

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

LOCATION: BWC249
DATE: Sunday, 9/20/2009
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 8:07 pm.
Attendance	The following Senators are absent: Tim Dahl, Kelsey Guggisberg, Josie Johnson, Linzi Moroney	Note, there are 18 voting Senators present.
Approval of Current Meeting Agenda	Under VII.B-Day at the Capitol Under VI.A.4-Group Bonding Event	Agenda stands with noted changes.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	There are no changes to the previous meeting minutes.	Minutes stand.
Immediate Action	<p><i>Women in CIS</i> Jennifer Rosato, a CIS advisor, is present to discuss the international conference that the female CIS students will be attending. She notes that this will be a good networking opportunity and a change for the women to connect to other females who are already in the industry. They will be at the conference Wednesday through Saturday. Three out of twelve of Scholastica's female CIS students will be attending; these students will share their experiences with the rest of the group. The women are contributing to the costs through a combination of scholarships, research funding, and out-of-pocket. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$952.50 to Women in CIS for their research conference. The motion passes with no abstentions.</p> <p><i>International Club</i> The International Club is looking to buy pizzas for their meeting to welcome the new international students. They are hoping this will encourage the students to participate and to join International Club. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$200 to International Club for their meeting. The motion passes with no abstentions.</p> <p><i>Speak Up!</i> Senator Imberg is asking for funds in order for the group to attend a conference on October 2-3 at Cragun's Resort that will help them to get more men engaged in the promotion and awareness the club.</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$952.50 to Women in CIS.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$200 to International Club.</p>

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	<p>The Finance committee moves to allocate \$571.50 to Speak Up! The motion passes with one abstention.</p> <p><i>Student Nursing Association</i> SNA will be putting on their annual picnic for all 350+ nursing students. Last year they catered through Famous Dave's, but decided that the expense was too high and are cutting down the cost by \$1300 for this years' picnic. They will be using \$1000 from their budget, \$500 from fundraising, and asking for the final \$1000 as an unbudgeted request. The Finance Committee moves to allocate \$1000 to the Student Nursing Association. Senator Imberg asks the Finance Committee if Senate funded this event last year and how much was contributed; the response was that Senate did fund approximately \$1600 the previous year. The motion passes with one abstention.</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$571.50 to Speak Up!</p> <p>Senate allocates \$1000 to SNA.</p>
<p>Reports of Executive Officers</p>	<p>a. President- Daniel Moore <i>Game Ball</i> Senator Bonner gives the game ball to President Moore for his assistance to her in her first term as a senator and in recognition of his appointment to be the President for the Council of Presidents, which consists of the student body presidents from the MN private colleges.</p> <p><i>Presidents' Retreat Recap</i> President Moore recaps his experience at the Presidents Retreat the previous weekend. He notes that on Friday night they had an ice-breaking gathering which 10 of the presidents attended. Then on Saturday the 13 presidents of MAPCS met to discuss a number of issues, including how to promote Senate, what each of the colleges' senates does, and promotion of Day at the Capitol. President Moore notes that because St. Scholastica has had the largest delegation to Day at the Capitol for four years running, many questions were directed to him about how to promote the event and to increase turnout. Dan also points out that it was beneficial to see how the other senates went about running their operations and to see that many of them faced similar issues as we do at CSS. Another topic for the day was campus sustainability and smoke-free campuses. It was found that those that were most successful with a smoke-free campus were those that were that way from the start.</p>	

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Revolving Sustainability Fund

President Moore brings up the topic of a Revolving Sustainability Fund that was discussed at the Presidents' Retreat. He notes that it is similar to the Green Resolution that came through Student Senate last year, but failed to receive enough Senate support and never made it to a vote from the College's administration.

President Moore notes that Macalaster College already has a similar program in place and charges each undergraduate student \$5 per semester. The money in the fund is used for projects such low-flow shower heads and toilets, as well as energy efficient light bulbs. The money saved on these expenses will go back into the fund month-to-month. The amount in the fund would grow each month and eventually become self-sustaining.

Moore asks for a committee to be formed to draft a proposal to gain full Senate support and to present it to the administration. He also urges that this be completed sometime this fall.

Vice-President Kroyer moves to accept Senators Brady Nellis, Doug Lee, Lloyd Munjanja, Blake Kroyer, Suzie Cofer, Nick Gigliotti, Erin Lucas, Aleksis Kincaid, Tierra Hansen, Dan Moore, Josie Johnson, and Andy Nelson to the Revolving Sustainability Fund committee. Senator Lucas seconds. The motion passes with no abstentions.

Vice-President Kroyer moves to appoint Senator Doug Lee as the chair for the Revolving Sustainability Fund. Senator Nellis seconds. Senator Lee is appointed to chair the committee.

Group Bonding Event

President Moore discusses the Senate Group Bonding event and suggests that the Senate go paintballing this year and then go out to dinner afterward. The event would be sometime in mid-October. He asks for an informal vote to see how many senators are in favor of this option; the majority of senators are in favor.

Other options for our group bonding include traveling to the same camp as the Senate went to last year with the high-ropes course, renting a block of rooms at the Edgewater and have pizza, or doing laser tag.

