

## The Minutes of the Senate



Of the 317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,  
Meeting in Tyler 301 at 7:00pm on  
December 01, 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)
  
- II. Attendance
  - a. Roll Call (Secretary Manning)
  
- III. Reading and approval of minutes: APPROVED by unanimous consent
  - a. Tuesday November 17th, 2009
  
- IV. Public Comment
  
- V. Committee Updates
  - a. Finance and Budget (Sen. Fallon, Chair): Went over several bills all being introduced tonight.
  - b. Public Affairs (Sen. Gillingham, Chair): Looking into freshman voter outreach, maybe having a meeting this Thursday. We had a city meeting yesterday. Councilman Frieling is observing our meeting because we observed theirs. Working on Voter-Reg opportunities.

- c. Student Life (Sen. Manning, Chair) Second spring student activity fair and Microsoft and Google mail initiatives Wednesday and Friday.
- d. Policy (Sen. Felitto, Chair) Met before break and had a guest come in to talk about transfer housing. We also discussed a number of other things like alcohol policy which is now in a college-wide committee, and chalking. We will still meet again this Thursday.
- e. Outreach (Sen. Olszewski, Chair) Juan is the only one who showed up. Will be meeting this week. Working on the activities fair for January. New brochure for Admissions and activities fair. The ambassador program will be launched at the beginning of next semester. Senator office hours.

## VI. Executive Updates (Vice President Ruzic)

- a. Departmental/General Updates
  - 1. Eviction notices that have been handed out.
- b. Review of Signed/Vetoed Legislation: POCKET SIGNED.
  - i. SB 317-043 The Exam Taxi Service Act III
  - ii. SB 317-044 The Necessary Airport Shuttle Funding Act

## VII. Past, Passed, and Pending Legislation Updates

- a. SB 317-015 The Health Accessibility Act (Sen. Brown)
- b. SB 317-019 The Welcoming Incoming Freshman Act (Sen. Fallon)
- c. SB 317-025 The Ping Pong Provision for Purposeful Playing Act II (Sens. Brown, et al) We are looking at models that can be screwed into the floor and not be unscrewed from the top – Either looking at a smaller dispenser or just a simple bowl. As soon as we get the okay from Bob Knowlton,
- d. SB 317-032 The Communal Bike Act (Sen. Brown) Still working.
- e. SB 317-035 The Swem Snack Act (Sen. Brown) The outlet has been installed. I'll be purchasing the microwave tomorrow and installing it tomorrow. Aramark is throwing in a free toaster. Just another real world example of how potentially useful appliances come to those who wait.
- f. SB 317-041 The Gender Neutral Housing Option Support Act (Policy Committee) We still support it.
- g. SB 317-042 The Bicycle Theft Prevention Act (Sens. Matini, Brown)
- h. SB 317-043 The Exam Taxi Service Act III (Sen. Fallon) Publicity.
- i. SB 317-047 The Richmond Internship Funding Act (Sen. Fallon) Kept in finance. The executive may pay for it.
- j. SB 317-048 The Daily Grind Renewal Act (Sen. Matini) Scott has decided that he is going to look into the cost of having everything funded.

- k. SB 317-049 The Van Subsidy Act (Sens. Olszewski, Mills) Hopefully we'll meet with Challis on a reading day and looking at a flat fee instead of paying per student.

## VIII. Old Business

- a. SB 317-045 The Bicycle Theft Prevention Act (Sens. Matini, Brown)
  - i. Report from Finance Committee Chairwoman Fallon: Passed out with positive recommendation from finance committee.
  - ii. Introduction by Sen. Matini
  - iii. Public Comment
  - iv. Senate Questions/Comments
    - 1. Fallon: I'm on the campus safety committee and this is really necessary. This is not only purchasing bike locks. This goes hand in hand with bike registration and safety program.
    - 2. Olszewski: When I first heard about this idea, I was totally against it but now I'm a fan. For future reference, how are we going to sustain this program?
    - 3. Dunleavy: Amend bill to reflect accurate price.
    - 4. Gemino: It will take just the same amount of publicity to advertise this about where to buy locks as it is to just tell them where to buy locks.
    - 5. Olszewski: I see your concern, can we meet somewhere halfway?
    - 6. Manning: I know how it feels to not have mobility and I think it promotes registration.
    - 7. Gemino: Should this come from reserve funds? Nothing in this bill says anything about bike registration.
    - 8. Mills:
    - 9. Olszewski: You should know to bring one.
    - 10. Matini: Yeah but these are hard-core bike locks, that are standard and regulated and do really well to prevent theft. It moves
    - 11. Manning: Move to limit senator speaking time to two minutes by unanimous consent: PASSED.
    - 12. Brown: I understand that you should bring bike locks. I understand that we have an honor code. The issue is that these bike locks are being compromised by saws, which is why we chose these locks.
  - v. Vote: PASSES BY ROLL CALL VOTE.
  
