

The Minutes of the Senate



Of the 317th Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,
Meeting in Tyler 102 at 7:00pm on
September 1, 2009

Presided by Ryan Ruzic, Vice President of the Student Assembly;
Chaired by Ben Brown of the Class of 2011,
with Minutes Recorded by Secretary Betty Jeanne Manning of the Class of 2012

- I. Call to Order (Vice President Ruzic)
 - Meeting convenes: 7:03pm
- II. Attendance
 - Secretary Sen. Fallon called the roll;
 - Senators present: 13/18
- III. Reading and Approval of Minutes from: 04/28/2009
- IV. Special Business: Election of a Secretary Pro Tempore
 - Nominations - Manning
 - Speeches, in order of nomination (if necessary)
 - Questions from the Senate, in order of nomination (if necessary)
 - Closed Session pursuant to Virginia FOIA Personnel exemption (if necessary)
 - Open Session vote
- V. Public Comment
 - Matt Wilder and WMTV: We need to have Senate information be public and it should have been on WMTV a long time ago. After watching youtube videos, no one is going to watch them. New proposal: don't sacrifice information for entertainment but have condensed version from the secretaries and BOV. Email mdwilder@wm.edu
- VI. Committee Updates
 - Finance and Budget (Sen. Fallon, Chair)
 - Will be meeting Wednesday or Thursday this week. Conference call over the summer. Email to follow.

- Public Affairs (Sen. Gillingham, Chair)
 - Big event coming up tomorrow. Please come to the Welcome Back Reception, Williamsburg Community Center 401 N. Boundary, across the street from the Stryker building at 5pm Wednesday, 9/2/09. It'd be great to meet up and discuss half an hour before the meeting. Thank you to those who helped register people to vote. Dress up please, formal attire.
- Student Life (Sen. Manning, Chair)
 - Meeting Time: Wednesdays at 2pm. Conference call this summer. If you have questions, I'll email you minutes if you are curious email at bjmanning@wm.edu
- Policy (Sen. Felitto, Chair)
 - Nelson filled us in for Stef. Discussed two executive nominations, Hamididdin and Ukai passed out by unanimous positive recommendation. Regular time on Fridays at 4.
- Outreach (Sen. Olszewski, Chair)
 - Met last week, a big year to shape Outreach. If there's anything you want to see at any level, please email Jill at jmolszewski@gmail.com. Starting an ambassador program and senator office hours where you're paired up with a member of exec to have office hours. The SA's little instructions for WM posters went out. Regular time is Thursdays 9pm.

VII. Executive Updates

- Departmental/General Updates
 - Rojas: Department meetings. Our secretaries are great, some are already acting. You'll have time to question them and approve them and we'll introduce them and hope to have them approved by next meeting.
 - Ruzic: We had a ton of conference calls. Several departments including policy and diversity have already met. Exec Diversity program teamed up with new university's Center for Diversity. Working with dining services to work on holiday observance meal refunds. Thanks again for voter registration. We've registered roughly 250-275 people.
- Review of Signed/Vetoed Legislation
 - i. SB 317-000.5 The 2009 Closing of Session Act
 - ii. SB 317-002 The Summer Shuttle Service Act
 - iii. SB 317-005 The Student Outreach Department Act
 - iv. SB 317-006 The SA Instruction Act
 - v. SB 317-009 The Response to Accusations of Terrorism Act
 - vi. SB 317-010 The Recognition of Chairman Walter McClean Act

VIII. Past and Passed Legislation Updates

- a. SB 316-038 SOS (Sen. Manning) Ready to roll. Estimate two weeks.
- b. SB 316-071 Printer Reallocation Act (Sen. Manning). May be a bigger bill later after meeting with Carpenter.