President Moore points out that the cost for paintballing for 23-4 hours would be around \$1200.

b. Executive Vice President- Blake Kroyer

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	<p>c. Financial Vice President- Andy Nelson <i>Account Balances</i></p> <table style="margin-left: 40px;"> <tr> <td>Project Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$14,096.42</td> </tr> <tr> <td>General Fund</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$15,797.24</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Senate Operating Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$4,005.87</td> </tr> </table> <p>d. Administrative Vice President- Tierra Hansen</p>	Project Fund	\$14,096.42	General Fund	\$15,797.24	Senate Operating Account	\$4,005.87	
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<p style="text-align: center;">Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p>a. Collegiate Affairs- Andrea Imberg <i>Grievances Updates</i></p> <p>Senator Imberg updates the Senate on last week's grievances. The first concerned a cap on the number of parking permits issued each year. She will be meeting with Mike Turner this week.</p> <p>In regards to the escort service, Senator Imberg is still waiting on a response from Betsy Kneepkens.</p> <p>There is another grievance update concerning the Daily Student Announcements. Kara Hanson told the committee that plans of the changes are coming along slowly for a couple of reasons. In addition to the new web portal system, there is also a new VP of Marketing who needs to be updated about the changes that are to be made. The changes, however, will be moving forward eventually. These proposed changes include a once-daily e-mail of current college items, then a subscription-based e-mail reminder of events, and another subscription-based e-mail option for rides, for-sale items, and non-college events. In the mean time, they would like to remind students and faculty that the DSA's are not intended for personal opinions, non-college events, or for-sale goods. Those items should be submitted to the web bulleting board.</p> <p>An update about painting the last step on the way from Somers Hall to Lot 5 from Mike Turner notified Senate that they were painted last Tuesday.</p> <p>Lastly, the issue about adding more bike racks is still being looked into.</p> <p><i>New Grievances</i></p> <p>Senator Bonner comments on the large amount of beer cans, broken glass, and garbage that was seen around campus after the weekend, mostly by the tree apartments (Pine, Maple, Willow, and Birch). She suggests setting up a group of students to go out on Sunday mornings to clean up the grounds. This should especially be done before big events, such as Homecoming and open houses. Vice-President Kroyer suggests making that one of the possibilities for community service hours for alcohol violations.</p> <p>Senator Gigliotti remarks on the third floor science lounge tables. They are used very frequently but are always uneven. In addition, the computers seem to be very</p>							

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slow, taking nearly 20 minutes to log-in and print off a paper or slides before class. President Moore requests that expanding the cell phone coverage in Storm's Den be looked into.

Senator Nellis asks the Collegiate Affairs committee for an update on the credit/debit card machine that Senate was working on last year.

Student Trustee Kincaid comments that many people who responded to the survey that was sent out to all the students last year did not care to have the machine in place because of the added expenses. The committee was also working on a way for students to be able to put money into their dining dollars through their Banner Web account, which would eliminate that need.

b. External & Legislative Affairs- Nick Gigliotti

Day at the Capitol:

Senator Gigliotti met with Scott McMahon to discuss getting the word out to students earlier about Day at the Capitol, which takes place on the Spring Community Day. Nick notes that there will be no decisions about the MN State Grant program made this year, but that the students would still go but it would be more for a "thank you" than to lobby for support. President Moore states the goal for Day at the Capitol is to increase attendance by 20%.

This year, Community Day is February 24. Senator Imberg suggests that the students could take part in an activity that would be more productive in the Duluth area instead of going to the capitol. This would save time, money, and resources.

For Day at the Capitol, students who attend are given a free Perkins breakfast and t-shirt, then are bussed down to the State Capitol where they meet briefly as a large group to discuss what the MN State Grant program is. The students then meet with their local representatives to urge them for their support for the program and to share their personal stories with them.

c. Finance- Josie Johnson

Budgeted Requests

Biology Club	\$20 was requested
International Club	\$175 for their Exec board retreat
Cheerleading	\$1125 for new poms and uniforms
Pre-Med Club	\$25 for the Activities Fair

d. Internal Affairs- Erin Lucas

Senator Lucas gives the Senate a quick reminder about upcoming elections for freshmen, transfer, study abroad, and graduate students.

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	<p><i>Auxiliary Senator Appointment</i> Brett Ripley has requested an auxiliary senator position on Student Senate. The Internal Affairs committee moves to appoint Brett Ripley as an auxiliary senator. The motion passes with no abstentions.</p> <p>e. Student Activities- Brady Nellis</p> <p>f. Board of Trustees Student Representative- Aleksis Kincaid</p>	Brett Ripley is appointed as an auxiliary senator on Student Senate.
Reports of Special Committees		
New Business	<p>Rob Johnson, a representative from the Lake Superior College student government, is attending the meeting tonight. He is looking to establish a relationship with CSS and UMD for future opportunities to work together. He notes that some of the current issues they are facing at LSC include trying to establish a meal plan on campus and to increase involvement in their Senate. Rob welcomes any CSS Senators who would like to attend a meeting at LSC, which take place every other Wednesday at 3:00.</p>	
Old Business		
Announcements	No announcements.	
Adjournment	President Moore asks for dissent to adjournment. There is none.	The Senate adjourns at 8:56 pm. The Student Senate will recess until Sunday, September 27, 2009.