

SGA Minutes
February 24, 2009

Opening Prayer

- Led by Dean of Students

Past Business

Guest Speaker: Mike Post, Dean of Admissions and Enrollment Management

Current Business

Strategic Plan for Information Technology – The I.T. department is transitioning away from the current laptop program. Security issues that were prevented by having a laptop program can now be prevented with different technology. Cost was also a factor \$1400 for a laptop is expensive for some people, so not having a laptop program allows students to meet their own needs for a lesser price. Also students have different needs and may want a different computer than the one previously offered through the program. IT staff are working on upgrading the network so that students can send documents to printers across campus much more easily, and as the students who have the standard laptops graduate the IT department will be more able to work on the wireless network and other helpdesk issues. Anyone who brings their own laptop will be able to access the network, but they will not be able to receive the same help as students with the standard laptop. IT is shifting toward providing better student services overall. It is still unknown whether a fee will be required in order to service the laptop you bring yourself. This transition will take 3 years total and will save \$50,000. The helpdesk will still exist but be more geared toward student services. If you had a Mac it would be serviced through your own warranty. If you have a standard laptop, your warranty still applies; you are still able to get updates and services from IT as usual. Based on discussion with the administration this was the right time to begin this transition. All of the same IT warranties on breaking or damaging your laptop still apply for the Dell laptops purchased through the program.

Cultural Events Requirement Proposal – This is a concept still in the beginning stages that would give students initiative to attend cultural events on campus would appear on your transcript and make students more marketable. It is also a way to track the cultural events students attend. A lot of this may fall under an honor system. Are cultural experiences something employers will look at? This will appear on academic transcripts as something that you do to have a better academic experience than someone who just goes to class at another University. The certification for proficiency in Microsoft Word never got anywhere will this be like that? Could there be an honor society type organization that certifies you have had these cultural experiences? It also solidifies your liberal arts experience outside the classroom. This requirement would be separate from a co-curricular transcript which is not feasible at this time. There is still discussion as to whether it will be mandatory. Not making it mandatory makes those who do it more admirable, but that will make getting the certification much harder. Anyone who is an Ed Major has to do 5 diversity log entries a year. Other classes have required 3 or 4 cultural events already. One idea is to have one event in each aspect of the four pillars. This will be over the four years not over a semester. It would be up to professors to give extra credit for speakers. There is still conversation to see if there will be a reflective element to the requirement. Would CAB events count? That is still under discussion. Is there any way to

expand the disciplines from which speakers come so that crossing disciplines is easier. Can there be different levels to the requirement? Making it mandatory for all four years would be difficult because upperclassmen go out in the community more. Similar to Community Service requirement for high school, is there any way to give awards for those who complete the program. Make it mandatory but in two levels? Or could the program be tiered in reverse, start at a larger requirement freshman year to a smaller number senior year. How would it apply to seniors the year it is instituted? Usually a professor cancels a class so that everyone can go to a required event that decision will still be up to faculty. People who do not want to go will probably not get anything out of an event so why should they be rewarded on their transcript? This is a danger of mandating this concept. Sean and Dr. Rehm are working on a proposal that will eventually go through all branches of shared governance. Please send Sean any further thoughts or comments.

Reports

- **Academic Affairs** –
- **Advancement Committee** –
- **CAB** –
- **Campus Ministry** –Daily Lenten reflection booklets. You can get one tomorrow from Campus Ministry. Curtis Martin founder of FOCUS to speak Wed. March 11th, 7pm. The title of the talk is Made for More will address issues that college students face, including depression, alcohol related incidents. But in the midst of this brokenness we are made for more than the college culture has to offer. Curtis Martin is a very dynamic speaker and he will give a great speech. Following break there will be an inundation of publicity so watch for it!
- **Intercultural Development-**
- **Community Outreach** –
- **Commuters** –
- **Dean of Students** –
- **Dining Services** –
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee** –
- **Finance Committee** –
- **Graduate Student Representative** – Had a meeting with grad committee, more details to come!
- **Information Technology** – Answering questions about the laptop program transition
- **Mount Spirit** –
- **Public Safety** –
- **Publicity** –working on Intercultural Development Pamphlet; working with FOCUS, and will be working on the Forum soon.
- **Recreational Services** –least busy times for the cardio room is between 8-3 on the weekdays, and weekends, we cannot use a racquetball court for machines. There will be a walkthrough with the BOT on March 8th. The committee will be meeting with Jen Lenfant after break to find any empty space available for machines, getting Jim Phelan autograph ball for the Auction!
- **Residence Life** –
- **SAAC-**
- **Seminarian Representatives** –

- **Class of 2012** – sold food at Mount Oscars, St. Patrick’s Day fundraiser after break!
- **Class of 2011** – Mount Oscars went very well! Started talking about St. Pat’s t-shirts will be available the week of St. Patrick’s Day. Major Expo March 11 from 11:30-1 in Patriot
- **Class of 2010** – fundraising at Pizza Hut was a success, thanks everyone!, class t-shirts will be done by Friday! Dance a thon is coming along, April 3rd in Purcell, mark your calendars!
- **Class of 2009** – finalizing details for senior formal, tickets will be \$125 couples, \$75 singles. Cash, check or pay online. Overnight parking for \$26. Rooms for \$229 but you much book through the class by March 18th. The email to senior class will go out tomorrow.
- **Executive Board** – Admissions Consultant meeting tomorrow afternoon!
- **SGA Advisor** – Board of Trustees March 8th and 9th. Student affairs will be giving a tour of campus. Executive Vice President Soller’s primary goal is to help the committee understand that there is a significant need for more cardio space. Warm weather is coming so please hold out! (Once it warms up you can just do your cardio outside!) The budget will be the main topic of the meeting on Saturday, committees will meet Sunday.

Open Forum

Committees asked to help with the Auction please stay after.

Keeping order during Open Forum

Please sign up for Men’s Kairos by Friday!

Construction on Flynn Hall – internal destruction is occurring, waiting for weather to break to begin outdoor work. The fenced construction area will be behind Flynn.

Updates on Terrace renovation – on if not ahead of schedule, destruction is going well, as is the elevator shaft

Apartments- PS is continuing to bust parties with less than 15people before 12. Residence wonder what is going on? This seemed to have started all of a sudden. PS officers are asking if party is registered. But only 4apartments can register for one night!

At this point it may be a good idea to have an open discussion with the Residence Life Staff ad Public Safety about specifics of policies

Over \$39,000 with money still coming in for Relay for Life! Thank you so much everyone!

Thanks for coming to the Catholic Identity debate!

Intramural basketball playoffs will be in the Arena on Wednesday and Thursday, possibility of free food!

Howard changed the Ranch back in the salad bar!

Birthdays!

Intentions

- Led by Dining Services