

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

**LOCATION: BWC249**  
**DATE: Sunday, 04/26/2009**  
**TIME: 8:00 pm**

**CHAIRPERSON: Daniel Moore, President**  
**RECORDER: Tierra Hansen, Administrative Vice President**

<i>TOPIC</i>	<i>DISCUSSION</i>	<i>ACTION</i>
Call To Order		President Moore calls the Senate to order at 8:00 pm.
Attendance	The following Senators are absent: Alyssa Courneya, Tim Dahl, Chris Handyside, Tierra Hansen, Linzi Moroney, Dan Dodge	Note, there are 22 voting Senators present.
Approval of Current Meeting Agenda	Under V.c.iii Strike <i>Martha Liesch</i> Under VII. c. i. 7 Computer Club Under XI. C Campus Cleanup	Agenda stands with noted changes.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	The minutes stand.	
Immediate Action	<p>Senator Johnson moves to recess for 30 minutes; Senator Imberg seconds. There is a request to move agenda item V a: <i>Emily Johnson</i> to the bottom of immediate action.</p> <p><i>New Senator Appointment</i> Robb Correia shows interest in joining Student Senate. Senator Lucas moves to appoint Robb Correia as an auxiliary senator. Senator Cofer seconds. Senator Lucas clarifies that this is not a committee motion because the Internal Affairs committee did not have time to meet ahead of time to discuss the motion. A vote is taken; the motion passes. Senator Lucas moves to appoint Robb Correia as a full-voting senator. Student Trustee Hadrich seconds. The motion passes.</p> <p><i>Unbudgeted Requests</i> <i>SHIMA</i> SHIMA is putting on a fundraiser in order to go to their national convention in the fall. The fundraiser will be a Power Pong fundraiser. Senator Johnson points out that clubs are allowed \$25 for start up costs for fundraisers. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$25 to SHIMA. There is one abstention; the motion passes.</p>	<p>Senate appoints Robb Correia as a full voting Senator.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$25 to SHIMA.</p>

