

COLLEGE of
CHARLESTON
STUDENT GOVERNMENT
ASSOCIATION

Eighth Session of the Student Senate

November 9th, 2010

I. Call to Order

Senate was called to order at 4:33pm on November 9th, 2010.

II. Roll Call

III. Minutes

IV. Guest Speaker

A. Presentation about the new Oaks System

- Started preliminarily in 2005
- Was purchased in April, and has been tested since
- All faculty will be encouraged to use it for the spring semester
- WebCT will be decommissioned on May 14, 2011

B. Clay Middleton: Being engaged in politics

- It's good for college students to be involved, especially in the political process
- We as senators represent people, and we need to listen to our fellow students and not forget why we serve.
- Let him know if you want to volunteer or get involved.

V. Executive Council Reports

A. President

- Thank you to Clay Middleton
- Thank you to everyone who came out to the 32 Degrees Event this weekend
- The Board of Trustees will be meeting on Friday to discuss tuition and the moratorium. I will be meeting with the chairman to discuss the action SGA took.
- Everyone needs to evaluate their time commitments to SGA and Senate. If you don't have time, it's okay, but we need to make sure that seats can go to people who can be here.
- Let's give our full dedication to each other and this organization

-We have gotten so much positive feedback from the College. We're doing more and changing how SGA works and how it is looked at on campus. We need to continue to better this organization.

B. Secretary

-SOR: Their week to cook for Byron

-May not be at SOR this week, as planning for next semester's Street Fair is starting

-Council has decided that Senators cannot serve as the representatives for organizations coming before committee and Senate unless they are an integral part of the club. Clubs need to be accountable for themselves and be here.

-Suggestions for school spirit resolution: tailgating, more advertising for game shuttles, encouraging students to wear maroon on Fridays or to games.

-Round of applause to Matt Vaveris for his work at the Java City survey

C. Treasurer

-We raised \$1500 at the 32 Degrees Event, which went towards the i-Clickers

D. Chief of Staff/Deputy Chief of Staff

-Committees are doing a great job

-Please fill out the initiative outlines for your initiatives

-Need to see the following senators after senate: Daniel Hurlbert, Nichole Allen, and anyone else that has been sworn in during the past four Senates.

-Initiative of the week: Emily Svenson!

E. Vice President

-Only talk if you are recognized by the chair, and direct all questions and comments towards the chair, and not other people in the room.

-When we are presenting bills, there are three minutes to present, five minutes for a period of discussion, and five minutes for debate.

VI. Unfinished Business

A. FR-014-2010-A resolution to promote awareness on designated smoking areas according to the campus smoking policy.

Withdrawn from docket

B. FR-015-2010-A resolution to increase the level of school pride on the CofC campus.

-We need to improve our school spirit and make it so that students who leave feel a dedication to the school when they leave.

Singh-What do you think the problem is with our school spirit?

-Has never been promoted, we haven't had a large alumni base until recently.

Nelson-What will you do once this is passed?

-Follow up on clubs who have agreed to sponsor things.

Kennedy- Would you be interested in holding pep rallies or things like that?

-Certainly.

Motion to enter period of debate

Amendment by Chief of Staff Dickerson

-Section II to say: Such endeavors to create pride would include encouraging students to wear maroon on the days of athletic games, increasing awareness of shuttles to games on Patriots Point and increased awareness of sports game dates.

-Section III to say: The SGA supports organizations working together to hold tailgates.

-These things are good for supporting pride at the College

Kennedy-Why only for basketball?

-CofC's biggest sport is basketball.

Singh-Where would everyone tailgate before the game?

-Outside the student entrance, music in the old gym, one in the Cistern during homecoming.

Motion to call to previous question (passed)

Schmidt (pro)-We need to show that we have the same amount of spirit as a college with a football team

Singh (con)-We have a real problem with school spirit. SGA could choose a most spirited organization at tailgates and put it on our website, or anything else that would get students excited. We could table this and work on some more details and develop this fully.

Nelson (pro): We tabled this bill last week, and no one gave any input. What we added in gave us a good strong bill, and we should be ready to pass this.

Barry (con): As this bill is written now, this is no different than a memo. It doesn't actually get anything done, and we could just tell ourselves to do these things without passing legislation.

Motion to extend period of debate indefinitely

Baker (pro): You can only table a bill so many times. We need to get this done, and this allows us to go to the student body and say that SGA supports this. It is unlikely that anyone will actually help with this if we table it.

