

## Meeting Notes of the General Assembly

Wednesday, 9 December 2015

### **I. Call to Order**

### **II. Roll Call**

- a. Emily Serwer, Arianna Cameron, Brian Franceour, Duncan Cannon, Lucia Gibbard, Carlie Rutan, Kathya Marte absent

### **III. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Jack Arnholz corrected something he said, then minutes approved

### **IV. Public Comment Time**

- JJP is apparently taking an education course about education policy and something about trust building and something about “appreciation” – he would like to appreciate Michelle Kruk who he met when he was a first year and knows still as “a bigger first-year”
- JJP: election rules and election procedures should be better outlined next year – points out inconsistencies
- David Levine: “A really good idea this appreciation thing” – appreciation for Emily Serwer and the work she has done this year, thrust into a position she wasn’t expecting, did position impeccably, she runs her SOOC meetings like a pro, she has provided a great voice, spoke more about how amazing Emily is. “She handled discussion of her legitimacy with grace and poise, and has been a huge asset to this group.”
  - o DMC agrees

### **V. Introduction of Guests**

### **VI. Old business**

- Changes in Appendix A: essentially the same amendment, but adding multiple steps under E3 – announce a search process for the open seat, application process, the Exec. Committee will review applications
- DMC: It’s good that we’ve spent this much time on this, and sometimes the Exec. Committee forgot the human aspect, like Emily

walking in with a smile on her face – appreciation for Emily and her wonderfulness

- DMC: “Important for all of us to consider the fact that this is something that will probably be used once in the next 10 years” – acknowledge human and emotional aspect of this, seeing a member of this Assembly feel like she was unwelcome, “I also think that this has dragged on for far too long because for whatever reason people were not comfortable speaking their own opinions, and I deeply apologize. But if you dissent, you need to speak up. If that has not been clear, then I apologize to you all.”
- DMC: “Unless someone moves to vote on this tonight, then we can table this. But there should be a distinction between this proposal and Emily’s standing on this team. We voted her in.”
- David: moves to pose the question of the Bylaws and begin any discussion on the Bylaws – he starts, of course.
  - Thanking everyone from the Rules Committee
  - David is apparently in the business of praise– Brian and Andrew did a good job arguing the points they raised last week; able to balance getting the best person for the job while involving the student body and trusting the Exec. Committee. David believes this is the best way to move forward.
  - \*crickets until Michelle K speaks\* Michelle is happy with the discussion and how it turned out
  - Kevin: couldn’t go to the Rules Committee, has a question about E3, would “all students” include the first years coming in that summer?
  - Andrew: first-years haven’t matriculated yet, should just add the word
  - DMC: “It would read, We invite all matriculated members of the ....”

- Anna brings up the point that their email won't be set up yet, would have to post in Facebook group....
- Andrew: Good point, but student body will probably be the matriculated students
- LVM: is it clear in the language that the interim person can then run in that election?
- DMC: "I think in Part 4 it says that"
- David points out the "As a full member of the General Assembly" means that the Interim should be allowed to run
- DMC: "In which the assembly will elect one of its members to the seat, the interim VP is eligible"
- Riley: "Everyone came into that meeting with different points of view, but by the end we were able to come to a consensus"
- Andrew: acknowledging the thoughtful consideration
- Motion to approve amendments, all in favor
- David moves to vote on the bylaws, all in favor

## **VII. Reports of Committees**

- a. Student Affairs- Luke Von Maur '16
  - Students are good.
  - Took down NHN Art Installation – good that it was there for C.Rose's talk – gonna keep pictures for next year
  - get Good Ideas Fund going and continue with Common Hour
- b. Student Organizations Oversight Committee - Emily Server '16
  - Absent
- c. Academic Affairs - Andrew Millar '16
  - Academics are stressful, not on the Academic Affairs committee however
  - Public Health issue that was in Orient
  - More [text.com](http://text.com), student textbook exchange emails coming to an email near you!
- d. Facilities and Sustainability – Kevin Hernandez '18

- Figured out stuff with bowling and taxis - will continue into next semester
  - this Fri. and Sat. bookstore is selling Travel Mugs that we'll subsidize and coupons in mailboxes
  - Got in touch with Wall Street Journal
- e. Student Activities Funding Committee- David Levine '16
- Spending money more wisely than Tip O'Neil jk it was actually Everett Dirksen cause David was wrong: "A billion here, a billion there, pretty soon, you're talking real money"
  - \$59,000 this semester v. last year's that spend 62,000
  - Behind last year's pace – we're ahead – Khelsea looked confused, but apparently all good
  - David is clearly very proud of the fact that he is doing better than last year.
- f. Executive Committee- Daniel Mejia-Cruz'16/ Michelle Kruk '16
- Winter Weekend in February right after Borns, also Superbowl weekend, aka exciting weekend
  - \$1,575 to spend on:
    - Blizzard Bash
    - Food Truck
    - Horse drawn carriages
    - Ice sculpture on Quad
    - Dog Sledding
    - AND OTHER FUN ACTIVITIES
    - S/O to Anna for organizing this
    - this proposal will show up first meeting of Spring term
    - Little DMC wants a list of things from years past and apparently there is a schedule floating around

## **VIII. Reports of Members**

### a. Class Councils

- 2019- Chickflix and Chill in WRC, C.Rose is playing hard to get on meetings with them, dancing on Friday
- 2018- working on FY/SO ball, DJ GG
- 2017- Nick is in love with his 1/4 zip and modeled for us – should've been on VS runway last night; Junior/Senior Ball went well
- 2016- LVM taking over for this, nothing really

b. Inter-House council

- Not much has changed
- In terms of WW, Cold War party

c. Entertainment Board

- Arindam left

d. Athletic Council

- Athletes are great – Chase thought hockey game was great, Chase likes the word “great”
- Meeting with C.Rose and student leaders on Monday

**e. McKeen Center: Absent**

**f. At- Large Representatives**

- Little DMC: A lot of people enjoyed the game with it being the first big event FYs went to; huge support of FYs at Town Meeting
- Little DMC thanks Exec. Committee for everything they've done
- Riley: lights put in Brunswick Apts. = pretty good
- Kristin: Anyone have pressing concerns about the library and instituting floor level quietness?
  - Michelle mentions something about Colby having posters that say Q and “some other letter” that designate talking spaces and quiet spaces
  - Kristin: library wants to know if that's something people are interested in

- Andrew has a complaint/compliment.....about swiveling chairs by the printers on the first floor tables.....he's in contact with the librarians a lot
- Kristin: Concert Band doesn't get a VPA, looking into that to see if there's perhaps a reason
  - Khelsea is "retweeting that with Introduction to Drama"
  - David and Andrew think there is a committee that individual students can petition that their class should fulfill these requirements, Kristin is on a committee that is discussing this
- Michelle: Has everyone voted?
  - Riley suggesting posting on Facebook groups
- David asked if it needs to be certified by Deans, everyone looked at Allen

**IX. Report of the President- Daniel Mejia- Cruz '16**

- DMC:
  - continued to hear fantastic things
  - hopes everyone went to the Town Hall meeting: most productive and fantastic conversations that he has been in the room for — encouraging people to have discussions, knows "it's a difficult subject to grapple with, but it's one of the huge things that college is for"
  - DMC's approval ratings should be in the upcoming Orient issue so check it out, folks
  - "We set the record for longest meetings in a row but I think it's because we were doing so many great things. I'm really proud of us and really grateful to the Exec. Team for their work."
    - DMC being all heartwarming and flattering the Assembly

**X. Announcements**

**XI. Adjournment at 9:24**