

Student Senate Minutes 10/12/09

- I. Called to order at 8:00
- II. Roll Call
- III. Guest Speaker – **Ann Trost**
 - a. We get our caps and gowns from Jostens. We now have two different options. Under grad vs masters. The new product line is a master line and is biodegradable fabric. Made from renewable managed forest. Fabric will decompose in soil. If we move to new gowns, Jostens will donate a dollar from every gown to environmental gowns. There is a price difference, difference of \$10. The new line is \$41 vs \$31. I would like to know the input. Will be talking to Senior Planning Committee as well. There is a difference between them. Question is how sustainable of an idea is it. Both are sustainable as in you buy them and keep them.
 - i. **Senator Kus** – are our gowns the same as high school gowns?
 1. **Ann Trost** – yes
 - ii. **Senator Easterday** – I like the older model. I think the difference in price is too much. \$10 dollars is too much to help save the earth. Maybe people keep them for Halloween.
 - iii. **Senator A. Kus** – I have black from high school. I plan to wear my old one. Different shades of black might look black. And at the end of the year everyone is getting hit up for money as is.
 - iv. **Senator C. Kus** – why would we spend \$10 when only \$1 gets donated. Maybe we should set up a program where you can donate your old gown to be donated rather than just have them sit in a closet.
 - v. **Ann Trost** – we really can't mix and match and we need to order them as a batch. We wanted input about possibilities in the future.
 - vi. **Senator Kochevar** – how do the robes feel?
 1. **Vice President Lewallen** – It would feel much better if I was actually going to graduation
 2. **Senator Fischer** – his is much more itchy than mine.
 - vii. **Senator A. Kus** – I don't think \$10 is worth it.
- IV. Oath of Office
- V. Opening Devotion – Senator Lyza
- VI. Forum Of Concerns
- VII. Approval Of Agenda
- VIII. Senators' Reports
 - a. **Senator Leitz** – I resigned as Committee on Residence Chair. I cannot attend Exec meetings and I think that is unfair to the Exec Committee.
 - b. **Senator Lubeck** – If members of BROCC can stay after to discuss a meeting time it would be greatly appreciated.
- IX. Advisors' Reports
- X. Officer Reports

- a. **President** – encourage senators to follow up with Ann Trost about robes. I think we should follow up it is in our duty. Report to Board of Directors was given.
 - i. **Executive Order #1**
 - 1. **Senator Johnson** – did anyone else express interest in being a member?
 - 2. **Senator Kochevar** – I hope that the members that will do a fine job and look forward to their report.
- b. **Vice President** – Picture for the Beacon. We are scheduled to take our pictures next Thursday, October 22 at 9:30. New Senator we need you to stick around and give me your ID number so we can get you access. Need a t-shirt designed.
 - i. **Senator Leitz** – in the past they have come to us can we get them to come to us
- c. **Treasurer** – No Report
- d. **PRC** – Dinner will be Tuesday, November 10 or Monday, November 16
 - i. **Senator Johnson** – will there be a vegetarian option?
 - 1. **PRC Sershon** – yes but they need to let me know

XI. Committee Reports

- a. **Executive Committee** – No Report
- b. **Finance Committee** – Talked to WVUR about their carpet. We decided that to table their CapEx request. IEEE requested a couple of steps ones. We decided to fail those. If you want to know more ask Senator Johnson. Had brief meeting before plenary waiting for Pre-med club’s Costa Rican Dinner
 - i. **\$200 for Pre-Med club’s Costan Rican dinner**
 - 1. **Senator A. Kus** – vote?
 - a. **Senator Johnson** – 3-0-0
 - 2. **VOTE 18-0-0 PASSES**
 - ii. Student Org contacts to senate will be coming out soon
- c. **Administration Committee** - No report

XII. New Business

- a. Committee on Residence Chair Selection
 - i. Senator Lyza is new Committee on Residence Chair.
- b. CCPC Selection
 - i. Senator Easterday is now on CCPC
- c. DFC Selection (non senators)
 - i. Geoff Yates
 - ii. Matt Cerverich
 - iii. **Senator A Kus** – I move to postpone this for a week
 - 1. **VOTE 17-0-0 PASSES**

XIII. Forum of Concerns

XIV. Postmortem

- a. **Vice President Lewallen**- productive meeting. Keep people in mind for DFC. The final DFC motion will come to motion 2 weeks prior to semester’s end.

- b. **Senator Kochevar** – there are Senators that are not coming. They need to follow the rules that have been laid out and if they do not I will send a grievance.
- c. **President Heitkamp** – I am incredibly disappointed that we did not get people put on DFC especially after sending out an email.

XV. Adjournment 8:49

Absent
Washington
Merlotti
Mahmood
Huey
Medina