Summerlin (con): In support of school spirit, but don't see how this is going to do anything. We need more specifics in this bill so that it actually does something.

Maran (pro): The amendment made this bill much more specific. This is a resolution, so there are no definites, but this is saying that SGA supports this.

Barry (pro): How can you support a resolution that doesn't actually accomplish anything. If the bill wasn't passed last week, how can we pass it this week when the amendment we passed only added some words.

Schmidt (pro): Since we're here right now, we should be amending it. This bill does not merit an additional week of review.

Singh (con): Instead of us just putting our amendments in, let's table this one more week and make it as good as we can. We need to set a precedent and make a real plan

Trevisan (pro): Considering that basketball season has already started, we need to make a big impact on the student body.

Motion to Amend the bill by Senator Vaveris

Amendment to say: Section III-The Student Government Association supports taking an old/abandoned car, removing the windows, and allowing the students to achieve emotional catharsis by striking it.

-This amendment is a great way to increase school spirit and have a plan

Nelson-Are you aware that the College is already planning a Car Bash?

-Yes.

Motion to call to previous question

-This is a good idea to increase school spirit.

Passed

Baker (pro): It's the people behind this resolution that will make it happen.

Reynolds (con): This is a serious issue. School pride will encourage more people to come to this school, so we should table and rework this bill.

Motion to table the bill (not passed)

Lyons (pro): A resolution is just saying that we support something. If we pass the resolution, it will hold us accountable.

Motion to call to previous question

Division

18 in favor, 13 not in favor

Motion failed

Nelson (con): We should table this, because we need to all get involved in this this next week. This resolution should be perfect.

Freeman (pro): If we want to make this the perfect bill, why don't we get this done now? We should do this in a moderated caucus instead of procrastinating on this bill.

Motion to Amend the Bill by Senator Singh

-Section IV: SGA will select the most spirited award from which the winner will get their photo taken and placed on the SGA website after every tailgating event.

Dickerson: Who would put the information of the website?

-As far as I know, it is the duty of the President Pro Tempore

Kennedy: Will we just do this for this year?

-No, this is something that could continue for a long time

Becker: Who would choose most spirited?

-Council and Board should decide.

Motion to enter a period of debate

Motion to call to previous question

Passed

Motion to call to previous question

Passed

C. FB-052-2010-A bill to amend the Special Rules of the College of Charleston Student Government Association Senate.

-These are things that we are already doing, and would give us the power to set the time that bills are due to a time that we want.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent

Objection

Motion to enter the period of debate

Woods (con): We already have the power to amend the special rules, why don't we just do that? It's just one more thing that has to be voted on at the beginning of each semester.

Lyons (pro): This would be a way to try a couple of different things until we find a time to turn in bills that works for everyone.

Motion to call to previous question

25 for, 2 against, 4 abstentions

D. FR-016-2010-A resolution to support the Quidditch Team in becoming a CRS organization.

Withdrawn

VII. Budget Presentation

Motion to suspend the special rules and present the budget

-More clubs than usual came this year

Nelson: How many appeals were there?

-Three clubs appealed, gave a total of \$2100 to the Gorilla Girls, Historic Preservation Society's appeal was invalid due to the compass

Barry: Where does money beyond your cap come from?

-More money in the spring contingency fund, and some was given to the Gorilla Girls event. Money was not spent from this semester's contingency, and we'll have about \$9,000 left over from this semester that will go into the spring contingency fund.

Nelson: Make sure that you look at this budget, because we need to make sure that we all know what's going on, and we do a good job.

Baker: When will this come up?

-Next week, attached to a bill. Needs to pass so that clubs can get their money.

Trevisan: If we have questions, what do we do?

-Email Allocations before their committee meeting at 4:30 at Thursday

Payment: Will the contingency fund be higher for next semester?

-Yes.

Kennedy: Why is Dance Marathon's budget so high?

-Their fall budget was very small, and their big event is in the spring

Vivar: Why is the International Club's budget so high?

-Lots of trips and events planned and lots of active members

Barry: Is that the club for international studies or international students?

-It contains a lot of people studying abroad, so it is to let those people see the area.

They were very organized in their budget.

Woods: What is the third column?

-Money that the clubs already had in their accounts

Barry: Are clubs being told how to access these funds in their accounts, and encouraged to use them?

-It is the clubs' responsibility to keep up with their accounts

Cawood: Center stage's budget?

