13-043

Move to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-025 (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: YSA came with a co-sponsorship, which would be putting our name on a large conference, but $4000 for a keynote speaker ($3000 for the speaking fee and $1000 for travel) is a lot of money.

POI Towler: name on what?

Bergenn: Co-sponsorship means our name would be on the event as well, we’re not just paying for it.

POI Narcisse: What does YSA stand for?

Bergenn: Youth Socialist Action

Against: Towler: they should get some money at least because of the mission statement.

For: Choplick: $4000 is a lot for one person when they already have a lot of free speakers.

Vote: 27Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Hubbard, Khan, Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Sonet, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 0N 1A (Towler)

Motion Passes SG13-044
Move to approve finance committee recommendations FC13-027 & FC13-028. (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: PRIDE asked for a contingency for a retreat and while we’re all fond of retreats it should have been in the base budget. The retreat is exclusive and going against their mission statement. The line-item change is just taking money from things they don’t need or have in stock and moving it to the drag show, which is always a big thing on campus.

POI Narcisse: the money for the line-item isn’t being moved to the retreat?

Bergenn: right it’s two different ideas.

Against: Towler: they didn’t apply for it in a base budget because it’s a new e-board and they had people graduating, and the drag ball is good to solidify the club.

Against: Truex: it’s not unforeseen which means it’s not a contingency a new e-board isn’t an excuse.

Vote: 24Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Hubbard, , Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Pancak, Radden, Sonet, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee,) 1N (Towler) 2A (Narcisse, Szabo)

Motion Passes

SG13-045

Move to approve finance committee recommendations FC13-030, 31 & 32. (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: Shlock asked for $500 for an instructor but not a lot of information was provided. There were a lot of names attached to the event so we thought they should do a co-sponsorship request.

Economics asked for the GAME forum, but the president of economics is also the president of SAC and SAC got denied for the event.

ASCE has no base budget because they’re entire request was denied last year so we think they should come apply for a new base budget.

Move to amend motion to strike out FC13-031 (Dattilo, Mills)

For: Dattilo: There was a lot of discussion on this and I think it should still be discussed and moved to next week.

Motion Passes

Original Motion

Vote: 27Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Hubbard, , Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Sonet, Towler, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Lee, Szabo) 0N 0A

Motion Passes

SG13-046

Move to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-031 (Mills, Choplick)
For: Mills: Passes turn

Against: Dattilo: Guy was at the conference when the base budgets were due and thought it would be a good conference for the economics club. I think we should wait until I or Treas. Alaimo can talk to Guy about reworking the request.

Vote: 5Y (Anderson, Choplick, Kitchener, Marcelli, Truex) 16N (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Dattilo, Fellows, Hubbard, Manento, Mills, Pancak, Radden, Towler, Zohlman, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Szabo) 6A (Fung, Mgushi, Narcisse, Sonet, Fox, Lee)

Motion Fails

Move to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-024 (Mills, Choplick)

For: Mills: Ski and Snowboarding asked for a lot of money for three day trips including travel and the lift ticket. They already have the 3-day trip but the club has grown and people have expressed interest for day trips so we decided to fund travel only.

Against: Berriault: The trips aren’t until February and March so I say we see how the 3-day trip goes and if it’s successful vote the day trips in the second semester contingency.

For: Truex: we’re only funding half and all their trips last year were almost sold out so it’s a good investment.

Vote: 22Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Manento, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Towler, Truex, Zohlman, Fox, Testa, Sejdiraj, Fallanca, Kirk, Szabo) 2N (Kitchener, Marcelli) 2A (Hubbard, Lee)

Motion Passes

SG13-047

POI Marcelli: for FC13-029 the numbers don’t add up is it a typo?

Bergenn: Yes the number should read $1250 not $1050.

Move to approve finance committee recommendation FC13-029 (Mills, Radden)

For: Mills: this is an odd request. Exercise Science asked for a fall conference but was denied because of lack of information they came back and got funding for the College Bowl in the fall conference through a line item. Now they’re asking for the spring conference. There was debate of whether or not it was the same conference, but we all agreed to fund the career fair and deny the webinars because it’s for class credit. The first time this was motioned Treas. Alaimo voted to make a tie and then it was brought up again and passed.