- b. SB 317-007 The DVD Act II (Sen. Felitto)

- i. Report from Finance Committee Chairwoman Fallon: Unanimous positive recommendation
  - ii. Introduction by Sen. Felitto: Caroline's bill called for \$1000 just to be spent on more DVD's multiple copies. This bill allocates just \$480 for the funding. Students will vote on their top 3 choices.
  - iii. Public Comment
  - iv. Senate Questions/Comments
    - 1. Manning: Move to pass this bill by unanimous consent: PASSED.
  - v. Vote: Passed.
- c. SB 317-0046 The Keep Swem Open During Finals Act
- i. Report from Finance Committee Chairwoman Fallon: Unanimous positive recommendation.
  - ii. Introduction by Sen. Houser:
  - iii. Public Comment
  - iv. Senate Questions/Comments
    - 1. Brown passes this bill by unanimous consent: PASSED.
  - v. Vote: Passed.

## IX. New Business

- a. SB 317-050 The Playoff Ticket Act
- 1. Move to hear as Old Business by unanimous consent: PASSED.
  - 2. Tribal Fever is here: Chase Hathaway and Andy Rudd are here to address why we wanted free tickets. Just wanted to say thanks. We hosted a play-off game, first time since 2004, so it's a big deal. Got that "campus buzz" started, which will hopefully continue. I know a lot of students were glad they were free. Athletics matched our funding of another 150 tickets, totaling 300 tickets, so I think it was a big deal because all of them were used.
  - 3. Public Comment: Is the 1500 actually going to Tribal Fever or the Athletic Department? Why didn't athletics just go ahead and donate all \$3000.
    - 1. Fallon: I would say that Tribal Fever is a student organization whether or not they're registered as such. Over 300 students participate in it.
    - 2. Hathaway: We're technically part of "Tribe Club" the adult booster club.
  - 4. Senate Questions Comments:

- Houser: Were they actually used? We don't know how many tickets were used. We don't actually know how many tickets were used. I like it, I want to support it, I don't know that I can without the numbers.

- Mills: Just to clarify: you guys incurred all the cost and gave them away free.

- Olszewski: I do support students going to the game. First – It's thanksgiving break. Second – I have a huge problem with the fact that they weren't marked. I wish that they could've been marked. It concerns me that you don't know how many students actually used them. There's not enough information for us to know what actually happened. I support you, but it's so frustrating.

- Hathaway: I think it was an incentive for students to come back. 64% of students live in Virginia so I don't think it's that big of an issue. Also, residence halls were open.

- Gillingham: Just to clarify when this was all decided : did we know residence halls were going to be open? Athletics and the Residence Life were talking.

- Scalzo: Guys I think this is awesome. It's great to see what you're doing. This question came out of your personal pockets. Tell us about what you have planned in your budget for the upcoming semester. We've relied on the athletics department and student assembly a lot.

- Green: Did we have much less students at this game? I don't think it's really relevant who was there. I think it's relevant that students were there. I think we should pass this bill because we have Tribe Pride and we should show it.

- Mills: This is awesome and you're very visible, especially as a freshman.

- Manning: They had very little time. Issues with the way it was handled, learning curve. Know for next time. I think we're getting away from the specific request and into our opinion of the organization in general. Move to call the question by unanimous consent.

PASSED by Roll Call Vote.

b. SB 317-XXX The Transfer Housing Bill

1. Introduction: Transfers get bumped twice. They're frequently shafted by the housing process. This is to support the Executive Student Life proposal to talk about this issue.
2. Russ Taylor: This is a very important issue to me. So important that I'm here on my twenty-first birthday. Transfers are housed at less than 50% whereas other upperclassmen are housed at a 95% rate. It's hard to become part of a community when you're kicked-off campus. Ideally, I would like to guarantee transfer student housing. At worst, I would like equal treatment. We're 10% of the student population. These are two solutions:

### *Housing Specifics:*

- Convert two independent units in the fraternity complex into transfer student dorms. The fraternity units are generally regarded as the worst housing on campus, but they would be greatly appreciated by a first year student who otherwise would be forced to live off-campus. Reserving two units would provide housing for approx. 76 additional transfer students.

- Presently, there is a Ludwell apartment building that houses non-traditional students. That function has become obsolete and that restriction will be phased out by the end of the year. This apartment building could continue to be kept out of the general housing pool and reserved for transfer students. Reserving this Ludwell apartment would house 24 transfer students.

### *Alternative Solution*

-Phase-in Approach: Phasing in reserved spaces for transfer students is another approach to solving the transfer student housing problem. This plan would start with reserving one independent unit in the fraternity complex for transfer students. A unit for transfer students would provide a central location for transfer student oriented social events. Then, more spaces reserved for transfers would be added annually, with 10 extra spaces being held for transfer students per year. These reserved spots would be clustered together in various dorms, and transfers would room with other transfers.

3. Move to hear as Old Business by Unanimous Consent. PASSED.
4. Senator Questions and Comments:
  1. Gemino: Why do you get bumped? Because Transfers take part in everything later than everyone else. Register after Freshman, etc. Usually random.
  2. Jorquera: When do you plan on having this instituted? Next fall.
  3. Fallon: I move to pass this bill by unanimous consent. PASSED.

X. Reminders / Announcements / Comments

a. Announcements from Chairman Brown and Vice President Ruzic

1. Brown: Thanks for the awesome semester so far. Committee Chairs conference calls.
2. Ruzic: Student Legal Services has decided to use some of the \$30,000 to hire an attorney to represent students who have been evicted. We're trying to get in touch with all of them about speaking to a real lawyer if they want.

b. General Announcements

XI. Comments from the Public

XII. Adjourn