

**THE COLLEGE OF SAINT SCHOLASTICA
STUDENT SENATE
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES**

LOCATION: S3211
DATE: Sunday, 04/13/2008
TIME: 8:00 pm

CHAIRPERSON: Kyle Heffner, President
RECORDER: Carlos Villamizar, Volunteer

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
Call To Order		President Heffner calls the Senate to order at 8:00 pm.
Attendance	The following Senators are absent:	Note, there are 25 voting Senators present.
Approval of Current Meeting Agenda	Since it is an odd Sunday, Committee meetings will take place for the first 30 minutes. Senator Johnson moves to recess for 15 minutes. Senator McElrath seconds. A vote is taken. Motion passes. Senate will reconvene at 8:17pm Senate reconvenes at 8:17pm.	Senate recesses for 15 minutes. Agenda stands with noted changes.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes		Minutes stand.
Immediate Action	Report from Student Affairs Board Meeting- Andrew Hadrich Andrew Hadrich, Student Trustee, presented the Endeavor Fund in the Board Meeting. The Trustees agreed the fund is a great idea, but also said Student Senate should be careful on what and when to spend the funds. They pointed out there should be adequate communication between the Senate and Faculty and Staff when deciding if the project if viable; Steve Lyons will help with this. A concern was brought up in the board meeting about CSS students not being able to find help from the school when looking for off-campus housing. Student Trustee Hadrich says that UMD has a webpage to help with this matter. The Board Members thought this was an interesting idea, and have decided to put a link on the CSS webpage to the UMD site. A question was raised about building more on-campus housing. Student Trustee Hadrich reported that the Science Building expansion is the priority. The college does not have enough funds for both. The board was impressed with the college's response to the latest issues that have affected our community: racism incidents, suicide, and sexual assault. The	

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college responded in a timely manner and gave the student body as much information as it was allowed by law.
One more security guard has been added due to the recent sexual assault incident. If students have any ideas on how to improve CSS security please contact Andrew Hadrich and he will take them to the board meetings.
Senator Bass asks Student Trustee Hadrich what other measures is the board taking to increase security. He responds that increasing security issues are dealt with by the President's staff and not the Student Affairs Board. One idea that was discussed though, was adding work study positions for escort services.
Parking issue – the board is the pushing Parking Committee to create a plan to improve the parking situation; they should have something to present at beginning of fall semester.
There was a 30% increase in enrollment applications from last year. Members on the board think the addition of a Football team might be a good reason for this thriving increase. The average for other private colleges in the area if from a 2% increase to a 10% decline.
Debit card machine in storms – The board was disappointed that the system is not up and running yet. I should be working by the beginning of the fall semester.

Unbudgeted Requests

CJL

Present is Chris Rubesch, who would like new computers for the CJL since the old ones are not running adequately. They are asking for \$4,633 for 4 new computers. Senator Sparby asks if IT could take care of this issue. Rubesch answers that IT is not interested in buying new computers for the CJL.. Senator Bass points out she is one of the CJL directors and finds no problems with the current computers. Also, the CJL is supposed to receive used computers this summer (better than the ones they currently have). Rubesch replies he was not aware of this. Student Trustee Hadrich recommends Rubesch to look into the Endeavor fund for this type of request. Senator Hackenmueller proposes tabling the request until more accurate information is available. Senator Bass moves to revoke the request and table it for next week, Senator Gigliotti seconds. A vote is taken. No abstentions noted and motion passes.

Senate tables the CJL request for next week.

Vicky, Holly, Kelsey

Present are Vicky, Holly and Kelsey, who are requesting funds for Mission Trip to

