

Student Senate Minutes 9/21/09

- I. Called to order at 8:0
- II. Roll Call
- III. Opening Devotion – PRC Sershon
  - a. **We Weren't Born To Follow lyrics**

This one goes out to the man who minds the miracles  
This one goes out the ones in need  
This one goes out the sinner and the cynical  
This ain't about no apology  
This road was paved by the hopeless and the hungry  
This road was paved by the winds of change  
Walking beside the guilty and the innocent  
How will you raise your hand when the call your name?

Yea, Yea, Yea,  
We Weren't born to follow  
Come on and get up off your knees  
When life is a bitter pill to swallow  
You gotta hold on to what you believe  
Believe that the sun will shine tomorrow  
And that's a saints and sinners pleas  
We weren't born to follow  
You gotta stand up for what you believe  
Let me hear you say  
Yea, Yea, Yea, oooooohhh,, Yea

This ones about anyone who does it differently  
This ones about the one who doesn't sit and spits  
This ain't about our living in a fantasy  
This ain't about giving up or giving in

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“Guitar”

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- IV. Forum Of Concerns
- V. Approval Of Agenda
- VI. Senators' Reports
  - a. **Senator Merlotti** – researching the landscaping on campus. Compiling it into statistical research and was invited by CCPC member to present it to them.
  - b. **Senator Leitz** – constituents and I have noticed a wall of shrubbery between freshman dorms and Laporte Ave. This causes an issue with students attempting to cross over the road. Shrubby was installed to keep headlight glare down. Hope to bring some sort of concern to space allocation planning committee about creating some sort of sidewalk there.
  - c. **Senator Kochevar** – VU Day of caring was this weekend. We had a great time and we put down some much needed mulch. I am so thankful to those who participated and I am glad we do community service.
- VII. Advisors' Reports
- VIII. Officer Reports
  - a. **President** – Thanks for coming out to VU Day of caring. Attendance is super important. 4 open Senate seats. Find people to fill them. Next week we will be talking about Budget Roll Over oversight committee. Rather than me choosing people I would prefer people volunteer. Article 5 Section A was read.
  - b. **Vice President** – Get the word out about open seats. I would like everyone to come next week with a pet project. Talking to your constituents and seeing if they have concerns is the route to go. Find out what they want and see if you cannot do something to make it better for them. We need positive changes to be made! Leadership kick off is Sunday 3-5. Encourage everyone to attend! SO GO!
  - c. **Treasurer** – No Report
- IX. Committee Reports

- a. **Executive Committee** – Leadership kick off that we pretty much have the floor the whole time. Larry Mosher will talk about a few things otherwise it is our opportunity to say things that we want organizations to hear. There will be ice cream drum sticks and cheesecake (thanks to members of Sigma Alpha Tau committee). Strategic Planning Committee is looking for new ideas so we can begin planning what VU will look like in 20 years. This is the year we take action.
    - i. **Senator Merlotti** – what about a survey to judge what people want?
      - 1. **President Heitkamp** – it has been talked about before. We are trying to be proactive and not reactive. They do work but most people don't respond
      - 2. **Senator Leitz** – In the spring when the process is released, there will still be huge opportunities for student input.
  - b. **Finance Committee** – Deadline for budgets has been found. All student organizations with budgets will need to know that budgets are due NOVEMBER 1, 2009!! We will present them to Senate on November 9<sup>th</sup>. We will not vote until November 16<sup>th</sup>. Meeting with a few organizations this week.
  - c. **Administration Committee** – This committee is currently not very well organized. We are missing contact information from about 20 organizations. If you could help me please do so. We will be looking at policies for keeping up with paperwork.
  - d. **ITSAC** – We need student members and IT staff members so if you know anyone interested they can sign up online. Also if anyone wants to fill out a screening application it can now be found online. We are taking applications for any organizations that would like a website, if you know any that would like one have them contact Senator Lubeck.
- X. New Business
- a. Discount Card Chair Selection
    - i. **Senator Wilder 18-0-0 Senator Wilder is Chair**
  - b. Diversity Concerns Committee Selection
    - i. **Senator Easterday 18-0-0 Senator Easterday is Chair**
  - c. S.R.80 Bylaw Amendment for Student Election Procedure
- XI. Forum of Concerns
- XII. Postmortem
- a. **Vice President Lewallen**- come with pet projects, they make a difference.
- XIII. Adjournment 8:36

Absent  
Washington  
Fischer