

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

**LOCATION: BWC249**  
**DATE: Sunday, 9/27/2009**  
**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 8:06 pm.
Attendance	The following Senators are absent: Emily Flesch	Note, there are 30 voting Senators present.
Approval of Current Meeting Agenda	Additions: VI.a.ii Change "Game Ball" to "Game Trophy" VII.f. Change "Andrew Hadrich" to "Aleksis Kincaid" VII.c.ii Speak Up! VII.c.iii Handbook Minutes XI.a.i. 350 Week XI.a.ii. Refugee Camp VII.f.i College Update VII.b.i. Day at the Capitol	Agenda stands with noted changes.
Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes	Minutes Stand.	
Immediate Action	Senator Johnson moves to recess for the first 20 minutes. Senator Dahl seconds. The motion passes. Senate will reconvene at 8:27 PM.  <i>Storm's Advocates</i> Storm's Advocates are asking for \$200 to help pay for the performance of <i>The Yellow Dress</i> . All Dignitas students are required to attend this event. The performance will also be funded by Student Affairs, Campus Ministry, the Dignitas program, SCHAWB, the Women and Gender Studies department, and Athletics. The performance is a monologue about sexual assault and will take place on October 8 <sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. The Finance Committee moves to allocate \$200 to Storm's Advocates. As a note, Senator Johnson requests that the club look into putting this expense on their club budget. The motion passes with no abstentions.	Senate allocates \$200 to Storm's Advocates.

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	<p><i>Intervarsity</i> Intervarsity is asking for \$477.93 for registration fees to attend their annual fall weekend conference in Remer, MN. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$477.93 to Intervarsity. The motion passes with no abstentions.</p> <p><i>Students Today Leaders Forever</i> STLF is asking for funding for an additional 10 members for their group bonding event. All club were asked to budget for only up to 20 club members, but are allowed to ask for up to 30 through an unbudgeted request. The Finance committee moves to allocate \$65 to STLF to fund the additional club members. The motion passes with no abstentions.</p>	<p>Senate allocates \$477.93 to Intervarsity.</p> <p>Senate allocates \$65 to STLF.</p>
<p>Reports of Executive Officers</p>	<p>a. President- Dan Moore <i>Welcome</i> President Moore welcomes the new senators to Student Senate. The new senators introduce themselves, as do the executive, chairs, and our advisor Steve Lyons.</p> <p><i>Game Trophy</i> President Moore give the Game Trophy to Alyssa Courneya for stepping up to help for tabling for elections and for all the effort she has put into the meetings.</p> <p><i>Group Bonding Event</i> President Moore lists the option for Senate's group bonding event. The include paintballing, the CrossWoods Camp, the Edgewater, and the dinner train. The event will be on October 11<sup>th</sup>. He asks for an informal vote; the majority is for paintballing.</p> <p>b. Executive Vice President- Blake Kroyer <i>Printer Kiosks</i> Vice-President Kroyer is trying to address the problem with slow computers and lab congestion. Currently, there are four computers in storage or out of date that the College could set up just for printing. He is hoping that the computers would be set up to send printing to the current labs, but the kiosks would not have a chair or any additional computer software. This is to try to avoid people sitting on recreational sites, such as Facebook. He is trying to see if some can be placed in Tower Hall and a few more placed in the Science building. Senator Guggisberg points out that Kerst Hall does not have a printer; adding one in the building may help cut back on the congestion in the labs before class.</p>	

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c. Financial Vice President- Andy Nelson

*Review of Accounts*

Financial Vice-President Nelson explains to the new senators the differences in the accounts and what the balances of those accounts mean. He notes that a large part of what Student Senate does is allocate money to clubs and students. We receive .75% of tuition for the accounts, with equals approximately \$400,000 each year.

He explains that the General Fund is where the money for unbudgeted requests come from. The Project Fund is for all of the club budgets for the year. Lastly, the Operating Account is Senate's club account.

*Account Balances*

Project Fund	\$14,627.24
General Fund	\$11,372.42
Senate Operating Account	\$4,005.87

*Debt Forgiveness*

The *Freshwater Review* (previously *Out of Words*) is an annual publication of poems, short stories, photography, and artwork that can be submitted by any one on campus and are selected by a panel of judges.

Student Senate has always had a good financial relationship with the group.

However, last spring they forgot to submit a budgeted request to move the funds from the Project Fund to their club account to pay for the publication. They spent the money and are currently in debt because of the oversight. The suggested debt forgiveness will transfer the amount from the Project Fund, which is still the same money that should have been transferred from last semester, because Rollback has not yet occurred. This would be technically classified as 'debt forgiveness' since the budgeted request forms were due at the end of last year.

It is noted that *The Freshwater Review* had a larger amount budgeted than the actual cost turned out to be, but they are only asking for enough to zero out their account.

The Finance committee moves to allocate \$2,398.95 for debt forgiveness for the Freshwater Review.

