

Senate Meeting 3/13/06

- I. Call to Order 5.27p
- II. Salute to the Virginia State Flag
- III. Attendance: absent: Stump, Jeffries, Hamm
- IV. Reading of the Minutes
 - a. Move to accept minutes, second, unanimous consent
- V. Senate Business
 - a. ICA Liaison: No reports
 - b. Senator of the Month
 - i. Sean Rankin
 - ii. Josh Dermer
 - iii. Robert Peresich
- VI. Executive Reports
 - a. President Farooq
 - i. Board of Visitors Meeting: about retention results, early alert, learning communities, (.21 gpa higher than non learning communities)
 - ii. Partnership with Rappahanock Community College, others to be soon, to allow transfer of credits.
 - iii. 15% increase of applications from previous year 3.6 average gpa
 - iv. Steve Papis, Change machine thing, they are very expensive if still agree if needs to be one, where is it to be
 - v. Recycling- new recycling program with Tidewater Fiber Core.
 - vi. Dining services, townhall forum before break.
 - vii. Tax cut reform act passed in Richmond, 95% funding for CNU budget
 - viii. First day of all elections process, mission over summer, to set vision for SGA. We should strive to embody that. The words in the vision, explained. Will not run for president next year. To invite local delegate to speak to senate. Increase student voice, actively seek out student concerns.
 - b. Vice President Buckley
 - i. Plan townhall for new liberal learning core forum.
 - ii. Cosca at Texas A&M, every other school uses online voting, only 1 school pays for it, can log in to vote
 - iii. Inter-senate and intra-senate relations, to have outreach, and get all clubs and orgs, meeting times in order for centralized information
 - iv. Maybe hold senate constitution day: Table with senators to hand out stuff, hand out student constitution, reach out to students, and figure out concerns.

- v. Most schools have senate mentor program, mentors to show new senators the ropes and how to write bills, and Roberts rules of Order. Mentors and mentees go out to lunch and talk every once in a while

VII. Unfinished Business

- a. Senator Rankin: should be more than one change machine, one new one would be fine
- b. Senator Salemme: a real burden to spend 300 dollars for a change machine or two.
- c. VP Grace: Student center everyone will go, for mail. One machine in there should be fine
- d. Senator Greene: Only have 5 weeks, wont even get one by the time it will take longer
- e. VP Grace: Supported one in SU, or one for every hall, should be only Ineed one in SU
- f. Senator Peresich is Senator of the Month
- g. Senator Rankin: help making signs all next week for committee Wednesday 2-4.
- h. Senator Moore: Learning Communities: general consensus is good, positive, enjoy the mentor, one of the Mentors did not show up for many of the meetings, scheduling conflicts. Make it an easier transition from Highschool to College, all pro learning communities
- i. Justice Brooks: Mentors need to match into fields for communities, faculty members.

VIII. New Business

- a. Bookstore:
 - i. This store will be quite unique to country, 2 level, 4 quad store, convenience store, 13,000 products will be stocked weekly, spirit items, Girl side, upscale department store, cosemetics counter, dressing rooms, free make over for formals, set up appointments. Clothing and gift items available. Textbook dept. Full general book department, fine arts department (clay. . .) 50% off retail books most likely, full shipping center, metered mail, looking for employment, mail checking, expanded Greek section. Will shoot the monkeys
- b. Senate Proposal 09:06
 - i. Senator Peresich: to amend a loop in the constitution
 - ii. Sgt. At Arms Dermer: amend: amnesty shall be given to senators missing meetings from January, already granted by Court
 - 1. unanimous consent to amend bill
 - 2. will be voted on next week
- c. Senate Proposal 10:06

- i. Senator Peresich: different meetings with dining services, bill that says dining resources is efficiently run, and to ask CNU to abandon attempts to 3rd party take over of services
- ii. Senator Greene: senate saying to not actively pursue contractors.
Do not take their candy
- iii. Senator Moore: Move to open discussion
 1. unanimous consent
- iv. Senator Moore: wont it be good if they take over everything
- v. Bookstore: its money, not people, have flexibility, and have restrictions,
- vi. VP Grace: if we did higher a company, doesn't mean it would happen that they would take over other services.
- vii. Senator Jaeschke: this bill lacks specific evidence in order to back up bill, could be a little weaker than what it could be, maybe this is premature
- viii. Senator Mascia: we are known for the small school charm, general concept and idea is the overwhelming students wanting to keep that charm
- ix. Senator Mays: it's a time issue, have to get it to them before the vote on it, show evidence, think to save time, we need to think or pass right now.
 - x. Senator Greene: each petition for 200 signatures, we have highest turnout for the meeting, have already over 400 signatures
 - xi. Senator Jaeschke: it would benefit, don't pull it back, just support it. If we need to support our assertions
 - xii. Senator Blunt: talking to professors, fight political battle, not emotional battle, this is going to happen, get students to get parents to write to administration
 - xiii. Senator Moore: it is premature, a lot of people are scared to stand up, a lot of people would like to privatize it and would like to see the change.
 - xiv. President Farooq: if we sign this, this student body will be voiced, since we do talk to people, and get the consensus, and figure out what people actually want.
 - xv. Senator Peresich: modify to say clear opposition,
 - xvi. VP Grace: anything comes from us, it comes from the students,
 - xvii. Senator Greene: recommendation, to table this until next week.
Should be able to speak up about complaints
 - xviii. VP Grace: silly to tip toe around this, should talk to people, not hide feelings
 - xix. Senator Greene: everyone in senate should be at meeting townhall meeting tomorrow
 - xx. Sgt. At Arms Dermer: move to postpone bill to next week,
 1. unanimous consent
 - xxi. Sgt. At Arms Dermer: motion to end debate, unanimous consent

- d. Senate Proposal 11.06
 - i. Senator Dermer: to revive WCNU, CNU radio's station, confusion as to why it was shut down. Most students want to see the station come back up
 - ii. Senator Peresich: disappointing, that it isn't up the entire semester
 - iii. President Farooq: are you comfortable with it returning, to maintain technical stuff.
 - iv. VP Grace: why taken off the air
 - v. Senator Dermer: confused, Donna Eddlemen shut it down, now she hasn't done that, now student media board imposed moratorium on station, WCNU is not a club, it is an official organization
 - vi. VP Grace: weird to vote on something without seeing the charter
 - vii. Senator Dermer: Motion to open debate: does not pass
 - viii. Senator Dermer: move to vote on this next week, with more info, unanimous

IX. Adjournment 6.44