



Senate Minutes

December 5, 2024

A. WELCOME - Alfredo Trevedan

B. WORSHIP - Alfredo Trevedan

- a. Enjoys music
 - i. Music is uplifting
 - ii. Can be used to reconnect with God
- b. Psalm 95:1-2
- c. If you are ever feeling down take time to listen to music that Christ can reach you through

C. COMMITTEE UPDATES

a. Bylaws Committee - Amanda Leitao

- i. Still going over documents

b. Community Service Committee - Nathalie Jacome

- i. Thank-A-Thon went well

c. Finance Committee - Fabian Lubis

- i. Moving forward with Club Appropriations
 - 1. Any questions or thoughts
 - a. Are there any requirements for clubs, and does that play a role in how much funding they receive?
 - i. Yes there are requirements, yes it does play a role.
 - b. Community Service requirement
 - i. Enactus and Student Missions

1. Credit has to be given through Christian Service

ii. Voting

1. Fabian - Motion to approve the budget

a. Second

b. 23/25

c. 1/25

d. **Public Relations Committee - Caroline Bridges**

i. No updates

e. **Safety Committee - Priscille Mikala**

i. No updates

ii. Working on organizing a service project for MLK next semester

f. **Scholarship Committee - Josh Nerona**

i. Have received more student names for International Student Scholarship

1. Will have an update later on

g. **Social Committee - Isabel Genovez**

i. No updates

A. PROJECT DISCUSSION

a. Project 1 - Senate Projects Fund

i. \$11,000 in fund

1. Sent out survey to students

ii. Options

1. Scholarship Options

2. Student Missionary Scholarships

3. \$5,000 total

a. \$1,000 to 5 returning student missionaries

4. Departmental Scholarships

a. School of Journalism needs studio lights

i. \$2,000

b. Modern Languages Department

i. Computers

1. \$2,000

- iii. Printers and washers in the dorms will not be an option
 - 1. Washers are being researched by Student Association
 - 2. Printers have too many complications
 - a. Printers have been installed before and it was not used
- iv. QUESTIONS
 - 1. If senators choose to vote on scholarships it must go through Advancement or it will not be granted
 - 2. Can senators vote now even though there needs to be more research done?
 - a. A motion can be made to move it to a later date
 - 3. Why are student missionaries part of the scholarship
 - a. Student Missions department wants to appreciate and highlight students who served
 - 4. What are the requirements for Student Missions Scholarships
 - a. 500 word essay
 - i. Location
 - ii. What they did
 - 5. Motion to add 3 minutes
 - a. Seconded
 - 6. Instead of giving a scholarship out when missionaries come back, why can't we send out funds while they are in their service?
 - 7. Does the School of Journalism provide free services for students?
 - a. Some departments help out to give out to provide services for students
 - 8. Jhoan & Nema - Student Missions Scholarship

- a. Some students will not receive a scholarship even though they served
 - b. Serving as a student missionary is about serving others and it should not need more appreciation
 - 9. Motion to move discussion for a later time
 - a. 18/25
 - i. Opposed
 - 1. 6/25
 - b. Discussion will be held at a later date
- v. Project 2 - Pickleball courts & Project 3 - Futsal courts
 - 1. Pickleball courts
 - a. There are no sponsors for the pickleball courts
 - 2. Since there are no sponsors, are there funds for this project?
 - a. Yes, it will be from the SA Contingency fund
 - 3. Cost per court - \$137,00 - \$140,000
 - 4. Do people still use the pickleball courts yearound?
 - a. Yes
 - b. There will also be people playing futsal yearound
 - 5. Futsal courts
 - a. Cost court - \$76,000 - \$90,000
 - b. There is already a pickleball court
 - i. It would be better to have a futsal court added
 - ii. It creates community
 - iii. Futsal is international while pickleball is an American court
 - c. What feedback have students given about futsal courts
 - i. Soccer is a sport that isn't prioritized
 - ii. There will be more community

- d. What was the results of the yes or no question at the end of the survey
 - i. More student were in favor for futsal courts over pickleball courts
- 6. Motion to add 3 more minutes
 - a. Second
- 7. Discussion continues
 - a. There is concern with the location for the futsal court
 - i. Is there another possible location?
 - 1. Locations chosen are the best places
 - b. Southern will continue to work for pickleball courts
 - i. Hoping to find donors
 - 1. There are more donors for pickleball than futsal
 - c. There will be more talk about soccer if there were a court
- 8. Motion to add 2 minutes
 - a. Second
- 9. Discussion continued
 - a. More players can be included in futsal than pickleball
 - b. Is there a for sure number in how many students are interested in pickleball
 - i. Needs to be researched
 - c. Is there a possibility to have a reserved date to play futsal
 - i. Most reservations go to basketball
 - ii. Because there is no futsal courts it is harder to reserve
- 10. Move to vote for pickleball courts

- a. Second
- b. Yes or no vote
- c. Needs 51%
 - i. 10/25 - yes
 - ii. 15/25 - no

11. Move to use this fund for futsal courts

- a. 15/25 - yes
- b. 9/25 - no

B. PROJECT FUND VOTING

- a. Project 1 - Senate Projects Fund
 - i. Moved discussion to another date
- b. Project 2 - Pickleball courts & Project 3 - Futsal courts
 - i. Contingency funds will go to futsal courts

C. TRANSPORTATION DISCUSSION - Student development

- a. Motorized transportation on campus
- b. Administration would like to have student's opinions on
 - i. Ban of motorized transportation (Student Handbook)
 - 1. It is not being enforced
- c. Recent injury on campus could have resulted in a lawsuit
- d. Penn State University has been given a lawsuit for an injury due to motorized equipment
- e. Many universities have banned motorized transportation
 - i. Flammable
 - ii. Injuries to both rider and bystanders
 - iii. Need to prioritize student safety
- f. Options
 - i. Keep policy and enforce ban
 - ii. Remove policy completely

1. Very complicated
2. Can also end up in a lawsuit
- iii. Modify the policy, banning the use of the conveyances on the promenade
- iv. Using a motorized mode of transportation can result in a fine
- g. Discussion
 - i. Students cannot be told that they are at risk by walking on the Promenade with motorized transportation
 - ii. Liability is for both students riding and and students who were hit
 - iii. There should not be a fine
 1. Students are already being fined for
- h. Move to add 2 minutes of discussed
 - i. Second
- i. Discussion continues
 - i. What is the difference between a bike and motorized transportation?
 1. Student is in control of bike
 - ii. There should be a time where motorized transportation can be used
 1. 4pm and later

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- a. SA Christmas Party 12/8 - 6:00pm - 8:45pm
- b. Senate End of Semester meeting 12/10 - 8:00pm
- c. Smile Initiative 12/13
- d. Mental Health Booth - 12/16
- e. SA Elections - next semester
- f. Senate outing - next semester