

Student Senate XXI  
Meeting #16 Minutes  
March 24, 2009

Meeting Commenced at 4:15 p.m.

GUEST SPEAKER **Katelyn Larkin**—Earth Hour: Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m., they ask everyone at Lehigh to turn off lights. Celebration at the flag pole on the UC Front Lawn.

OFFICER REPORTS

**President's Report: Divya Nayar**

Banquet Date: Last week of April on Wednesday or Thursday. Anyone that wants to help out with planning or has ideas for where to have the banquet, let Divya know.

Elections procedures were discussed. Greek affiliation trumps living area.

Nominations for Senate XXII Exec Board will be at the next meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Divya will send dates out in a couple of days.

**Vice President's Report: Jordan Giallanzo**

Movies are due March 30<sup>th</sup>. If you need help, contact Jordan.

There will be a prize for the best movie, which will be given out at the banquet

**Secretary's Report: Beth Kertz**

Senator of the Week: Allison Miyashita

David Joseph will be providing food for the next Senate meeting.

**Treasurer's Report: Chris Basilico**

Allocations worked on budgets last weekend. Chris will be e-mailing out spreadsheets of next year's budgets.

Chris introduced and tabled budgets for next academic year. Budgets were tabled. **Budgets are confidential until voted upon, so information should be confidential.**

**Parliamentarian's Report: Stephen Wentz**

Saved for Bylaws.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Allocations:** (Chris Basilico)
  - SSR21AL027 Co-Sponsorship Request (Additional Funding): SHPE,HUBS, Spanish Club, SALSA are sponsoring a fair celebrating South Side culture. Requested \$500.00
  - SSR21AL028 New Event (Additional Funding): FONI is publishing the 2009 Spring issue of the FONI Journal. Requested \$425.00
  - SSR21AL029 New Event Request (No Additional Funding): PSP 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament for charity. Proceeds go to Turning Point, Inc. Requested \$234.92.
  - SSR21AL030 New Event Request (Additional Funding): Public Health Coalition—International Bazaar. They want a booth to raise awareness about global health issues. Requested \$40.00.
  - SSR21AL031 New Event Request (Additional Funding): College Democrats—6 Degrees Documentary and Panel. Requested \$100.00.
  - SSR21AL032 New Event Request (No Additional Funding): PSA Film Showing. Requested \$375.00.
  - SSR21AL033 New Event Request (Additional Funding): Lehigh Leela—Desi Hungama Dance Competition. Request \$800.00.
  - SSR21AL034 New Event Request (No Additional Funding): EWB—Meeting with Lafayette and Lehigh Valley Professionals. Requested \$150.00.
  - SSR21AL035 New Event Request (Additional Funding) LU Bhangra—Desi Hungama Dance Competition. Requested \$700.00.
  - SSR21AL036 New Event Request (Additional Funding) ISA—Art of Living: yoga and breathing foundation. Requested \$0.00.
  - SSR21AL037 New Event Request (Additional Funding) EWB—Earth Day Photography Contest. Requested \$500.00.
  - SSR21AL038 Co-Sponsorship Request (Additional Funding) EWB—Earth Hour presentation and speech co-sponsored by EWB, Eco, and Green Action. Request \$75.00.
  - SSR21AL039 Co-sponsorship Request (Additional Funding) Microfinance, Global Union, LU/UN Partnership, Global Citizenship Program, MDGI, Psi Upsilon, BSU, and more sponsor build a shelter challenge. Request \$251.00.

