STUDENT SENATE MINUTES

Wednesday October 5th, 2005

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 P.M.

ROLL CALL:

Senators Present: President Bruno Gomes, Vice President Michael Andrini, Secretary Dorothy Bassett, Trustee Jarred Kalweit, Treasurer Nicholas Braga, Senators David Patrician, Christina Rice, Doug Schumann, Rachel Sanker, J.J. Singh-Kandah, and Padraic Tynan, Senators-At-Large Brad Lombardi and Danubia Campos.

Senators Absent: Senator-At-Large Keli A. Gates.

Trustee: Jarred Kalweit

Advisors: Lori Crawley

Guests: Dean Warfield, Steve Scannell, Claudine Barnes and Mainsheet editor Jeffrey S. Davidson.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES: Last week’s minutes were not available for approval.

OFFICER’S REPORTS:

1. President: Bruno Gomes did a newspaper interview going over the different things going on in he senate and around the college.
2. Vice President: Michael Andrini: Not present.
3. Trustee: Jarred Kalweit informed the senate that we have a new Executive Vice President named Dixie Norris.
4. Treasurer: Nick Braga is still waiting for a response from the Nursing Club regarding a revised version of their budget.
5. Secretary: Dorothy Bassett and Lori Crawley made up a sheet for students to just print out and hand to teachers regarding absences from classes due to senate leadership conferences. The name, date, and trip on the sheet will have to be changed due to the situation, and Lori will have to sign the bottom in order for it to be valid. Also, Dorothy talked about new senators getting embroidered Senate sweatshirts. Anyone who does not already have one of the shirts just has to tell Lori their shirt size and one will be ordered.
6. Parliamentarian: Later in the meeting, Doug Schumann was made the Acting Senate Parliamentarian.
7. Public Relations:

ADVISORS REPORTS:

Lori Crawley- The students who attended the leadership conference this year in the Berkshires (from the evening of Oct. 5-7th) are (Bruno, Jarred, Dorothy, and Brad) eligible for the national conference in Florida. The Budget and Finance Committee will have to meet to see how many people we can afford to send to the next leadership conference in Florida.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Budget and Finance: Nick Braga was appointed Acting Senate Treasurer. The budget and finance committee was made later in the meeting with J.J., Jarred, Dave, and Padraic as committee members.
2. Raid on Student Aid Subcommittee-Jarred Kalweit: went online to www.studentaidaction.com and printed and cut out fliers to put on people’s
windshields about the possibility of a $9 billion cut in federal financial aid. He asked for committee members to meet after the senate meeting to find a time and date to go out to the parking lot and put all the fliers on the cars, preferably during a busy time of the day where most of the lots will be full. We will also need volunteers to go around in the evening to pick up all the fliers that people threw on the ground.

3. Judiciary: Doug Schumann was made chairperson of the Judiciary Committee with Padraic, David, and Rachel all as committee members.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Mainsheet: Steven Scanell, who had been writing articles for the senate informed everyone that he dropped his Journalism II class and will no longer be writing for us. Unfortunately Steve told of having disagreements with the editor of the mainsheet. Steve also made an apology for getting involved in the meetings as more than a reporter, saying that he was informed that this was an ethics violation.

2. Senators have one more week to consider the requirements and benefits to the student body of joining the Associated Students of Massachusetts (ASM). It is a huge commitment with a very good cause, with an entrance fee of over $500. Senators should have a decision by next Wednesday.

3. Rachel Sanker was voted in as a Student Senator and Christina Rice was voted in as Acting Public Relations Officer.

4. The Senate needs to become more mindful of parliamentary procedure. Claudine Barnes was a guest at this meeting to give us a hand, and also pass out some helpful sheets on Robert’s Rules of Parliamentary Procedure and a Motions Guide. She also stressed the importance of providing copies of information for backing up motions.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. Time Change: Since there is still a need for a time change for the attendance of several senate members, a motion was made to allow students to arrive late to meetings and not be penalized as long as their lateness is due to a class conflict. This will be just for this year, so the senate was able to pass the motion during the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dorothy Bassett –
Secretary