

Student Senate XXI
Meeting #15 Minutes
March 10, 2009

Meeting Commenced at 4:15 p.m.

OFFICER REPORTS

President's Report: Divya Nayar

Retreat will be held this Sunday, March 15th, and the "Senate Fun Event" will be held afterward. Anyone willing to drive should let Divya know.

Vice President's Report: Jordan Giallanzo

None.

Secretary's Report: Beth Kertz

Senator Resignation: Linsey Hyde

Senator of the Week: Nicole Albano

Treasurer's Report: Chris Basilico

Saved for allocations.

Parliamentarian's Report: Stephen Wentz

None.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Allocations:** (Chris Basilico)
 - SSR21AL026 Co-Sponsorship Request: Gaming Club—EPIC Gaming Convention. Gaming Club, ACM, and Anime Club will be hosting the EPIC Gaming Convention March 13-15th on the 3rd and 4th floors of the UC. Motion to pass. Motion passed.
 - **Update:** In the process of Spring budgeting. Any insider info about clubs is appreciated from senate members.
- **Club Affairs:** (Hana Horakova)
 - **Updates:** Seven clubs applied for spaces in Upper Ulrich. Discussed how to raise attendance at club forums.
 - SSR21CA015 Preliminary Recognition: Lehigh Law Club. Motion to pass. Motion passed.
- **Public Relations:** (Munisha Mahtani)
 - Retreat video theme is set.
 - Organizing Senate wrap-up. Working with Efficiency for this.
 - Planning end of year event before elections to promote elections and get the word out about Senate.
 - Bulletin board in UC was discussed.
 - Hope to produce two more issues of the Voice.

CLIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

Healthy Living: (Nicole Albano)

- Lehigh Lifestyles week went well.
- Healthy Living is meeting with Professor Neti about handwashing.

Transportation: (Hilary Lewis)

- Met with PaperCut about student paper consumption.
- Hilary noticed transportation services ads on Facebook to get student feedback. She thinks it's a good idea for students to report bad ice areas and other transportation problems.

Community Relations: (Claude Esposito)

- Trying to organize for the Housing Forum. It will be held March 19th at 7:00 p.m. in Perella. Co-Sponsoring with CSO, ASA, and Sigma Chi.

Facilities and Student Spaces: (Arriel Rubinstein)

- Bus Stop Survey is complete. Overwhelming number of people want signs next to bus stops. Sixty people responded.

Student Safety and Advocacy: (Jeff Boyarsky)

- Michael Esposito explained his experience with Lehigh Police Escorts.
- Working with Community Relations for the Housing Forum.
- Grad student wasn't able to make it to their meeting last week.

ADHOC COMMITTEES

Senate Efficiency Committee—(Jeff Boyarsky) Working on obtaining individual evaluations as well as committee evaluations. Will be holding a meeting, and anyone interested should contact Jeff.

New Senator Integration—(David Disler) Dissolved. Working with bylaws to make this ad-hoc more sustainable.
LTS Advisory Committee—(Beth Kertz) Continuing to search for a company to provide an interface.

NEW BUSINESS

Divya has a meeting with the Commencement Speaker Selection Committee, and if anyone has ideas for a commencement speaker or suggestions, let her know.

Ed-Pol Update—Avi: Engineering Minor was finally officially approved as a program. Aerospace Minor in Mechanical Engineering Department was also officially approved.

Avi Lessner brought up the role of Senate as a programming organization or a supportive organization. Jeff Boyarsky commented that if we move away from the programming aspect, we will lose visibility. David Disler mentioned increasing Senate's budget so that we might be able to increase our own programming. Avi asserted that we might be able to more efficiently use our role to get groups outside of Senate that are doing similar things to work together to integrate the campus. Jason Kramer suggested that we should provide a committee geared toward event consulting to help clubs successfully work together to produce effective events. Hana Horakova mentioned that the calendar might prove to be a resource to support committees. Binay Patel brought up the point that Allocations already works to get clubs to join together for funding and co-sponsorship. Matt Kitchie discussed over-programming on campus and the lack of communication between both clubs, as well as administrative offices; he also urged Senators to not lose focus of Senate's mission.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

Katie Goldstein: Sat., March 14th at 1 p.m. in PA101: Be the Change You Want to Be—Social change program. Parking lots are being built in South Bethlehem, which will bring more traffic, pollution, etc. She encouraged Senators that are interested in voicing their opinion to go to a Bethlehem City Council Meeting. Contact Katie for more information.

Hilary Lewis: March 28th at 8:30 p.m.: Earth Hour—everyone turns off lights for an hour.

Darius Callier: March 20th at 8 p.m. in PA 101: Rock for Haiti; selling t-shirts in UC.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:
Beth Kertz, Student Senate XXI Secretary