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	<p><i>Northern Explorers</i> They are looking for funds to certify students to be able to lead trips. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$1400, to either fund the first responder or part of both. There is one abstention; the motion passes.</p> <p><i>Circle K</i> The request for Circle K is tabled indefinitely.</p> <p><i>InterVarsity Christian Fellowship</i> InterVarsity is asking for money to attend a statewide conference for InterVarsity clubs. The clubs will get together to learn more about God and plan for next year's events. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$966.92 to InterVarsity. The motion passes.</p> <p><i>9/11 Never Forget</i> CSS will be honoring the anniversary of 9/11 where 2977 flags will be placed around campus. They are planning to bring Earl Johnson as a guest speaker, who escaped the attack. Senator Bonner states that the speaker will cost around \$2000. She has only started looking for other sponsors for the event. Senator Johnson points out that Senate is not allowed to pay for transportation for speakers due to liability issues. Senator Bonner explains that the event may include a tribute to veterans from the area, among other things, but they have not yet planned everything. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$1490. Student Trustee Hadrich asks if Senate will be able to donate money to the event and Senator Toro expresses her agreement in contributing the other necessary funds. A vote is taken. There is one abstention; the motion passes.</p> <p><i>Soccer Players</i> The CSS soccer team is going to England in August for ten days for pre-season practice and games and team bonding. The trip is \$3000 total for each of the players. They are fundraising by selling raffle tickets and grocery bagging at Super One. There are 25 people going, but are only requesting funds for six. These are the players who need the money most and wanted to put in the effort of requesting money from the Senate. The players are also doing a lot of individual fundraising. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$225 per person for a total of \$1350. Senator Heffner makes a friendly motion to make it a group allocation; since not all the players requesting the funds are present at the meeting, according to the updated Financial Handbook, if the requests were treated individually, only the people present at the meeting would be allocated money. The Finance committee</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$1400 to Northern Explorers.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$966.92 to InterVarsity.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$1490 to the 9/11: Never Forget Project.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$1350 to the following soccer players: Toby Peter, Courtney Bonnick, Jermaine Dacres, Colin Lindemoor, Tyler Marquardt, and Greg Doornink.</p>
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	<p>accepts. The new motion is to allocate \$1350 to the six soccer players: Toby Peter, Courtney Bonnick, Jermaine Dacres, Colin Lindemood, Tyler Marquardt, and Greg Doornink. There is one abstention and the motion passes.</p>	
<p>Reports of Executive Officers</p>	<p>a. President- Dan Moore <i>Game ball</i> AVP Hansen give the Game Ball to FVP Nelson for doing an excellent job in his first weeks as Financial Vice-President and working hard with Senator Hackenmueller to get fully trained in to the position.</p> <p>b. Executive Vice President- Blake Kroyer <i>Tassie McNamara/Club of the Year Update</i> The committee has selected the recipient for the 2008 Tassie McNamara award. It will be presented at the Faculty/Staff Luncheon on May 6. Club of the Year nominations close Tuesday, April 28. There was an article in the cable to advertise the nominations..</p> <p>Vice-President Kroyer also notes that the Student Savings Club should be ready by May 11!</p> <p>c. Financial Vice President- Andy Nelson i. Account Balances: Project Fund                   \$21259.46 General Fund                   \$5899.69 Senate Operating Account   \$5420.27</p> <p>FVP Nelson reviews the topics of the Board of Trustees Finance meeting. He notes that the College will be adding an Athletic Training program to the graduate studies. Also, there will be three new fleet vehicles added, along with \$300,000 in new library materials. There will be some tuck-pointing on the North tower to fix and maintain Tower Halls' towers. FVP Nelson also adds that the online programming offered by the College is starting to expand. Lastly, he notes that fall enrollment for freshmen is expected to be around 30 students less than the current year, but they are anticipating 80 more graduate students.</p> <p>d. Administrative Vice President- Tierra Hansen</p>	

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<p>Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p>a. Collegiate Affairs- Andrea Imberg <i>Grievances Updates</i> -Senator Imberg updates Senate about the grievance concerning placing a mail drop-off in the Science building. Keith from the mailroom said that the mail bins are placed by USPS, but they are looking into a drop-off that the mailroom workers take over to Tower. -Facilities said they would take care of the shower stall that does not get hot water. -Concerning the lack of availability of security escorts during rounds, the committee discovered that Betsy Kneepkens wants to make it a paid student employed position. The position would also possibly include watching the campus security cameras, housed at Somers front desk. A food service van is available in the evening. The costs are estimated at \$7,000/semester; however, the budget is locked for next year. Student Trustee points out that this issue was already looked at and the liability issue was the main concern and is why nothing has been done so far. -A new microphone was ordered for the in lecture hall in Science and has already arrived. -The report on the bandwidth capabilities concern was that the College uses a traffic shaper to assign priorities to incoming and outgoing usage. Academic use is the priority; each user has the same bandwidth allotment. The computer labs are also prioritized. -The committee had received a question as to whether the Windows operating systems were offered at a discounted price at the College. Students can go to the website <a href="http://www.campusstore.com">www.campusstore.com</a> for discounts, and there are also flyers and such at the Bookstore. CIS majors may also receive additional discounts as they use those programs for their classes.</p> <p><i>New Grievances</i> -In the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor lounges in Science, the morning sun is blinding. There is a suggestion to get some shades installed, such as those used in Somers Main.</p> <p>b. External &amp; Legislative Affairs- Nick Gigliotti <i>Campus Legislative Team Update</i> Vicky, Dan, and Nick met with the Campus Legislative Team. There were a total of 101 students in attendance for Day at the Capitol, with 29 no-shows and 12 cancellations. It was noted that there was several cold and flu bugs going around at the time, and they attributed the decrease in attendance to those factors. However, Scholastica still had the largest delegation for the fourth year in a row. Some comments from students included the requests for more</p>	
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	<p>time at the Capitol for lunch and between meetings. The committee also thought of having tours available for the students. Other comments that came up were from students who were upset that their representatives were not available to meet with them.</p> <p>c. Finance- Josie Johnson <i>Budgeted Requests</i> Biology Club       \$100 Earth Action        \$175 Circle K             \$150 Volleyball Club    \$150 Northern Explorers \$322.40 SOTA                 \$250 CIS Club            \$518.75 *Also note that updated handbooks are available.</p> <p>d. Internal Affairs- Erin Lucas</p> <p>e. Student Activities- Brady Nellis</p> <p>f. Board of Trustees Student Representative- Andrew Hadrich</p>	
<p>Reports of Special Committees</p>	<p>Senator Johnson, Senator Bass, and Tricia Rinella had a meeting for the Tower Hall Task Force last Tuesday for their final meeting. They were concerned with the relocation of offices and departments to better organize Tower Hall. Next year, some of the offices in Tower Hall will be moved around. The other big priority was to figure out if it would be feasible for the Bookstore to move to the Union and the best way to do so, if necessary. They received a price breakdown that was around \$500,000 but the actual costs will more likely towards \$800,000. The Task Force is recommending that the Bookstore not be moved because it would not be economically responsible at this time. They decided that the College should renegotiate contract with bookstore to avoid legal problems because of the recommendation of not moving the Bookstore. However, these are only the Task Force's recommendations; they still need to be approved by the President's staff. Costs that were not looked at in the initial estimate included adding walls in the current Bookstore location for the Senate and Cable offices and storage areas.</p>	

