

Student Government, Steering Minutes, February 19, 2018

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Student Government
Regular Meeting of the Steering Committee
Toledo, Ohio
Monday, February 19, 2018
7:00 PM

The meeting of the Student Government Steering Committee was called to order at 7:00 PM in the Student Government office of the Student Union.

Members Present: Jimmy Russell, Drew Williams, Kyle Zapadka, Marty Linthicum, Becca Sturges, Julia Hernandez, Madison Lawson, Jordan Welty, Andy Taylor, Andrew Montry

Members Absent: Michael Revilla (Excused)

Guests: N/A

Guest Speakers:

NONE

Internal Affairs Report

Senator Marty Linthicum:

- Embosser:
 - o Marty talked to Sofie, and there is potential for us not to be able to get it.
- Office hours looked good this week.
- Apparel:
 - o There are two options: a quarter-zip and a windbreaker
 - o It is necessary to write your name on the list posted on the board in the Student Government Office if you want one.
 - o You will not get anything if you do not get money in to Jordan before Thursday, March 1, 2018. There are no exceptions.
 - o The goal is to order them before spring break to get them in after spring break.

External Affairs Report

Senator Julia Hernandez:

- Last week on Thursday, we posted our first "Rocket of the Week" on our social media handles.
 - o It is additionally already in motion for this week with a form to fill out for nominations on OrgSync.
- Rocket Prom has moved from the day of Songfest to potentially April 12th.
 - o We were going to do contributions with t-shirts, but that would cost around \$700 for 100 people.
 - o Instead, we decided to contribute a photo booth for people to use at the prom, giving them the opportunity to post photos with a hashtag.
 - Julia will look into renting this from the marketing department.

Campus Culture Report

Senator Andrew Montry:

- No Report

Treasurer Report

Senator Andy Taylor:

- Thank you for letting the office be used for SAC.
- Budgets are due in a couple of days, and the current plan is to do it after tomorrow's (February 20th) meeting.
 - o Julia asked about putting the Diversity Festival into the budget, and Andy responded that anything that is already on the floor will be put into the budget but the rest will not and will have to come out of what we have left.
- There is a new OSIL policy that we do not need to stamp our posters before hanging them on the bulletin boards.
 - o The movement behind this is that UT was eliminating/hindering free speech.
 - o We are also allowed to take them down.
- Andy had two pieces of legislation, but only one is being submitted for consideration.
 - o He proposed to change handbook in reference to how bills are written:
 - Section 1 should be the issue being addressed, section 2 should propose the action
 - Marty states that Internal Affairs is already working on amendments.
- The purchase order for the spinning charger for the middle of the office has been put in.

Website Secretary Report

Senator Michael Revilla:

- Absent due to Songfest.
- Motion to excuse Senator Revilla's absence carries unanimously.

Legislative Secretary Report

Senator Jordan Welty:

- No Report

Recording Secretary Report

Senator Becca Sturges:

- No Report

Speaker of the Senate Report

Speaker Kyle Zapadka:

- No Report

SJC Report

Chief Justice Madison Lawson

- The meeting with Autumn that was supposed to take place this week has been moved to next week to an undecided date due to conflicting schedules.
- Marty motioned that we remove her if she does not schedule a meeting by next Steering, and there was a unanimous agreement.

Vice President Report

Vice President Drew Williams:

- No Report

President Report

President Jimmy Russell:

- Emails need to be sent out in a professional manner; anything else will not be tolerated.
- We need to make sure we are being very productive on legislation.
- Chief Justice Lawson asks about making new emails for the chairs of the committees as well as other members of Steering, and President Russell replies that there were some already in place that are being enacted.
- President Russell attended the Board of Trustees Meeting.
 - o Lucas D. Zastrow will be at the Senate meeting tomorrow.
 - o Hopefully, we will be getting Jeffrey Cole of the Board of Trustees, a very big donor, on March 22nd.
- There will be a brief COSGA meeting after Steering.
- Congrats and great job on "Rocket of the Week" as it raised a lot of awareness for our accounts.

Old Business

NONE

New Business

General Membership Amendment

- Kyle Zapadka pulled this legislation from the floor.

Recording Secretary Bylaws Amendment

- It addresses the issue of the fact that it is unknown which Appointed Senators actually came to the two meetings he/she must attend before running for Senate.
- The solution is that the Recording Secretary must record who came to the meeting regardless of who they are- including visitors, guests, etc.

- o Motioned to the floor 7-0, but Marty asks that it is simply put into the bylaws until it passes; this motion is passed 7-0.

Zeta Phi Beta Resolution

- This resolution states that we will support putting feminine hygiene products in the women's bathroom in the Student Union.
 - Andy states that we can only spend money if we put our sticker on it.
 - It is motion to the floor 7-0.

Green Zone Training Bill

- There is a motion to hear Andy's bill today in Steering that passes 7-0
 - o This training would make us as an organization more knowledgeable about the situations faced by military affiliates.
 - o No other organizations have undergone this training before.
 - o Justifications for this Bill include that Songfest is the second oldest tradition at UT, and Student Government does not directly participate or contribute.
 - Student Government should support by holding a "Green Zone Training" on March 13th after an abbreviated meeting, paying for food (pizza), getting donations during the event, and donating money to the organization who has the most attendees.
 - o \$300 should be allocate to this event; the price should not exceed \$300, and we will get an idea of how many people would come beforehand.
 - o Andy asks for Campus Culture to sponsor it; Andrew agrees to put it to a vote in his committee.
 - o There is a motion to sponsor this Bill in Steering by Marty that passes 6-0 with Andy abstaining.
 - o Marty also asks about striking Blue Key Honor Society and Mortar Board Honor Society from the sponsorship, but the question is resolved by a number of individuals stating that outside sponsorship is allowed.
 - o The bill is motioned to the floor 7-0

Announcements / Other

- Senator of the Week – Sofia Rodriguez
- Accomplished in SG this week
 - o Speaker Kyle Zapadka:
 - Held the election meeting which went very well.
 - o Senator Marty Linthicum
 - Internal Affairs got the apparel done.
 - o President Jimmy Russell:
 - Friday, Jimmy and Drew met with a lot of people in university regarding looking into advocating part of student general fee into counseling
 - o Chief Justice Lawson:
 - The peer procedural advocate program for SJC is being worked on, with a potential collaboration from a Resident Advisor working on a similar program.
 - o Senator Julia Hernandez:
 - Student Government social media is huge and we have gained a lot of

followers.

- o Senator Becca Sturges:
 - Rocket of the Week has been a success so far.
- o Senator Jordan Welty:
 - Nothing to report.
- o Senator Andrew Montry
 - Showed future rockets the student government office
- o Vice President Drew Williams:
 - Similar to President Russel
 - CAP said they'd be interested in having him speak next Monday or whenever he is available
- o Senator Andy Taylor:
 - SAC training held in the office may have helped save the office.

The question was asked about Steering next Monday due to COSGA. Senator Linthicum suggested having a paper meeting while voting on legislation in the GroupMe.

Shout-Out to Kyle Zapadka for doing Fiji Bid.

Adjournment

Motion to Adjourn: Senator Andy Taylor
Second: President Jimmy Russell
Passed with no opposition.

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Recording Secretary, Senator Becca Sturges
Legislative Secretary, Senator Jordan Welty