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	<p>Tanzania. During the trip they will experience the culture, visit different churches and learn about how they run their services. Upon their return they are planning to recruit students for future years. They are asking for \$783 to help with food, transportation and lodging. Senator Hackenmueller moves to allocate \$783, Senator McElrath seconds. One abstention noted and motion passes.</p> <p>Boundary Waters Camping Club Present is Ben Turman, who is requesting \$350 for a Wilderness First Responder training class. Turman says this class will not only benefit him but also all the students who are part of this club when they are out on trips. Senator Hackenmueller asks why not train an underclassman so the investment lasts for more than one year. Turman replies that as the leader of the club he feels responsible for everyone's safety. Senator Sparby move to allocate \$350, Senator Bass seconds. A vote is taken and 2 abstentions are noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>Circle K Present are Circle K members asking for \$376 to attend a Circle K International Convention in Denver, CO. The money asked for is according to the handbook. Senator Johnson moves to allocate \$376, Senator Gigliotti seconds. A vote is taken. No abstentions noted and motion passes.</p> <p>Senior Send-off Committee Present is Stephanie Kirchner, who is asking for money for the Senior Send-off event. They are asking for \$9,805.80 for food, entertainment, t-shirts and photos. This event is sponsored by Senate every year. Senator Johnson asks why is this event not funded by the institution. Kirchner replies that the college says this is an event for students by students. Senator Hackenmueller points out that the Senior Send-off committee has \$670.66 in their account allocated for this event. Senator Sparby motions to allocate \$9805.80, Senator Johnson seconds. Senator Splonskowski moves to make a friendly amendment to subtract the \$670.66 already in the Committee's account. Senator Sparby accepts. The new amount is \$9135.14. A vote is taken. No abstentions noted and motion passes</p> <p>Calling all Catholics Present is Jessica McClernon, who would like to welcome Pope Benedict XVI in New York to strengthen their faith and spirit. They are asking for \$400.70 for gas, tolls, and food. Senator McElrath motions to allocate \$400.70, Senator Bass seconds. Senator Johnson points out that they should get \$414 according to handbook and makes friendly amendment to allocate that amount to Calling all</p>	<p>Senate Allocates \$783 for Vicky, Holly and Kelsey</p> <p>Senate allocates \$350 to Boundary Waters Camping Club.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$376 to Circle K</p> <p>Senate allocates \$9,135.14 to Senior Send-off Committee</p> <p>Senate allocates \$414 to Calling all Catholics</p>
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	<p>Catholics. Senator McElrath accepts. A vote is taken. No abstentions noted and motion passes.</p> <p>Open Doors Present is Amos Restad, who is asking for \$904 to lobby for GLBTQ rights in St. Paul, MN. The money is for registration, food, transportation, and GLBTQ resources to create awareness on campus. Registration was already paid for and is removed from the request. Senator Johnson points out that according to handbook the amount requested for transportation and for resources should be decreased to \$28.23 and \$200 respectively. The new total amount requested is \$278.23. Senator Rinella moves to allocate \$278.23, Senator Meyers seconds. A vote is taken and one abstention is noted. Motion passes.</p> <p>Rotaract Club Senator Villamizar is representing Rotaract Club. They are asking for \$375 for their end of the year banquet. Senator Rinella moves to allocate \$375, Senator McElrath seconds. A vote is taken. One abstention noted and motion passes.</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$278.23 to Open Doors</p> <p>Senate allocates \$375 to Rotaract Club.</p>
<p>Reports of Executive Officers</p>	<p>a. President- Kyle Heffner</p> <p><i>Auxiliary Senator Welcome</i></p> <p>President Heffner gives a warm welcome to Dan Moore, Tommy Werner, Angela Marsolek and Dan Dodge as the newest Auxiliary Senators.</p> <p>.</p> <p><i>Rotaract Club Request</i></p> <p>Last week's request for FUSE Duluth was tabled once again for the following meeting. The club is asking for an extra week to reach the goal of 105 membership applications. They currently have 75 applications in their hands.</p> <p><i>Orientation Packet</i></p> <p>The packet contains all the information the Senators need to perform as is expected from them during the 2008-2009 year. It includes information on the Senate Constitution, dress code, parliamentary procedures, student organizations</p>	