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New Business	<p><i>Financial Handbook Revision Presentation</i></p> <p>Senators Villamizar and Heffner, along with Student Trustee Hadrich, put together a PowerPoint presentation to highlight the benefits of the Endeavor Fund and to explain other possible options for greater financial responsibility other than cutting down the Fund.</p> <p>They express their concern about the “gray areas” of the definitions of expenditures in the Financial Handbook. For example, they estimate that more than \$9000 were allocated that may not have directly fit the definition of <i>Trip</i> in the Handbook. They are also concerned about requests for large sums of money for events or trips that only benefit a small number of students. They are not suggesting cutting out certain clubs whose activities do not fit into the definitions, but instead adhering to the rules and putting a more academic/service focus on the trip in order to meet the defined requirements to receive funding.</p> <p>Hadrich, Heffner, and Villamizar wish to create an awareness of the problem of the situation so it may be avoided for future years. It should be a goal to spend all of the money out of the General Fund because it is the <i>current</i> students’ money, not money from next years’ student. If the definitions for allocations in the Financial Handbook are followed accurately, it should save us large amounts of money and allow Senate to responsibly make fair allocations to everyone.</p> <p>They state that the Endeavor Fund is 100% positive and that cutting its funding will not secure Senate’s financial problems. However, responsible allocation for future Unbudgeted Requests will.</p> <p><i>Financial Handbook Revision: Endeavor Fund</i></p> <p>Last week Senator Imberg moved to change the Financial Handbook to read \$9000 allocated to the Endeavor Fund per semester for \$18,000 total. Senator Dahl seconded. Senator Bonner moved to lay to the table the motion and it was approved. Now the motion is open for discussion and debate. Vice-President Kroyer moves to limit to debate to ten minutes; Senator Lee seconds. There are 18 ayes, 2 nays, and 1 abstention. Debate will be limited until 10:05.</p> <p>Senator Hackenmueller states that if Senate would like to spend its money the way it has been, there need to be some changes made for next year. Everything in the revision recommendation is based on numbers; these Senators would not be coming with the revision if it was not an issue.</p> <p>Senator Heffner moves to suspend indefinitely the motion on the table. Senator Munjanja seconds. Senator Heffner moves to limit debate to five minutes. Senator Toro seconds. There are 11 ayes, 10 nays, and 0 abstentions. The motion requires a 2/3 vote, and thus fails. Debate will not be limited.</p>	
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Senator Bass points out that \$18,000 is still a sizable amount to put towards the school and the students. Also, Senate can allocate the money from the General Fund into the Endeavor Fund at any time during the year. Senate can wait until they are certain that they have the money before they put all the money towards the projects. She states that it is better to have \$18,000 in the Fund and need to add \$7000, rather than have \$25,000 but only \$18,000 worth of requests.

