

Students' Council Minutes

5 October 2003

Next meeting: Sunday, October 19, 2003. 5 p.m., Bryn Mawr Room of the Dining Center.

Members Present: Jon Debrich, Lauren Hradecky (Co-Presidents); Nate Favini (VP); Greg Reed, David Poolman (Co-Treasurers), Joshua Mertz and Spencer Walters (Co-Secretaries); Chris Kingsley (Off Campus); Samara Thomas (BMC); Karl Blumenthal and Amy Havassy (Gummere); James Chappel (Comfort); Jennifer Whitlock (Leeds); Aleem Ahmed (Barclay); and Sarah Riehl (Jones)

Visitors: Su-Lyn Poon (FIG); Tom King (Safety and Security).

I. Moment of Silence

II. Special Guests:

- Tom King – Director of Security
 - Wants to open up lines of communication between SC and Safety and Security.
 - One-card system – Current Issues
 - Software is flexible depending on the desires of the students. Dorm residents can contact Safety and Security (or their SC Dorm Reps) about changing current settings.
 - If any student has problems with their cards (e.g. lamination on front is wearing off, library barcode rubbing off, etc.) contact Safety and Security to get a new card.
 - One-card System – coming features
 - Keycard access to the DC Basement and other student spaces. Any room for student convenience will be a priority.
 - Laundry will be on the one-card possibly by second semester.
 - Dining Center meal plan will eventually be on the One card magnetic system like with dorm access (swipes will eventually be unnecessary).
 - Gate arms are a problem on Campus. Basic lack of respect for security and the administration. The solution lies with the students themselves. Safety and Security is evaluating other options for dealing with this problem.

- FIG (Su-Lyn Poon and Chris Kingsley)
 - Bulletin Boards for online discussions.
 - Policy Concerns – Su-Lyn and Chris presented a policy that requires every board user to register with their Eudora information. SC will be responsible for appointing folks to moderate the boards (i.e. deal with any problems). SC will also have the duty of approving new forums
 - Current boards include space for Lost and Found; Ride Board; Honor Council Abstracts Discussion; and Student Council Discussions. There will be space for private (club or team) boards as well.

III. Presidents' Report

- Board of Managers
 - The capital campaign was \$57M short of the end goal on Friday morning. By mid-day, there were pledges of over \$10M and specific plans to challenge alumni and community members to pledge the remaining \$40M. The approximately 35 board members are responsible for about 75 percent of the current progress in the campaign (over \$100M)
 - Athletic center: The board decided to borrow from the endowment to build. Ground-breaking should be Spring 04. Tentative construction completion date: Fall 2005.
 - Student Activities Committee (upon which SC Co-Presidents sit)
 - Talked about the Alcohol Policy.
 - Focusing this year on the senior year experience.

IV. Survey Results

- First day and a half gained over 350 responses.
- Philadelphia Bus Transportation Poll Results
 - 205 out of approximately 320 wanted buses coming out of the city after SEPTA stops and did not care about buses going in. About 160 folks preferred Friday nights to Saturdays since there is generally less happening on-campus on Friday nights.
 - *VOTE: Students Council decided to begin the Friday night bus service shortly after Fall Break, with SC money and with potential money from the Dean's Office.*
- Newspaper Poll Results
 - Folks are quite in favor of continuing the newspaper program, generally suggesting about 50-75 newspapers a day. SC will post

signs to encourage people to leave newspapers for the next person.

- *VOTE: SC agreed to continue with the program.*
- Cable Television Poll Results
 - Out of 350 voters, 220 said yes, 89 said no.
 - Lauren and Jon report that the Board of Managers was generally shocked that we didn't have cable.
 - Discussion of the Issue
 - There is a one-time fee and then it is here forever paid by the administration. Lauren suggests that this is a one-shot deal, that two years from now the administration will not be receptive if say no now.
 - There was much discussion – pro and con. Let us know how you feel. Email your dorm representative or any member of SC.
 - *SC hopes to vote on this within the next two or three weeks.*

V. Activities Committee Report (SC Co-Secretaries)

- FallFest was generally a success despite the weather.
- If your dorm rep is not posting minutes, email him/her!

VI. Forum on Smoking in Lunt

- Occurred today. Continued discussion and ultimate decision will be shared with the community.

VII. Dorm Rep thoughts

- Looking into the idea of getting a pro-bono lawyer who could answer legal questions for the first time for free. Might be an interesting thing to look into.

VIII. Moment of Silence

SC Minutes are taken by the SC Co-Secretaries Joshua Mertz and Spencer Walters, who while charmingly handsome are only human and therefore sometimes make mistakes.