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	<p>and the absence grievance sheet.</p> <p><i>Chair Interviews</i></p> <p>President Heffner and Vice-President Hansen will hold interviews this week for Senators interested in Committee Chair positions. The five Chairs will be appointed next meeting.</p> <p><i>Executive Interviews</i></p> <p>Next week President Heffner, Vice-President Hansen, and Student Trustee Andrew Hadrich will hold interviews for the executive positions (Administrative Vice-President and Financial Vice-President). These are two very prestigious titles within the Student Senate.</p> <p><i>Senate Computers and Printer</i></p> <p>The new Senate Office computers have been ordered and should be here within the next three weeks. Steve Lyons has offered to replace the broken printer in the Senate office. Student Senate thanks Steve Lyons for his support.</p> <p>b. Executive Vice President- Tierra Hansen</p> <p><i>Tassie McNamara Committee.</i></p> <p>The application packets are available. This award is given to faculty members who truly express our Benedictine Values. Vice-President Hansen moves to appoint Senators Kincaid, Sparby, Schrandt, Kaake, President Heffner, Student Trustee Hadrich and herself to be part of the Tassie McNamara award election committee. Senator Leighton seconds. A vote is taken and no abstentions are noted. Motion passes.</p> <p><i>Club of the year</i></p> <p>Vice-President Hansen moves to appoint Senators Gigliotti, Leighton, Hackenmueller, Kroyer, Olson, Lucas, and President Heffner as members of the Club of the Year Committee. Senator McElrath seconds. A vote is taken. No</p>	<p>Senators Kincaid, Sparby, Schrandt, Kaake, President Heffner, Student Trustee Hadrich and Vice President Hansen are accepted as members of the Tassie McNamara Committee</p> <p>Senators Gigliotti, Leighton, Hackenmueller, Kroyer, Olson, Lucas, and President Heffner are accepted as members of the Club of the</p>
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	<p>abstentions noted and motion passes.</p> <p>c. Financial Vice President- Amanda Hackenmueller</p> <p><i>i. Account Balances</i></p> <p>General fund:\$35,143.10 Project Fund: \$35,993.13 Operating Fund: \$8,268.93 \$2500 from the Operating Fund will go to Relay for Life</p> <p><i>ii. New Reimbursement Form</i> A new reimbursement form is now available in the Senate Office. The new form was designed to be more student friendly.</p> <p>d. Administrative Vice President- Carlos Villamizar - volunteer</p>	<p>Year Committee.</p>
<p>Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p>a. Collegiate Affairs-</p> <p><i>i. Grievances Updates</i> Tables in study rooms in science were not stable. President Heffner talked to Terry Belich, Buildings and Grounds Manager. Belich said he will place an order to get the tables fixed soon.</p> <p><i>ii. New Grievances</i> Senator Johnson asks why the Dining Dollars are not transferable anymore to Bookstore dollars. President Heffner replies that not many students know about this and it was not advertised enough when the change was made. Steve Lyons supports the students views and he strongly urges the committee in charge of this to allow students to transfer Dining Dollars to Bookstore Dollars during this semester. Senator Kroyer states the movie selection in the DVD rental machines is outdated. Senator Johnson says she will take care of this grievance. Students have been getting parking tickets in a zone that is not marked as a No-Parking zone in lot 5.</p>	

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	<p>b. External & Legislative Affairs-</p> <p>c. Finance- <i>i. Budgeted Requests</i> Cheerleading \$188.25 and \$30.54 PASS \$15 CIS Club \$980 SNA \$25 Third Wavers \$125 Indigenous Alliance \$6250</p> <p>Finance committee meetings are Thursday at 8:00 pm in the Senate Office T81 and clubs requesting money are strongly encouraged to attend.</p> <p>d. Internal Affairs-</p> <p>e. Student Activities-</p> <p>f. Board of Trustees Student Representative-</p>	
<p>Reports of Special Committees</p>	<p>Parking appeals committee President Heffner reports that 30 of 40 appeal request passed in the last meeting. Students should be aware they have the right to appeal any incident that occurred within the last 30 days. Monastery and BHC tickets will not be reviewed by this committee because they are not part of the school. Senator McColgan asks why shouldn't this tickets be reviewed by the Parking Committee if they are charged directly to our student accounts. President Heffner says he will look into this issue.</p>	
<p>New Business</p>		
<p>Old Business</p>		
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Basra Project The School of Business and technology is looking for applicants for the Basra Project Internship, which consists in collecting prosthetic limbs in the Duluth area and sending them to Basra, Iraq. For more information contact Mary Lee in the</p>	

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	<p>School of Business and Technology.</p> <p>Hans' Wedding Former Senate President and CSS Alumni Hans Jacobson got married last weekend. Interestingly, the preacher at the wedding talked extensively about the importance of the Benedictine values taught in St. Scholastica. Congratulations Hans and Joanne!</p> <p>Earth day April 22 is Earth Day! Events will take place in the Student Union and they are sponsored by Earth Action. Senator Johnson asks to do little things to save our earth, at least "just for one day".</p> <p>NACA Conference Senate is formally thanked for the support of the students attending the NACA conference</p>	
Adjournment	President Heffner asks for dissent to adjournment. There is none.	The Senate adjourns at 9:52pm. The Student Senate will recess until Sunday, April 20, 2008