

March 30, 2016

Meeting minutes

Attendance – at quorum

Prayer

Presentation from Raylene, from tech services

A slide show, that Emily can send out

1. Recent initiatives
 - a. A blackboard call center – 22,000 requests about Blackboard, and a third of those to address password issues
 - b. Upped the wifi, and did a survey of all wifi on campus to have empirical data
 - c. Migrated faculty and staff to Google, away from Outlook
2. Open issues
 - a. Account management – password resets take up the majority of their calls
 - b. When you graduate, your user ID is no longer valid
 - i. You need to use the applicant ID to get into Cardinal Station, to access transcripts, etc.
 - ii. Tech services wants to have one password, for all
 - c. Identifying funding for the changing status quo
 - i. Tech services balances their budget, but the fees for the various software, services, etc., keeps increasing
3. Future activities
 - a. Printing in the Pryz – a request from students
 - b. Updating classrooms
 - c. Upgrading Cardinal Station – hopefully makes it more stable
 - d. Upgrading campus wireless
 - e. Upgrading Leahy 117
 - f. Upgrading Blackboard Learn infrastructure

Questions and concerns:

- Grad student lab maintenance: how does that work with the university and tech services?
 - The English department computer: they don't know the status of the computers, and whether or not tech services can or will fix them
 - If the Registrar controls the room, then tech services fee covers it, but grad student labs have been an issue, so she will look into it and see if tech services
 - Let her know how many labs there are, how many computers, because tech services doesn't know
- Upgrading system image – tech services will update it if it has a CUA tag, no problem at all
 - Long-term: a product that allows them to do updates, automatically
- Wireless printing: they are trying it out in Leahy 117
 - They thought it was a success, but it was a failure, so they are having a meeting to assess that situation.

- Blackboard mobile – do we have it, or not? Login never works.
 - Send in a request.
 - The cost – tech services pays \$25,000 for the app, and tech services is deciding whether they want to use student money for that.
 - If it is, they'll keep paying the bill, but it is something they are assessing.
- Funding tech services via a technology fee – why is it a separate fee, and not built into tuition or something else?
 - There wasn't a tech fee until about 6 years ago, when they needed to carve out a tech fee for costs. Tech services has been very transparent to the higher-ups about what they pay, and their operating costs.
- New website – funded through marketing, not tech services
- Fee increase next year - \$250 per semester
- Who is responsible for the wifi networks in school buildings?
 - Tech services
 - Physics have their own network, because of a special project, but otherwise tech services manages the network
- Usernames, and changing names as a grad student
 - Part of the access management issues
- Blackboard – issues because of FYE teaching paring issues: the section changed, and it took five weeks to get the changes through.
 - By default, Blackboard doesn't remove anyone; it only adds new. Removal has to be done manually, so it is a pain for tech services, especially at the beginning of the semester.
- Aren't there free alternatives to Blackboard?
 - Yes – tech services doesn't want to force faculty to use certain technology; they want the faculty to choose, and they will support that choice.
 - Tech services gets one-off requests from faculty, when they do get requests.
 - When asked about Blackboard, the faculty say they don't like it, but they don't give any feedback about what exactly they like/don't like, and alternatives.
 - Tech services would like someone who represents the faculty as a majority/whole to let tech services know what the faculty would like from technology.
- Contact information: it will be in the minutes or an attachment.

- Set a meeting end time: 8:35 – passes
- Approval of Feb. 24th minutes
 - Passes
- Officer reports
 - President – nothing to report
 - VP (and academic senator) – board meeting and senate meetings
 - Document to address general educational philosophy of everyone at CUA
 - Some milestone in fundraising reached
 - Institute of Human Ecology, to meet Pope Francis' request
 - Research Day, at the university

- Treasurer
- Secretary
- Events
- Conferences
 - Working out kinks for the dissertation committee
 - Summer funding: a little less than \$3000 available
- Lectures
- Professional development
 - In the new business
- PR
 - Changing the website domain
 - Polos – the example
 - The male version, and the female version
 - The jacket
 - Emily’s concern – the red polos look like the Pryz staff
 - To look professional, as a thanks to the senators, and also to raise awareness
 - The red: it stands out
 - There are a limited number of vendors that we can use
 - Try to get our GSA crest, with the writing underneath
 - Planning out the crest
 - Vote for the color:
 - Seems like black won
 - Why polos?
 - Also the high turn-over rate is something of an issue
 - Grad students in general – high turnover, in a sense, for some programs
 - And also sometimes family, personal issues come up
 - Not that people aren’t interested, or don’t want to be a part of the senate, but just availability
 - Vote on the polos – motion to get polos
 - Passes
 - Try to do the circle
 - Backdoor solution
 - What color? Another vote.
 - Black wins.
 - Redesign the crest a bit.

➤ Old business

- The departments will not give back the money.
- Clarify from the president regarding what happened in the senate: the senate never demanded that the departments should give back the money, and we never threatened to take it. Everything that happened in the senate was legal. A motion was made a one meeting to end the discussion. The issue was raised at the next meeting, since senators wanted to discuss it. We don’t silence minorities, and to the issue was discussed. A motion was made to request that those schools give the money back, and so a request was sent.
- Discussion?

- Sen. Brungart: it is not actually their money, legally by the constitution, since the money given to schools is only due to fee-paying students, but to put the issue to rest rather than let it simmer in the background, vote to just let it rest, since it is not significantly harming the students
 - At time: motion to extend 10 minutes
 - Sen. Djain – to ask for more money in the first place: it seems like we voted against that in the first meeting
 - Have we u-turned on the issue?
 - Sen. Brungardt – we voted to stop discussion and not to let the departments keep the money.
 - Eric – the money is in the departments, and it just sits there.
 - In the past, departments have willingly given money to conferences.
 - Sen. Brungardt – the clause that you can't take money out of department account should be understood in light of the previous section, that the money was rightfully put there
 - Parliamentarian – unclear relation between sections 1 and 2
 - Sen. Brungardt – the motion on the floor: so that we don't have this in old business
 - The GSA would be losing about 2% of their total business, which doesn't seem like it will cause significant harm
 - A question: did the departments give a reason why they couldn't give money back
 - NCSST – activities planned, and giving money back would be catastrophic
 - MSPS – also impact future events
 - Nursing – 62% of the account, and it would impact future events
 - The vote: 16 in favor
 - All opposed: 4 opposed
 - Passes
- New business:
 - Professional development conference on April 12 (Tuesday)
 - Panels – work/family, resumes, writing, publishing, theology outside academia
 - Breakfast, lunch, and dinner provided
 - Volunteers needed – e-mail Amanda or Emily B.
 - Emily C., Erikk, Benji, Joe, Lowell
 - Pass on those e-mails to Amanda
 - There will be a happy hour at the end.
 - Like GSA on Facebook, and say you're attending this event
- Election results
 - President: Emily Butler
 - VP: Joe Duncan
 - Secretary: Esther Hudson
 - Treasurer: Dominic Pigneri
 - Academic Senator: Lisa Holdsworth
- Murphy's, the student bar and lounge
 - We apparently promised them \$10,000, but if we haven't given them the money already, we're not planning on giving it, since it isn't in the budget.

- Rugby game – apparently a big rivalry – April 21st
- Poetry event, English Graduate Organization
 - Poet laureate of California – he is coming for free, to speak and give readings
 - Middle of April, but Sen. Djain will send out more info
- Motion to adjourn – passes (8:50)