CLS Student Senate Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2007

Minutes

I. Call to order

II. Introductions

Tope asked everyone to give their Name, Year, Hometown, and something they hope to accomplish in Senate this year. There was a lot of sentiment about helping foster a sense of community and a supportive environment, as well as working with the Administration on various student needs and concerns. There was a lot of excitement from new senators who want to learn about how things work and getting involved. Also, several senators expressed a desire to help make meetings run smoothly.

Tope: Running on suspended rules today. Roberts Rules starting next meeting with information and training.

III. Budget Committee Elections

14 Nominees. 1L: Dave Peters, Will Leavitt, Yael Fischer, Jia Wang, Jessica Isowaka, David Cheng, Esha Bhandari. 2L: Stephen Cockrell, Jason Lear, Rajiv Batra. 3L: Ashley Scott, Adam Sparks, Aaron Spiwak. LLM: Francesco Pezone. Motion to acclimate. Seconded. No objections.

IV. Officer Reports

a. President/Academic

Goal: meeting twice a month. Some exceptions, e.g. budget allocations meeting, Dean’s meeting with the Senate. Will receive agenda ahead of time, at least three days. Agenda on board or overhead. Index cards: write name, 3 committees interested in joining, times available for meeting (at least two hour blocks of time) in the past lunchtime and evenings. Will try to avoid weekend.

b. Secretary/Community Action

Tope, filling in for Gabe: attendance policy in Constitution By-laws §3 – you must be at every meeting. Notify Gabe at least six hours ahead of time. Sign up for listserv if haven’t yet.

c. Vice-President/Student Life
Described Social Committee. Asked for help with Fall barbeque. Fall BBQ 9/10/2007 Noon – 2pm. Explained newsletter and Newsletter - solicited contributions; contributions welcome from all senators. Announced that start of year Senate dinner would be coming up soon, and date would will be announced later.

d. Treasurer/Budget

Good news: End of last year Raised SAF from $67 to $100 / semester. Grad: Bad news: Graduation ball last spring ticket sales didn’t offset costs this year’s senate will pay for the difference. E-board working over the summer to address the situation; Max has. 

Budget that will increase by 50% of allocations for student groups, but we’ll be a bit limited on Senate event expansion; so very little change in our services from last year, but we’ll just have to keep a close eye on it.

Budget guidelines need to be approved. Friday: event for whole school on budget guidelines. Vote at next meeting to approve the guidelines.

New budget committee see Max after meeting to set meeting to talk about it.

Question from Sparks: how know what was changed in guidelines? Max: track changes.

Q from Mojoyin: the guidelines sent to students are current? Max: current guidelines sent out to orgs, and new ones will be sent out once approved. But no substantive changes have been proposed.

e. Parliamentarian/Recognition

Recognition process takes place at beginning of semester.

V. Other Business

Devora on Graduation Committee: events from 3Ls and LLMs, but good to have 2Ls on who may want to do it next year.

Charlotte: who checks Senate email? Tope: secretary checks it multiple times a day.

VI. Adjourn

Motion was made and seconded. Passed by voice vote.