- SSR21AL040 Co-Sponsorship Request (Additional Funding) Green Action, EWB—Film Showing “Garbage: The Revolution Starts at Home.” Requested \$150.00.
- All event and co-sponsorship requests passed.
- **Bylaws Committee**
  - Stephen Wentz introduced amendments to the bylaws and constitution which would create an Internal Affairs Committee which would address the issues pertaining to efficiency of the Senate’s operations, filling of vacant seats, integration of new Senators, and Senator attendance review.
  - SSR21BL002, SSR21BL003, SSR21BL004, SSR21BL005 were tabled.
- **Club Affairs:** (Hana Horakova)
  - **Updates:** Discussed the forum, a Q&A forum.
  - SSR21CA016 Magic the Gathering Club; It is the recommendation of the Club Affairs Committee not accept preliminary recognition of the Magic the Gathering Club. Motion did NOT pass. Magic the Gathering club has obtained preliminary recognition.
- **Public Relations:** (Munisha Mahtani)
  - Trying to find a way to develop an ice cream social at The Cup for elections
  - Looking into promotional items for elections
  - Munisha would like all senators to turn in any files/documents that they used in their capacity this year so they can be organized and stored for next year.

#### CLIP COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### **Healthy Living:** (Nicole Albano)

- Puja is meeting with dining services to discuss lemons in the dining hall.
- Setting up a meeting with Gary from facilities to implement hand washing signs around campus in the bathrooms.
- Trying to sustain the Lehigh Lifestyles Week by working with Rajka Reed.

##### **Transportation:** (Hilary Lewis)

- Brainstorming ideas of top ten things people don’t know about transportation on campus.
- Working on their “Cash Cab”-esque video.

##### **Community Relations:** (Claude Esposito)

- Landlord Forum: ~45 attendees
- Participating in trash clean up for this Saturday at 8:00 a.m.
- Working on video
- Town Council meeting before end of the year.

##### **Facilities and Student Spaces:** (Arriel Rubinstein)

- Administration has apprehension about implementing coin machines because previous machines were vandalized.
- Want to complete trash can project on the Hill.

##### **Student Safety and Advocacy:** (Jeff Boyarsky)

- Amethyst Initiative Resolution
  - “The Student Advocacy and Safety Committee has authorized that Lehigh University Student Senate to encourage President Alice Gast to sign the Amethyst Initiative and, in effect, put Lehigh University at the forefront of the conversation involving the responsible use of alcohol.”
  - Motion to Amend: “**Lehigh University Student Senate XXI has authorized that Lehigh University Student Advocacy and Safety Committee** to encourage President Alice P. Gast to Sign the Amethyst Initiative, and, in effect, put Lehigh University at the forefront of the conversation involving the responsible use of alcohol.” Motion passed.
  - Motion to Amend: “Lehigh University Student Senate XXI has authorized that Lehigh University Student Advocacy and Safety Committee to encourage President Alice P. Gast to Sign the Amethyst Initiative, and, in effect, put Lehigh University at the forefront of the conversation involving the responsible use of alcohol **on college campuses.**” Motion did not pass.
  - Motion to pass the resolution. Motion passed.

#### ADHOC COMMITTEES

**Senate Efficiency Committee**—(Jeff Boyarsky) None.

**LTS Advisory Committee**—(Beth Kertz) Researched companies. Looking at pricing for digital signage.

#### NEW BUSINESS

**Ed-Pol**—Lehigh is moving toward an international paradigm. Looking at ways to make sure all programs are approved according to university policy.

**Trash Collection Bill:** *letter* Resolution was received by members of the City Council.

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**Darius Callier proposed a Social Justice Ad-Hoc Committee.** Stephen Wentz motioned to create a Social Justice Ad-Hoc Committee. Motion Passed.

Darius Callier was nominated by Justin Mascal. Darius Callier was elected as chair of Social Justice Ad-Hoc Committee.

**Stephen Wentz proposed a Banquet Planning Committee.** Stephen Wentz motioned to create a Banquet Planning Ad-Hoc. Motion Passed.

Munisha Mahtani was nominated by Stephen Wentz. Munisha Mahtani was elected as chair of the Banquet Planning Committee.

COURTESY OF THE FLOOR

**CEC is looking for freshman and sophomore candidates for their committee.** Binay Patel promoted applying for these positions.

**Puja Parekh promoted Microfinance's events.** Asked interested students to form teams to participate in the Two Dollar Challenge to support Promujer. Contact Puja at psp211 to get involved.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:p.m.

Minutes prepared and submitted by:

Beth Kertz, Student Senate XXI Secretary