Student Government Association Minutes from September 19, 2012

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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, Pancak, Ott, Radden, Rodriguez, Sonet, Towler, Truex, Zohlman

Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from September 12, 2012 Meeting. (Mills, Baldassario)

Motion Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report

Dr. Tordenti spoke about last week’s Town and Gown meeting. There was a lot of energy from the community members, but things that were brought up were very disturbing. They plan to work with the people in the neighborhoods to help the situation.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Latour

Dr. Latour form Faculty Senate came to speak about which faculty committees have student seats. There are 24 committees, nine committees with seats.
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Sen. Dattilo: Because Planning and Budget only says 1-part time is the other seat filled?

Dr. Latour: Yes, doesn’t know about any other seats being filled.

Sen. Kitchener: Do you have to make both the regular and subcommittee times?

Dr. Latour: It’s better to make both, but you could contact the chair for specifics.// Seat members are selected by the Senate, Faculty Senate doesn’t dictate how people are selected. If interested send President Bergenn your information.

Sen. Towler: Can two people share one position?

President Bergenn: It doesn’t have to be a Senator on one of the committees.

Dr. Latour: There is no official rule the two people can’t share duties as long as they are not at the same meeting.

Sen. Baldassario: Is the Academic Integrity a variable Friday?

Dr. Latour: Emailed the chair of the committee, but is waiting to hear back.
President’s Report

There are two open student representative positions on the Alumni Association. They need to be of junior and senior standing. If anyone is interested there is more information in the office. Meetings are Monday at 3 p.m.. If you are interested send in a short bio with your name, town, major, other activities and reasons why you want to be a part of the association.

IRC voted to put $5,000 toward the readership program.

He’s been at each committee meeting and everyone seems focused, but he suggests getting groups of people to work on one specific task.

If there is anything going on, like info sessions make sure an email goes out to the whole senate so they know that it’s happening.

There was a lot of students at the Town and Gown meeting and there was a lot of major issues raised. He encourages people to let friends visiting surrounding neighborhoods to be careful because they could be getting their friends in trouble. They are working on ways to get to know the surrounding neighborhoods better, such as putting together information packets. If anyone would like to be involved in the project let him know. It’s a good step showing the neighbors we care.

Hearing for the Hot Spot Ordinance is set for Oct. 2 at 7 p.m. Common Council is scheduled for Sept. 26, where they will bring up any changes to the other Blight Ordinances.

Vice President’s Report

The first club liaison email will be sent to the Senators following the meeting, Vice President Braun encourages Senators to get in contact with their clubs ASAP and continuously keep in contact with the clubs. Encourage them to also use CollegiateLink.

If you don’t know which clubs are yours, they can be found online.

Treasurer’s Report

Treasurer Alaimo went over the Finance Committee recommendations, suggesting they all be passed.

Fundraising Loans will now be accepted on a rolling basis. Requests should be in by Friday to be discussed at Monday’s meeting. Sign-ups to present on their request is in the SA/LD office.

Oct. 5: Co-Sponsorships and Contingency Requests are due.

Oct. 8: Presentations will be heard from 4-7 p.m.

Committee Budgets should be proposed by next week so they can start planning.
**Committee Reports**

Student Life Committee:

Sen. Sonet: The tentative schedule for Coffee Talks will be:

- Tues. Oct. 2, 12-1:30/2
- Wed. Nov. 7, 9-11a
- Wed. Dec. 5, 12-2p

These are tentative and they are still waiting on a location.

Public Affairs:

Sen. Baldassario: They don’t have an exact quote for the Homecoming shirts, which they co-sponsor with CAN, but the design will be a royal blue, long-sleeved shirt. They have the design, but are still working details out with the Athletics Department, who would like their trademarked font used. 1,000 will be ordered.

Pep Rally is Oct 12 at 5 p.m. in the Student Center Circle. Student Life wants as many Senators there as possible.

Vice President Braun: Is the Athletics Department contributing to the shirts or pep rally?

Sen. Baldassario: We need the Athletics Dept. approval to use the Blue Devil logo. They are contributing the sports teams and the band, they’re still talking with them about contributing money.

Sen. Berriault: Does the 12 matter?

Sen. Baldassario: They didn’t bring up the 12 as the problem, they just want their font used, which we are willing to do, just want to keep the 12 in the design.

Sen. Rodriguez: Have they sent the trademarked print?