Student Trustee Hadrich inquires if money can be taken out of the Endeavor Fund and put back into the General Fund at any time throughout the year. Senator Johnson responds that all unused funds are rolled back at the end of the academic year. Once the money is in the Fund, it cannot be taken out until the Rollback process in July.

Senator Johnson points out to the Senate that enrollment is down for next year and Senate will not have as much funding coming in from the Student Activity Fees. This means that there will be less money in General Fund to allocate to Unbudgeted Requests fund. We have also been seeing Senate utilized more by the students and clubs so it is likely that there will be more requests in future years.

Senator Toro says that the Selections Committee had limits on the projects this year, such as only renovating one of the Science 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor lounges and replacing only a portion of the Library chairs. Next year, the Fund could be used to complete those projects. Senator Reilly addresses that the Endeavor Fund was just started last year and seemed to be a hit with the students. Now that more people know about the Fund, we should expect more proposals. She thinks that it would not make sense to decrease the Fund after it was so successful in its initial year.

Senator Hackenmueller restates that only cutting down on the unbudgeted request allocations may not solve the financial crunch Senate saw this year. The General Fund money also benefits all students and it would not be responsible to keep the Endeavor Fund the way it is.

Student Trustee Hadrich requests a Roll Call vote. The vote is to decide whether or not to kill the motion that was made last week to change the Endeavor Fund allocation to \$18,000/year. The reasoning for the Roll Call vote is to prevent the issue from coming up repeatedly in future meetings. In order for a change to the Endeavor Fund to occur, a Senator who had voted "YES" to kill the motion would have to move to change the allocation. To clarify, a Yes vote would keep the Endeavor Fund allocation at \$25,000/year and a No vote would bring back the previous motion to approve or deny the Handbook revision.

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	<p>The vote is as follows:</p> <p>Senator Bass No  Senator Bonner Yes  Senator Cofer Yes  Senator Correia Yes  Senator Gigliotti Yes  Senator Guggisberg Yes  Senator Hackenmueller No  Senator Heffner Yes  Senator Imberg No  Senator Johnson No  Senator Kroyer Yes  Senator Lee No  Senator Lucas No  Senator Munjanja No  Senator Nellis No  Senator Nelson No  Senator Porten Yes  Senator Reilly Yes  Senator Toro Yes  Senator Villamizar Yes  Senator Yu Yes</p> <p>The vote is 12 in favor, 9 opposed. The motion passes. The previous motion is suspended indefinitely.</p>	
<p>Old Business</p>		
<p>Announcements</p>	<p>Steve Fee concert will be on May 2 in the Mitchell Auditorium at 7:00. They are asking for a canned food donation.</p> <p>Peace vigils will continue over the summer. They will still be on Wednesdays at 8:30 AM for the next two weeks, but the time will change for summer.</p> <p>Senator Gigliotti states that the Ex/Leg committee will be putting on a campus clean-up on Sunday, May 3 at 5:30 PM. Everyone should meet in front of Tower Hall by the Mitchell. He will be contacting other clubs, Dignitas classes, and all students to help out also.</p>	

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	Student Trustee Hadrich notes that the last Board of Trustees meeting will be on Friday, May 8. If you have any concerns, let him know.	
Adjournment	President Moore asks for dissent to adjournment. There is none.	The Senate adjourns at 10:29 pm. The Student Senate will recess until Sunday, September 13.