Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2014

6:30pm Campbell Dining Room, SLTC

* **Call to Order**
* Graham Senor – present
* Annie Vogt– present
* Ty Spradley – proxy, Annie Vogt
* MiMi Spjut – present
* Sean Alexander – present
* Carrie Yang – present
* Shereen Moufarrej- present
* Jackson Fitzgibbon– present
* Liz Forester- present
* Lauren Wallis – present
* Andrew McWard – present
* Brady Rowe – present
* Peter Butler – present
* Angela Lamb – present
* Brynn Davis – present
* Brooke Nelson – present
* Momo Filat – present
* Evan Mitchell – present
* Mitch Harle – present
* Alex McIntyre – present
* CeCe Collins – present
* Laure Price – present
* Elisa Rivera – present
* Anna Nester – absent
* Mitchel Griffin– present
* Charley Ford– present
* Sophie Knorek – present
* Kelsey Atwood – present
* Bethany Cartwright – present
* Laura Gressler-absent
* **Welcome Guests<3!<3!<3!**
* **Special Business**
* **Committee Reports**
  + Financial Committee *with Carrie Yang and Shereen Moufarrej*
    - Financial Predicament- Right now our discretionary is very low due to several reasons but primarily low enrollment. We just found out that part time and half time, and foreign exchange students do not pay the same Student Activity rate as a fully enrolled student. Freshmen also have been dropping out which brings our funds down.
    - Through this past Spring Allocations FinComm allocated $39,0512.926 but due to low enrollment our discretionary is extremely low. We voted last week to cut all stipends funded through the Student Activity account by 5%. This cut will help us get closer to where we need to be.
    - This week we voted to cut all allocated budgets by 5%. All departments across Hendrix campus have made cuts. This occurrence was unpredictable because people were sporadically paying tuition and people have dropped out so the Business Office and our Treasurer and Bookkeeper were not able to get an exact amount. After these cuts there will be $19,525.75 in our discretionary, this will help student organizations immensely. The usual goal is $40,000 so these cuts will help us get about half.
    - Discretionary is important to have for organizations that have events and opportunities that need to be funded. There will be an appeals process but we hope that everyone will work together under the budget restraints.
    - Does this cut include rollover? Rollover is will be reabsorbed as it always is. We will make this clearer at the Spring Allocations.
    - Media staff get cut too? Yes, all stipends paid for by the Student Activity fund will have a 5% cut. We are not taking 10%, it’s 5% from your stipend with budgets totaling 5% cut.
      * They were expecting a certain pay and signed a contract, how is this fair? KHDX, for example, does so much. Unfortunately this budget situation was unexpected so we have to make cuts were we can. Stipends are the most flexible parts of budgets. Everyone on a stipend, even Senate Exec., will have the same cuts.
    - What happens if clubs refuse to make cuts? No one has been fully allocated yet so that will not be possible. Everyone is getting the money they have been allocated just minus the 5%.
    - How will appeals process work? How much are we allowed to appeal, couldn’t we request the 5% back? The point of appeals is to get the one or two items that were cut back. Appeals are just for the essentials.
    - Have rollover been reabsorbed yet? Not yet, they will be reabsorbed when we put the allocated money into your accounts. So it depends on our upcoming vote.
    - Voted to approve the 5% budget cuts, the motion passed.
    - There will be a survey sent out gaging how students feel about slightly raising the Student Activity fee. That would give us ~$50,000 more to allocate. Please check for the survey, we cannot act if we do not have student feedback.
    - There will be an informational meeting fully describing the situation.
    - Discretionary requests:  
      -$1500 by Society for Physics Students, Hendrix Biological Society, Biochemistry and Molecular Biology Club, American Chemical Society, Psychology Club, Pre-Health Club, Pre-Pharmacy Club Big Bang Science Picnic, FinComm suggested $850.00 instead. They had been advised to come back to Senate back in the spring before the financial troubles.