Against: Marcelli: It’s basically the same conference and the only reason it is unforeseen is because they didn’t foresee us denying the fall conference.

POI Manento: can I ask a question so Marcelli can make a motion when I’m done?

For: Mills: we generally give one conference a year and this is to send 50 students to the conference at UConn. It’s a different conference, we have a summer and winter SGA conference and they’re not the same.
Against: Truex: The Line item paid for registration of the fall conference, this is not unforeseen.

Move to amend FC13-029 to read “Motion to allocate exercise science $324.25 going toward the career fair.” (Marcelli, Dattilo)

For: Marcelli: The career fair is fantastic but the conference request is inappropriate and not unforeseen doesn’t matter if it’s the same conference or not.

Against: Mills: this is unforeseen, we said no to the first conference so the second one is an option.

POI Kitchener: Is it in the By-Laws they can only ask for one?

Bergenn: It’s one conference per club through contingency but not in the base budget restrictions.

POI Dattilo: If we amend motion does it take out everything including the webinars?

Bergenn: they weren’t in the original motion,

Vote: 11Y 13N

Motion Fails

Original Motion:

For: Berriault: this goes along with their mission statement, to go to conferences, which they haven’t been able to do.

Against: Hubbard: the career fair also doesn’t make sense, they could have started to plan this during the semester, it’s not unforeseen it’s a base budget!

For: Towler: we’re on a healthy campus kick so we should support this.

Call to previous question. (Anderson, Mills)

Vote: 17Y 6N

Debate Ended

Original Motion

Vote: 11Y (Vice President Braun, Senators Anderson, Berriault, Narcisse, Radden, Towler, Fox, Testa, Fallanca, Kirk) 13N(Choplick, Dattilo, Fellows, Fung, Hubbard, Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Pancak, Sonet, Truex, Zohlman, Sejdiraj, Lee) 0A

Motion Fails

Open Floor:

Truex: This Saturday at 7p CCSU rugby plays UHart for a spot in the finals.
VP Braun: to the new senators, not every meeting will be like this. This only happens a few times a year.

Mills: I apologize for the entire motion, next time I will be more systematic.

Marcelli: next week we’ll be talking about the Constitutional Amendment, it’s a big deal so everyone familiarize yourself with the proposal and talk to people who have been working on it.

Bergenn: We’ll be going over the Constitution and By-Laws on Friday.

Dattilo: is everyone welcome to join Friday?

Bergenn: it’s a tiny room so we can’t invite everyone.

Dattilo: are you talking about the proposed change?

Bergenn: no just the Constitution in general.

Hubbard: everything that gets voted on matters so hear both sides and try to make the most informed decision possible.

Kitchener: yes we motion to end a long debate, but people should have a chance to speak if they have something to say, but remember look at the finance minutes ahead of time it doesn’t take long and if you have a point that was already brought up in the minutes don’t bring it up again.

Dattilo: don’t just read the minutes understand the too.

Radden: pep rally went well and homecoming was awesome!

Mills: Motion to adjourn

No second

Choplick: Club Sports Board meets Monday Oct. 22 at 6:30p in Kaiser 128. If you’re a sports liaison remind your club and everyone should come and check it out.

Radden: every Monday?

Choplick: every other

Fallanca: where are the finance minutes?

Bergenn: you’ll get them emailed to you.

Towler: There will be a Transfer Thursday Nov. 1 from 6:30-9p.

Berriault: Election day is about 3 weeks away and we’ve already registered about 10% of the on campus residents to vote under the campus address. If you speak to anyone who has questions about voting direct them to our site where I put together a comprehensive voters guide.

Bergenn: if you’re not registered you can register with Rock the Vote on our home page.

Motion to adjourn (Choplick, Mills)
Meeting adjourned at 5:40p.

Respectfully submitted by University Assistant Brittany Burke.