



Associated Students of Concordia University Irvine

Minutes

Wednesday, January 27, 2016

Senators Present: Amanda Alvarez, Celina Stratton, Chloe Heiser, Christian Woodfin, Claire Brainard, Damiana Gumiran, Erika Boychenko, Evette Jahangiri, Hayden Kirkman, Jessica James, Lauren Youngsma, Nikki Ancona, Reanna Benton, and Sarkhan Nabiyev

Executive Board Present: Emily Dailey, Catherine Foster, Ryan Van Dusen, Ariana Sadeghipour, and Rose Jones

Faculty and Staff Present: Laura Courvoisier, Dr. Van Voorhis, and Gilbert Fugitt

- I. **Call to Order**—Catherine Foster: 10:32 a.m.
- II. **Opening Prayer:** Catherine Foster
- III. **Attendance:**
- IV. **Approval of Minutes:** 1st Celina Stratton 2nd Amanda Alvarez
- V. **Approval of Agenda:** 1st Hayden Kirkman 2nd Erika Boychenko
- VI. **New Business:**
 - a. One on One Signups
 - b. Finals Schedule Presentation—Dr. Van Voorhis
 - i. Academic Council is looking ahead to the finals schedule
 - ii. Live option: what is in the best interest of students?
 1. On Fridays there are only a handful of students with finals
 2. Pretty open day (especially with graduation the next day)
 - iii. Should we push finals to be Tuesday thru Thursday
 - iv. Monday would act as a study day (help students prepare for your “make or break” exams)
 - v. Our calendar is peculiar- add purpose to Monday
 - vi. Cons:
 1. A lot of students leave campus to fly away
 2. We shouldn’t burden students with a change
 3. See some travel issues at first, but in the long run students will see as a benefit
 4. Will have to instill in the students that Monday is for studying and to ease stress and issues with packing over the week
 - vii. Pros:
 1. It would help if there were no finals on Friday, but students could still stay on Friday and Saturday with no charge to pack

2. Helpful to have the Monday off to study (Celina Stratton experienced this in high school and found it beneficial in her experience)
 3. Having Professors available to help students study on Monday will be very beneficial
 4. Encourage professors to be actively involved and assist on Monday (similarly to core)
 5. Benefit to students to have more time to study (Professors love meeting with students)
- c. Rounds
- i. Sigma:
 1. Trash cans in RES halls
 - a. Unfortunately, students will most likely throwing their dorm trash in the trash cans
 2. Carpets in the dorms
 - a. Gross and stained
 3. Weight room
 - a. Need to check with athletes if students can use athletic weight room when no teams are training
 - b. Need free weights for all students and not just athletes
 - i. This is on the University Services project proposals and waiting for approval
 4. Reimbursement for Flex dollars
 - a. Laundry machines are taking more money off of cards than it is supposed to and it is a long process to deal with
 5. Parking for residents
 - a. Would like faculty not 24/7 but until 6pm
 6. Would like information on where recycling places are near campus
 - a. This will help students earn money from recycling
 7. Praise: Ping Pong tables and hydration stations
 - ii. Rho
 1. Emendare is closing earlier than it is supposed to
 - a. Low on food recently
 - b. Hiring a new team
 - c. Currently revamping Emendare
 2. Caf to go boxes not able if you already ate in the Caf
 - a. It is two meals if you eat there and then take to go
 3. Faster maintenance request turnaround
 4. Better advertisement for events
 - a. Lack of door decs in Rho
 5. Recycling machines that pay you for cans
 6. Faster maintenance request turnaround
 - a. University Services is working on an online system to submit requests (still in creation process)
 7. More Mexican food in caf
- d. CERT Training Presentation (2/3)
- i. Will discuss emergency response team

VII. **Old Business:**

- a. Jessica Bass—Active Shooter Awareness
- b. Senate Elections
- c. Rounds
 - i. Arts
 - ii. Athlete

- iii. Commuter
 - d. Chapel Card
 - e. University Services Update
 - f. Leadership Applications
- VIII. **Open Floor**
 - a. Will cancel meeting for Shooting Awareness Seminar
 - b. Turn in applications by Friday the 29th to be in Courier article
 - c. Rise in tuition: Students want to know why
 - d. No senate on February 10th for Ash Wednesday chapel
- IX. **Adjournment:** 11:00 a.m.