      * Passed ;$850.00; 3 against 0 abstentions
    - -$642.90 by Asian Culture Club, International Club and Multicultural Development Committee for visits by Tibetan Monks, found outside funding for all costs except for airfare so this is what they are requesting funds for
      * Passed; $642.00; with 1 opposed and 0 abstentions
  + Committee on Everything Awesome *with Dean Wiltgen* 
    - Tailgates- This week’s Tailgate will be held south of Hardin Hall by the sand volleyball court. Student Senate is hosting this week so stop by and grab a free Senate cup, some cookies and play some baggo! The Alumni tents will be set up by the Language House. Please note that Conway is closing Spruce Street (in front of Front Street Apartments) from 3 to 7 pm for safety during the Tailgate.
    - Bike Policy- please register your bikes—it’s free! October 1st they will be checking bikes to see if they are registered or not. Please get your bike registered by the end of the month. You will get your stickers through campus web and they will arrive in your mailbox.
    - List Serves- there have been some issues with email list serves. We are working on fixing them.
  + Multicultural Development Committee *with Charley Ford*
    - Hillel is hosting a Shabbat dinner this Friday at 6:15 pm on September 12th. Please RSVP to Blair Schneider at [schneiderbl@hendrix.edu](mailto:schneiderbl@hendrix.edu) if interested in attending.
    - Asian Cultural Club will be hosting a reception on September 11th at 4:30 pm in Campbell dining room. We will be making new friends and learning more about the organization.
    - Enter your design for the MDC logo contest! Winner will receive a free shirt, a cup and a ZaZas gift card. You have until September 23rd to email MDC Chair Charley Ford, [FordCF@hendrix.edu](mailto:FordCF@hendrix.edu), or submit drawing to Hendrix mail box 3352.
    - SLIC will be hosting a dinner event this Friday at 6pm in the SLTC kitchen!
  + Campus Kitty *with Laura Price*
    - Interviews will begin next week! Woohoo!
    - Signup for Fun Run on Family Weekend have begun!
    - Sun Porch t shirt sales start next week! Catch them during lunch!
  + Social Committee *with Sophie Knorek*
    - Bubble Week specifics: ANYONE can participate even if they don’t have a team. We highly encourage it, too! We are still accepting teams. They will be at a disadvantage if they join as the week’s events progress, but they can still join!
    - Events:
      * Lip Sync Battle, 8PM in Worsham on Wednesday, September 10th
      * Mega Relay, 5PM in the Brick Pit on Thursday, September 11th
      * FOAM PARTY, after the football game - 1AM on Saturday, September 13th
      * Wristbands will be available at the Sunporch from 11-2 and 6-8 Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Guests $5, T-shirts $10.
    - SoCo General Committee Applications are due Tuesday, September 9th at 11:59 PM.
  + Committee on Gender and Sexuality
    - -Our first project of the year will be working with Dean Wiltgen on one of the Freshmen Orientation extended sessions to further address Sexual Assault and reporting on the campus  
       -We're looking at ways to improve sexual health initiatives on campus, planning to talk to Nurse Reed about supplying different condoms and potential STD testing options, and in general looking for feedback from anyone with ideas for getting better Sexual Health on campus   
      -Also planning to work on revamping Sexual Assault brochures for the Dean's office (to be used for general information and for things like Choices 102)   
      -In the process of setting up communication between UNITY, SAGE, and ActivateMen (similar to MOM meetings)   
      -Working on getting Area Representatives (Northside, Southside, and Apartments) for the COGS General Committee, if anyone is interested e-mail [CartwrightBH@hendrix.edu](mailto:CartwrightBH@hendrix.edu)
    - Events:  
       -Unity Meetings every week in Campbell on Mondays at 8 pm!

