Minutes for the Representative Assembly
3/13/2006

I. Announcements

II. Ratification of Minutes
   a. Ratification of Minutes from the Meeting of Monday March 6, 2006

III. Public Participation

IV. Representative Assembly Officer Reports
   a. Secretary
      • Minutes from past two meetings were submitted
      • Publicity Committee will meet once we are in the next stage of the process with the need blind initiative
      • Office Hours are now 5-6 in the RA office on Sundays
   b. Parliamentarian
      • Judiciary met recently to discuss the new Constitution bylaws
   c. Chair
      • Working on getting refreshments at the meetings
      • Website is up and running

V. Executive Council Officer Reports
   a. Treasurer
   b. Vice Presidents of Student Clubs
      • New Clubs were just approved including golf, Morris team, and the Darfur and Awareness Club
      • Treasurer asks that the issue of who is under who’s jurisdiction be resolved, there are currently many inconsistencies which make the Budget Committees job more complicated when allocating the funds
      • Treasurer process has been re-opened to the entire school, applications are due at noon on Sunday, interviews will be Monday
      • Ben Reed, Vice President of Student Clubs, will be the point person for the new Treasurer search
   c. Vice President of Student Committees
      • Not present
   d. President
      • Not present (see President’s Report sent over RA talk)

VI. Committee Reports
   a. Committee on Committees
      i. This weekend is the big Committee on Committees weekend for seating committees. Members are encouraged to apply and tell their constituents to apply. Please contact Kris Jonnson if you need more details

VII. Member Reports
• Paul- people would like to see the library open longer
• Vaibhav thinks we should write something, but it isn’t likely to be passed as it has failed in the past
• Ryan believes that it’s a good idea, but that we should talk to the Committee on Library and Services and the ILS first
• Sean, a member of the Committee on Library Services, said he will check on it and report back next week
• Ben- the MacGray machine needs a place to be put. There was concern that because of past events, putting it in the basement may be a place that people will not feel comfortable going to.
• Ben will report back that the RA does not feel as though this is an issue
• Jason- Discussion of textbook/syllabus legislation to be posted in advance of the beginning of classes
• Bookstore will shoot down the legislation because they will lose money if the books are posted in advance
• Vaibhav states that the RA can start up a group with start-up funds to make a book exchange network
• Maddie-Den delivery service is starting up, limited to Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights—need deliverers to drive golf carts and deliver the food
• Vaibhav compliments Connor on his article for The Student which was about the arrest of a student in Page Hall for the possession of Shrooms
• Maddie states that the article was misleading to some students because it mentioned ecstasy, meth, coke and crack, none of which were found in the room of the student who was arrested.
• Maddie (at the encouragement of Vaibhav) makes a motion to publish the sanctions and any publishable material that comes out of the Student Conduct Committee (it passes unanimously)
• Ryan states that the ramifications and negative deterrent are never known because they are no longer published in The Student
• Patrick- There was an issue the beginning of this year in which it was determined that a number of female students at Bates were wronged by Security and no formal apology was made.
• Jason suggests that we make a motion to also charge the President to investigate further
• Patrick states that he is going to write a bill and welcomes all input from students
• Paul suggests that legislation should be written guaranteeing that at least one grade should be given in a course before the period to drop a class ends
Connor discusses the racial slurs that have been written in the stairwell of P-Gill including anti-Semitic and racist comments written in a whiteboard marker stolen from a history professor’s door, papers were stolen from History professors doors, a fire extinguisher was also released

- First noticed this morning
- Liz comments that admissions has been notified
- Mike mentions that vandalism also occurred in the Psychology department
- Jason asks that a motion to commit the President of the RA, or someone he designates, to discuss with the President, Security, Dean of Students and Committee on Hate Crimes these incidents

VIII. Old Business
- No old business

IX. New Business
  a. RA 06-25 A Bill Concerning Three New Clubs to be Recognized by the ORB
     - Explained by the Presidents of Student Clubs
     - Passes unanimously

Respectfully Submitted,
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