-Gave them the amount for three shows, and can also use their revenue account

Freeman: What is the Trippintones money going towards?

-Goes towards recording, which will be a great asset for the college

Schmidt: Biology Club- They have more in their revenue account than in their budget request for this year. Why?

-Revenue accounts roll over from year to year, and can help cover other expenses

Calder: Must pass by unanimous consent

Barry: How many clubs did not apply for a budget?

-All sanctioned clubs were sent information about applying for a budget, clubs that did not apply were contacted multiple times

Woods: How many clubs are sanctioned vs. registered?

-More than half of the organizations are Greek, Honors, or sponsored by departments, which cannot apply for a budget.

Vivar: Anime club's budget?

-Meet at least once a week, one of the most active clubs on campus, have multiple events planned and had a very detailed and organized request

Motion to reinstate the special rules

VIII. New Business

Motion to open the docket

Motion to insert FR-018-2010 and FR-019-2010

Motion to reorder the docket, inserting FR-018-2010 after FB-055-2010

Motion to close the docket

- A. FB-056-2010-A bill to allocate funds to the student organization Black Student Union for their end of the year banquet.

Nelson: Money was not already allocated.

Kennedy: How much money is going towards music and decorations?

-Can use the money in revenue, entertainment will be taken care of by members

Motion to pass by unanimous consent

- B. FB-055-201-A bill to appoint Daniel Hurlbudt to the position of freshman alternate senator.

Motion passed by unanimous consent

FR-018-2010-A resolution to establish support for advocating good sexual health.

-This resolution supports a sexually healthy campus. We need to be on Trojan's Sexual Health Report Card, because we have never been on the list and we need to work on that. Health Services are very excited about this.

Trevisan: Are they here yet?

-They have arrived, they are behind the desk at Health Services.

Barry: How do they quantify the Report Card?

-Based on factors like resources available, population of the college, size of Health Services, and rates of pregnancy and STD's.

Pappas: How will the bad condoms be phased out?

-Will be contacting other condom companies to see if they feel like helping out.

Freeman-Will we have enough to meet the needs of the students?

-We need a plan to make sure this is implemented well.

Motion to pass by unanimous consent.

Motion to suspend the special rules.

Senator Hurlburt sworn in.

Motion to reinstate the special rules.

- C. FR-017-2010-A resolution to insist upon the revision of the COMPASS during the summer of 2011 to include a Budget Spending Report for all sanctioned organizations with a semester budget of \$500 or over when submitting a budget request.

Withdrawn

- D. FB-057-2010-A bill to amend the Bylaws of the Student Government Association.

-Senate has been unruly lately, and we need to have a Sergeant at Arms to keep order in Senate. This

Rozansky: Should we have a pilot program?

-We could, but I feel that this position is necessary and would work

Vaveris: Would this person keep quorum?

-Yes

Lyons: Would this person be a senator or not?

-In the best case, no. It would be hard to have someone carry out their senatorial duties and be Sergeant at Arms.

Kennedy: Would this person need approval?

-No.

Crowell: Is there anyone interested in this position?

-Have contacted the Citadel to see if any cadets would be interested, also will ask ROTC.

Nelson: How do you feel like this will foster an inclusive environment in the Senate?

-It would keep order

Dickerson: What is the purpose of the Deputy Sergeant at Arms?

-So that at least one person could be there for each Senate, and if you have three people total covering one day a week, there shouldn't be any scheduling conflicts.

Dickerson: Wouldn't it be easier to find just one person to cover Senate each week?

-That would be ideal. Those would be positions that could be filled if needed.

Free: Would this person keep order?

-Yes. Would carry out the Vice President's directions so that he would not have to leave the podium

Kennedy: Why would it be someone from another school?

-Does not have to be a Citadel cadet.

Free: Do you think the senators would listen to the Sargeant at Arms more than the Vice President?

-Sergeant at Arms is just the hand of the Vice President

Motion to enter the period of debate

Rozansky (con): People should do these things on their own, and we do not need an outside presence in here making us do what we already should be doing.

Freeman (pro): This is just someone to keep order and keep the body moving. This is just a tool to help us do our job better. It has worked before and can work again.

Motion to table bill

Senate adjourned at 6:58 pm

IX. Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs
- B. Advocacy Committee for Diversity on Campus
- C. Community Outreach
- D. Public Relations
- E. Student Involvement
- F. Morale Coordinator

X. Announcements

XI. Open Forum

XII. Adjournment