The motion passes with one abstention.

d. Administrative Vice President- Tierra Hansen

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<p>Reports of Standing Committees</p>	<p>a. Collegiate Affairs- Andrea Imberg <i>Grievances Updates</i></p> <p>Senator Bonner notifies us that she had e-mailed Betsy Kneepkens about the garbage problem on campus. Students with alcohol violations will now be putting some of their community service hours towards cleaning up the campus.</p> <p>Senator Reilly reports that the computers are slower this year because the faculty put in so many request for programs to be put on the computers.</p> <p>Senator Imberg updates on the cell phone service in Storm's Den and states that the service provider is the only party capable of boosting service.</p> <p>Imberg also reports on the question of whether or not there is a cap on the number of parking permits issued for the year. Mike Turner said that there is not a cap; however, there has never been too much of a problem with running out of parking spots. In addition, the number of cars on campus and driving to campus changes so much over the course of the year. They check Lot 17 (by Kerst Hall) daily and it is rarely completely full. An idea that will be looked in to is not allowing freshmen to bring cars to campus.</p> <p>She also found out that the escort service will now converted to a student employment position that will run Mondays and Tuesdays from 8PM-1AM and Wednesdays through Sundays 8PM-2AM.</p> <p>Senator Imberg was also notified by Mike Turner that construction on Kenwood Avenue will begin on October 1<sup>st</sup>. They will be re-tarring the road and it will need to be completed before it freezes. While talking with Mr. Turner, Andrea also discussed the issue of the safety of the stoplights on the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and College Street. Mike has talked to the city and they suggested that the best option would be to reprogram the lights so that one direction on College Street would have a green light while the other side is still red. There is no manual labor required since the lights would just need to be reprogrammed. He suggested sending a proposal t the city, noting the dangers of that intersection and how much safer this option would be. Senator Imberg will let him know that Senate is interested in supporting this idea and will begin to work on a petition and proposal to send to the city.</p> <p><i>New Grievances</i></p> <p>Senator Guggisberg reports that the inside stairwells to Scanlon are very dirty on a regular basis.</p> <p>Student Trustee Kincaid requests that the lighting in the tree apartments be switched from yellow to white lighting. Even changing out the old yellow light covers for new, white or clear ones will make a drastic difference. Currently, one of the floors in birch has white lighting and it has made quite an improvement.</p> <p>Vice-President Kroyer asks that a recycling bin be put in Lot 15 by Scanlon.</p>	
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	<p>b. External &amp; Legislative Affairs- Nick Gigliotti <i>Day at the Capitol</i> Senator Gigliotti recaps what Day at the Capitol is for the new senators. He informs Senate that the committee will be having a meeting at 7:15 next Sunday in Storm's Den to talk about ideas for it; all Senators are welcome to attend.</p> <p>c. Finance- Josie Johnson <i>Budgeted Requests</i> STLF                   \$130 for group bonding event Figure Skating Club   \$30 for USFSA registration KMC                    \$3375 for the Hispanic Heritage celebration</p> <p><i>Speak Up!</i> Last week, Speak Up! came with an unbudgeted request to attend a conference. Their plans, however, have changed and they will not be able to attend. The Finance committee has decided that they will not transfer the approved \$571.50 from the Project Fund to the club account for this request.</p> <p><i>Handbook Review</i> Senator Johnson notes that she will be putting copies of the Financial Handbook in all of the senators' mailboxes for them to review.</p> <p>d. Internal Affairs- Erin Lucas</p> <p>e. Student Activities- Brady Nellis</p> <p>f. Board of Trustees Student Representative- Aleksis Kincaid <i>College Update</i> Student Trustee Kincaid updates Senate on the official enrollment numbers after the 10-day head count. Enrollment totals 3,746 this year, compared to 3,593 last year. Undergraduate, graduate, and non-ADEP extended studies have all seen an increase; the ADEP program has seen a slight decrease in enrollment. Kincaid also reports that there have been 70 cases of flu diagnosed on campus; some of those cases are assumed to be H1N1. So far, none have been too serious and most students have already recovered.</p>	
<p>Reports of Special Committees</p>		
<p>New Business</p>		

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Old Business		
Announcements	<p><i>350 Week</i> Senator Johnson states that 350 week is coming.</p> <p><i>Refugee Camp</i> Amnesty International is teaming up with several other clubs and holding a refugee camp on October 7<sup>th</sup> on the Science lawn. They will be setting up tents, showing movies, speakers will be presenting, and hot chocolate will be provided. The event will show people what it is like to be a refugee. Currently, there are over three million refugees all over the world; many are there because wars have pushed them from their homes. The building and set-up will begin on October 7<sup>th</sup> and the camp will be open October 12-15.</p> <p><i>Meeting Reminder</i> Senator Lee reminds the Revolving Sustainability Fund committee that they will be meeting next Sunday at 6:00 PM in T87.</p>	
Adjournment	President Moore asks for dissent to adjournment. There is none.	The Senate adjourns at 9:21 pm. The Student Senate will recess until Sunday, October 4.