Sen. Baldassario: not yet.

President Bergenn: All the trademark rules can be found on the athletics website.

Sen. Towler: Will the weekend initiative put money into it?

Sen. Baldassario: Not considered a weekend event.
Sen Radden: Meeting with the Athletics Dept. Friday for donation, and he has the font. Still waiting on some quotes for some of the inflatables and food trucks but they are cheaper than last year.

The voter registration drive will be Oct. 1-4 from 11:20-4:30p if any Senators are available to sit at tables let him know.

Academic Affairs:

Sen Marcelli: The whole committee’s been working hard on networking. The Academic Affairs binder is finally in the office. They are working on talking to academic clubs to get their feedback.

President Bergenn: Sen. Berriault will serve as the SGA Historian.

Public Hearing

Ethan, Secretary of the Communications Club came to speak to the Senate about possibly having their meetings taped and broadcasted. The Communications Club wants to tape multiple club meetings for experience and he is willing to work with the SGA.

Celeste Roche: The first “Blue Monday” event will be held Sept. 24 at Tool’s bar in downtown New Britain. These will be held 8:30-12 every Monday. Anyone can go, but they will be carding.

Unfinished Business

No unfinished business

New Business

Motion to approve Finance Committee recommendations FC13-006- FC13-008. (Mills, Dattilo)

For: Sen. Mills: Ones a fundraising loan, which they always support, one is a new club budget, which always gets $500 and one is a simple $50 line-item change.

Against: Sen. Ott: $600 for shirts is a lot, and it seems to be bending the rules.

For: Sen. Berriault: The shirts aren’t for them to wear they are to sell and the SGA will be getting its money back.

P.O.I: Sen. Baldassario: Is the Tennis Club a new club, will it be treated like a reactivation?

President Bergenn: Yes.

Goes to a clicker vote.

Point of Order (Dattilo): Per Senate rules any motion for over $100 should be done by roll call.
Well Taken

Vote: Y N A

Motion Passes  SG13-021

Open Floor

Sen. Towler: Would it still be Roll Call with the clickers, because the voter names would be published?

President Bergenn: No, roll call is just that, a roll call.

Sen. Radden: Thank you for everyone who came and spread the word about my weekend program.

Sen. Baldassario: Elections have a spot reserved in the student center for laptops for voters to use collegiatelink Oct. 9-11. T/W is from 11-3p at the #6 table while TR is 12-4p at the #1 table. Any help would be appreciated.

Sen. Mills: TR at 7:30 in the Philbrick room there will be club training, which is mandatory for all e-board members.

Sen. Mills: Oct. 5 LASO will be having a block party from 5-9p in the Vance Quad.

Sen. Berr: Proposes an amendment to the Constitution, which would then be tabled for two weeks before debate. “Motion to add Article 3 Section 5 which would read, ‘Shalle a Senate position become vacant, and such vacancy occurs during the regular academic semester, the President shall have the power to nominate any undergraduate student who meets the proper requirements of that vacant position; with approval by two-thirds of the Senate by roll call vote.’”

Vice President Braun: Motion to refer Sen. Berriault’s recommendation to the Internal Affairs Committee. (Braun, Marcelli)

Point of Order (Kitchener)- No one seconded Sen. Berrialut’s motion.

Not well taken

President Bergenn: The amendment can either be tabled or referred to committee.

For: Vice President Braun: It’s an issue for Internal Affairs, better to be discussed than tabled.

Vote Y N A

Motion Passes  SG13-022
Sen. Baldassario: If we call for a division does roll call count as a division?

President Bergenn: Yes, it’s an individual count of people.

Sen. Radden: Lobby tables are reserved and candidates can sign up for time slots in the office.

Sen. Towler: Does Sen. Berriault’s resolution just proposed for the term?

President Bergenn: It’s an amendment, which means it will be an indefinite change to the constitution should it pass.

Sen. Towler: Is the person picked to fill the spot just for that term?

President Bergenn: Yes, it’s not a permanent appointment.

Sen. Towler: Candidates who came close in elections, but lost should be considered first.

President Bergenn: It will be in Internal Affairs and I can only answer on what the amendment states now.

Sen. Radden: Can you serve on more than one faculty committee?

President Bergenn: Yes, it’s normal to have the President appoint people, but it can be done differently depending on who wants to participate.

Motion to adjourn (Baldassario, Mills)

Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by University Assistant Brittany Burke.