-SAGE Snack 'N' Yak: This Thursday at 7 pm in SLTC 106!

* + Media Committee *with Mitchel Griffin*
  + The Troubadour:

Filing for Troubadour Associate Editor closes night at 11:59PM. Interviews for this position will be held this week and the committee will present their choice at next week’s senate meeting.

* + Filing for Troubadour general staff closes next Tuesday, Sept. 16 at 11:59 PM. Interviews will be held the following week.
  + Finally, the 2012-2013 yearbooks were distributed from 11:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. If juniors or seniors did not get one, they can stop by The Troubadour office to pick one up. Check out the Troubadour’s Facebook page for the next pick up date!
  + KHDX: 50 new DJs spent signed up and trained, so that shows will begin to broadcasting next week. Tune in at 93.1FM on your radio or KHDX.fm online.
  + Jay Stanley (KHDX Technical Director) worked all summer and needs a stipend. Is wristband money allowed to be allocated to this? Who controls it?
    - They had externally raised funds so he has been paid from their funds. If your organization has externally raised funds please fill out the form on the Hendrix Financial Committee website so Senate will not accidentally use your group’s funds.
  + Environmental Concerns Committee*with Elisa Rivera*
    - ECC will have a booth at Ecofest this Saturday 13th from 10 am – 4 pm! Anyone who wants to spend a few hours teaching kids about recycling should email RiveraEP@hendrix.edu by Friday.
    - New Student, Hardin Rep, and Veasey Rep applications are due Thursday Sept. 11 at midnight to HendrixECC@gmail.com! Get involved and get pumped!
  + Volunteer Action Committee *with Kelsey Atwood and Laura Gressler*
    - VAC will be helping out at Eco Fest [obrochtawj@hendrix.edu](mailto:obrochtawj@hendrix.edu). Will be helping at the ATV Safety booth [Lvance@uams.edu](mailto:Lvance@uams.edu)
    - 9/13 Service Saturday: Eco Fest! Meet at the bell at 7:30am and return by 11:45am. Please RSVP to William at obrochtawj@hendrix.edu
    - General volunteer opportunity: Faulkner County Fair ATV Safety Booth will be held on September 16th-20th. Email your RSVP Lacye at [LVance@UAMS.edu](mailto:LVance@UAMS.edu).
    - New student representative and advocacy representatives applications can be picked up in the Miller Center and are due by 5pm on the 12th.
  + SOMEC*with Anna Nester and Jeff May*
    - No report
  + Communications Committee *with MiMi Spjut*
    - Tailgate update- we are hosting! This Saturday, game starts at 7 pm! Please come by the Senate tents for at least 20 minutes at any point of the tailgate. Tell your friends!!
    - CommComm meeting on Wednesday at 4:10 in the StuAct
    - CC/BCC me on your notes plz. Let me AND Ty know if your listserv isn’t working properly.
    - Safety Town Hall plan will be coming soon. Keep sending in your thoughts.
  + Committee on Student and Academic Affairs (CSAA) *with Ty Spradley and Sean Alexander*
    - Departmental Liaison Reports
      * Facilities follow-ups
        + Sprinklers on at the hottest part of the day? Has been addressed with Facilities and are looking into adjusting the times.
        + Can we get more recycling bins? Possibly, budget cuts are making it tough be we will try.
      * Murphy House: This Friday (Sept 12), there’s a reading of Rook\*Bishop\*King\*Queen at 7:30pm in Cabe Theatre
      * Library: We have new art in the library – a piece called “Trieschmann Revisited” by alum Dan Rizzie ’73 above the stairs, and penguin sculptures by artist Sayaka Ganz swim round the rotunda.
      * We have new databases: Women in Social Movements in the U.S. (primary documents), Congressional Serial Set (primary documents from 1789-1969 coming from Congress), Mango (access to learn over 40 foreign languages – great for study abroad and ESL), all the journal collections in Arts & Sciences for JSTOR, and the American Periodical Series (full text archive of magazines from colonial times to 1940). We’ve also purchased some ebook collections from JSTOR – those can be searched in the online catalog.
      * Duke, Bailey’s therapy dog, will be visiting on Thursdays from 3-5 pm.
      * We will be continuing our noise report via Twitter, and are in conversation with Student Affairs about having library student workers escort students from the library to their residences during the later hours we’re open as a safety measure.
      * We will be starting our Bailey Student Choice Book Club in the coming weeks.
      * Game night is Sept 25 in the evening hours.
      * A coffee shop in Bailey just might happen...keep the interest vocal!
    - Constituent Concerns
      * Increase in blind students and people not being careful around them with their cars. A blind student was almost hit by a car in the Martin Circle. Also, kids crossing the road on cell phones not paying attention. The Dean asks that we please be more careful and to pay attention.
      * Huntington signs for people to slow down on that road? Graham has spoken to the Mayor and sent 5 follow up emails and has heard nothing.
        + Could we get the police to watch? We will ask!
      * Burrow Bucks?! Where did they go? Why is the grill not open pat 3:30? OneCard usage in the Village restaurants? Looking into those, could be from a budget cuts. As for the One Card usage, it is entirely up to those restaurants.
      * Gravel sidewalk in front of the SLTC not paved? Looking for the funds to pave it. We are asking Facilities to see if we can get it done this year?
      * List Serve is funky? Freshmen and International students did not get the Orientation email. Working on fixing those emails. There will be a makeup session for the missed meeting.
  + Committee on Committees *with Annie Vogt*
    - Any suggestions for the new CoC documents please email Annie Vogt.
  + Academic Policy *with Sean Alexander*
    - -5th Class Policy presentation next week. Taking it to AP this week after I meet with 3 professors -Please respond to my 7 initiative email with thoughts, if you have any.
    - -New Concerns?
  + Executive Committee *with Graham Senor*
    - Special notes on emails
    - Technology
* **New Business**
* **Adjournment**