

TO: Staff Senate

FROM: Catherine Murphy
Staff Senate Secretary

DATE: February 9, 2011

SUBJECT: Minutes from December 8th Meeting

In attendance: Ms. Bealla, Ms. Cherra, Ms. Cullen-Brown, Ms. Eagen, Ms. Fetsko, Mr. Franceschelli, Mr. Gaylets, Ms. Gurz, Mr. Hickernell, Ms. Hynosky, Ms. Jachimowicz, Ms. Keegan, Ms. Laffey, Ms. Lang, Ms. Mascelli, Ms. McCrea, Mr. Murphy, Ms. Murphy, Mr. Rupp, Mr. Pace, Ms. Palko, Mr. Sakowski, Mr. Skutnick, Ms. Stavisky, Mr. Wetherall, Mr. Wimmer, and Ms. Day.

1. Welcome:

- Mr. Murphy began the meeting at 10:10 am in the PNC Board Room in Brennan Hall.
- The opening prayer was offered by Mr. Murphy.
- Mr. Murphy announced that Mr. Wimmer will be voting for Mr. Wetherell today.

2. Approval of Minutes:

The approval of the November meeting minutes was deferred to our next meeting. Ms. Murphy will send a copy of the minutes to Senate members for review.

3. Approval of Agenda for Feb with the revised Speaker's Policy and did not recommend approval at this time.

- Our By-Laws need to be amended to include language that states how our liaison will bring

5. Liaisons Report:

Ms. Day reported that the AC continues to work with the FMC to balance the budget. She said the budget should be re

The Social Events and Community Building Committee hosted the last forum and should discuss this.

It was decided that the Social Event and Community Building and Communication Committee will review this and bring their recommendation back to the Senate.

Mr. Murphy reported that the answers from the first forum will be available at the breakfast and will be posted on our website.

- Senate' Role: Ms. Cullen-Brown said that she has been approached about having the Senate meet with their own constituency. (Clerical meets with Clerical, etc.).

Do our constituents really understand what our role is?

Do they understand that we a conduit to get information for them.

We need to do a better job communicating our role.

Is there a way to have each group of constituents meet with senators once during the semester?

We need to develop a better way of addressing question (website or newsletter)

9. Items from the Floor:

Mr. Sakowski reported that he has been asked about the decision that was made not to publish the directory. It was explained that some of the reasons for not printing the directory are; it is labor intensive, it is outdated by the time it goes to print, and not printing it is more sustainable. It was pointed out that it would be helpful for senator's to communicate to their constituents the reasons decision was made. Mr. Hickernell added that after this year individuals that want a hard copy of the directory can have it printed at the print shop, but the department will be charged a fee.

Mr. Gaylets made a motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ms. Laffey. The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectively Submitted By,



Catherine Murphy