- c. SB 316-079 Free Planners for Students to Help keep them Organized (Sen. Mullis) Good response from students.
- d. SB 316-026 Open Billing Act (Sens. Nelson, Felitto, McClean) Nelson addressed Sam Jones dialogue.
- e. SB 316-078 CIA Bill (Sen. Olszewski and Manning) That happened. It was great. The numbers will be listed in the minutes.
- f. SB 317-002 Summer Shuttle Service (S3) Act (Sens. Mendoza and Brown) The Red line added two new routes and the trolley was running so we didn't have to spend the money.
- g. SB 317-003 The Medical Amnesty Extension Act (Sens. Nelson, Brown, Felitto) This is now policy. It now applies to all drugs.
- h. SB 317-005 The Outreach Department Act (Sens. Brown and Fallon) The Outreach department exists and now so does joint facilitation committee.
- i. SB 317-006 The SA Instruction Act (Sen. Olszewski, et al) Good response. Bring posters to Senate next week.
- j. SB 317-008 The Exam Taxi Service Act II (Sens. McClean and Fallon) Brown spoke for them and taxis were running during exams. There is an online count of how much money we spent on this.

IX. Old Business

X. Introduction of New Business

- a. SB 317-011 The HC-SCC KYR Act (Sen. Brown, Felitto)
 - i. Introduction Ben Brown: The Honor Council, specifically Will Perkins wanted the students to know their honor council rights and so we've been working on it over the summer and made a reference to where they could find more information. Covers both Honor Code and Student Conduct code.
- b. SB 317-012 The 2009 Omnibus Code Update Act (Sen. Brown)
 - i. Introduction Ryan Ruzic and Ben Brown: Ben and Ryan worked on the code a lot. There aren't any major substantive changes on it, mostly semantics. The VP will no longer be the one approving your absences – it will be the Senate secretary. Additionally, the VP no longer has a seal. Got rid of unnecessary bills/language. Tried to make it clearer. 4:30-6 Exec meeting on this Thursday. Will be sending out an email with a word doc with every change and comment on them. Ruzic: BECAUSE YOU ARE PASSING THE CODE AND NOT CHANGES TO THE CODE THIS WILL BE FINAL.
- c. SB 317-013 The 2009 Omnibus Elections Reform Act (Sen. Brown)
 - i. Introduction Ben Brown: This has substantive changes and addresses former Elections Chairman Beato raised during the last election. Will

send out document before Thursday with comments. SIN has basically collapsed. Thus, it will not be ready by freshman elections and advises us to outsource elsewhere. Meeting Friday at 3pm. Looking for a 1 year license from E-ballot, most widely used and secure. If it were to continue, could be used for any student body needing polling. The only problem is that it doesn't support instant run-off voting (however this has never affected an SA election). These are big changes; please read it carefully. Blind switch period (in answer to Olszeski): only candidates know but now every candidate knows which office you're switching. If you withdraw, it's binding and you can't submit a new form.

- d. SB 317-014 The Tribal Fever Act (Sen. Fallon)
 - i. Chase Hathaway (undersecretary for SA of athletics in student life) and Alex Ball leaders of Tribal Fever present about Tribal Fever and give background for bill and introduction see www.thetribalfever.com for more info. Total cost is 5000 but they're only asking us for 1000.
 - ii. Move to hear old business by unanimous consent passed as old business.
 - iii. Public comment: President Rojas. This shows us branching out to other groups and building commitment and increasing involvement in the student body. We would ask that you vote for this because it helps students that we would not have otherwise been able to help.
 - iv. Senator comment: Jim Dunleavey. Will you be seeing us again for more funding? They said if we let them. Houser: What else are you looking into for the future? They said possibly planning a trip for the last game at Richmond which could be a playoff game. Olszewski: What do you plan on doing for other sports rather than just football and basketball? Fallon: This is a bill about a specific incident, not the club. They said we're focusing on the money-making sports while we're getting started but we're hoping to expand our base. Houser: Who's gonna run this when you graduate? They said: we will continue.
 - v. Manning: Move to vote by unanimous consent.
 - vi. Scalzo: Move to pass by unanimous consent. PASSED.

XI. Reminders / Announcements / Comments

- Announcements from Chairman Brown and Vice President Ruzic
 - Ruzic: Come out and chat with me.
 - Brown: Thanks to those working on initiatives from the summer. I will be sending out the updated exec nominee list. Review and elections board with finance soon to follow.
- General Announcements
 - Gillingham: PA secretaries question code follow up.
 - Manning: Student Life hang out after to set up a meeting time.

o Dunleavy: The code on googledocs was great, is the constitution on there too? Brown: we can make that happen. Quorum is at 2/3 by bylaw so while we have 18 it's 12/18.

XII. Public Comment

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XIII. Adjourn

- 7:59pm