

## 12/06/18 Senate Meeting Minutes

### Call to Order

2:08pm

### Roll Call

Absences: Senators Davis (2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive) and Kuster (4<sup>th</sup> consecutive).

### Approval of the Agenda

Approved Unanimously

### Approval of the Minutes

Approved Unanimously

### President Drew Brinker's Report

Carpet purchased by Student Life/Student Government will be installed in the cafeteria over winter break.

### Treasurer Meghan Jirik's Report

Geology Club's \$1800 Guest speaker request approved. The plan is for Dr. Joshua Frieman (President of the Aspen Center for Physics, Professor at the University of Chicago, and Senior Researcher at Fermilab) to speak at RCTC on April 29, 2019.

The next Finance Committee meeting will be right after the senate meeting on 12/6/18.

### Student Life Director Laura Engelman's Report

Not present at this meeting.

### Old Business

N/A

### Committee Reports

1. Government Operations Committee: Prakash - No new information.
2. Health and Wellness Committee: Amina - Met this week. 5 people have volunteered to join the committee. Need to talk with health services about what initiatives they need help with.
3. Campus Safety Committee: N/A

### New Business

Need to vote on removing Senator Stephen Kuster for not attending meetings and not responding via email. The apparent consensus is that the senate would vote to remove him. The government operations committee must vote to remove him first. He will have a chance to address the committee and explain why he should still be in the senate.

### Open Discussion (next page)

Lockers: Talked about this on teams. Lockers can look outdated and not fit with our building layout. May be a good option for students who carry a lot of stuff and don't have a car.

Art Submissions: N/A

Garbage Cans w/ RCTC Symbol: N/A

Indoor Plants: Plan to work with the horticulture department to obtain decorative plants for placement around campus. Some senators and the vice president state that they improve the looks of the campus and could promote good health among students. Students would be assigned to care for the plants. Senate voted unanimously to not support fake plants.

Layout of Cafeteria/Dedicated Student Space: Send out surveys in the spring to decide on furniture.

Pair Trainings w/ Speaking Events and Catering: Guest speakers would be invited to speak about a variety of topics at senate trainings. Everyone on campus would be invited to listen. Free food would be offered. This would be in addition to senate meetings and other trainings, but no consensus was reached on requiring attendance.

Senate Meeting Times for 2019: Possibly changing to a Monday, Wednesday or Friday time in order to accommodate senators.

Campus Cleanliness Awareness: N/A

### Announcements

January Student Leadership Conference (Jan 3-5): Not many students interested.

### Anything for the Good of the Order

Senator Harrod: Many students are just interested in an affordable college option, not everything a 4-year institution offers. But we could offer \$500 or so to each club so that they can offer food for every meeting.

Senator Bartelt: College is supposed to help students make social connections.

Senator Casper: The compassion club wants to better address food insecurity.

### Adjournment

2:54pm

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### \*Action Items\*

1. Talk to Courtney or Laura about organizing guest speaker events that coincide with senate trainings.
2. Approach the horticulture department about the indoor plants.
3. Talk with Nate about having short video "gas station style" segments play on monitors around campus that inform students and feature members of Student Government. Mention events from bulletin boards in the segments.

