



Student Senate Agenda
Wednesday, November 16th 2011 3pm
Wege Ballroom

- I. **Call to Order** 3:02
- II. **Invocation** Director Beld
- III. **Roll Call/ Quorum** 66/79
- IV. **Approval of the Agenda** approved
- V. **Special Order of Business**
 - A. *Presidential update: Dr. Olivarez* – Met with Chair Theil recently and discussed some things: wants December graduation to be a good event, discussed Sophomore pinning to make sure Sophomores get recognition and how the event is important to the college, discussed issues of access cards to make them easier to access buildings. Ideas on how to engage with students: inviting students to have lunch with Dr. Olivarez to discuss concerns or ideas of the Campus, to schedule a date at the moose for a question and answer session, and will meet with the Senate Cabinet once a month starting more next semester to discuss senate issues. Had someone on campus yesterday to help with strategic planning of the campus, planning process had a student focused agenda where goals are revolved around the students; would like students to be on the committee and be involved. Senate will provide two or three representatives to sit on the Strategic planning committee. Off to a great start with the planning. Dr. Olivarez’ office hours will start next semester and will probably be a consistent day and time of the week. The strategic planning committee is in the process of being changed to be staff led rather than board led. The board will set the vision of the college, and the objectives, actions, and plans will be followed through.
 - B. *Pay It Forward Campaign: Eric Bridge*- Here to talk about 125 acts of Aquinas to celebrate the anniversary of service. Cards entail a token to be used in the act of service and given to the person or group that received the service. Currently have some tokens in Japan, Mexico, and other countries. All students will be receiving a mailing with the token at their home address. Eric is challenging all students to do at least one act of kindness and hopefully more.
 - C. *Food Service Update: Marla Poterack*- Facts about Wege: Wege goes through around 3,000 gallons of milk a month, 300 pounds of mozzarella cheese, a week, and 160 pounds of waste a week. Questions on why the Moose only sells sandwiches at certain times; answer: The Moose was not designed for food

services; food cannot be legally prepped or stored in the building. Everything is transported from Wege; The Moose does not offer as much variety as the Corner, or Wege. Concerns of the quality of food and the variety you can choose for swipes at night: Complaints were made because the variety caused delay in getting food; Marla can definitely add a few more options for next semester. Changes that occurred over the summer are: push to be healthier, so things may be more expensive but options are healthier. It is a part of Marla's job to help with long term health. Will provide a fish option at Wege and Corner for Lent Season. Last fall, there were complaints of no vegetarian options yet vegetarian options were never bought. The Corner could open a half hour earlier since the Moose seems to be very busy around that time before 10:50a.m. Classes. Question on if calorie intake can be shown with the foods at Wege; nothing has been set yet, but could be. Senator looking for an explanation on such a high increase on the price of the quesadilla; response: the Chef takes into account the labor involved in each price of food; she will look into this and see if she can decrease the price. Question on how to reduce waste and become more sustainable; tough spot for food services; they are trying to bring awareness on how much food is sent back that wasn't eaten. Waste gets composted.

VI. Reports

- A. *Chair*- Presidents summit is this Saturday November 19th from 11-1am; we will be discussing film policy, fundraising, and other topics. Guest Speaker: Matthea Brandenburg, the chair of the ad-hoc exploration committee: main goal is to look at structures of other school governments. Here to ask if any Senators would like to be on this committee; meet once a week. Send Matthea an email if you would like to be a part of this committee.
- B. *Vice-Chair*- Working with Dean Dawson to get more involvement with December 5th graduation. Also working on revamping the Dean's list. Traffic board met last week and completed all appeals; please be as descriptive with appeals.
- C. *Budget Director*- unallocated: still working as if there is a split budget of 70/30. Conferencing is at 573.75 and programming is at 5,238.75. Two allocation requests for after thanksgiving, still working on budget guidelines, and allocated \$400 to pre-law club last week.

VII. Business

- A. *Senator of the Month*- Derek McAllister from Budget Committee for his dedication to the committee.
- B. *Senate Service*- options for our Senate service project will be sent out with minutes. Please vote for which idea you would like to do. We would like to do it around December 10th.
- C. *Christmas Tree Lighting update*- will take place November 30th during the evening. Will be decorating the Cook Carriage House on November 22nd at

9am. Clubs can participate by decorating wreaths and decorating with a specific country in mind.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. *Student Affairs***- working on Survey Questions and collaborating with special events and diversity for the “This I believe.” Events. Also working with campus safety on the smoking committee.
- B. *Diversity***- planning a program called “The Great Debate” which is a panel of Aquinas students to talk about Christian and non Christian beliefs; looking for co-sponsors. Another Event: The dialogue, looking at perspectives of homosexuality. Social Justice Series is a month long series speaking on different justice issues and action along with those issues. Have co-sponsorship already but always looking for more. Working on survey for Diversity; Involved in Martin Luther King planning committee as well.
- C. *Political Affairs***- working on fixing issues on Appendix A suspension. Also began ideas for the election, and working on grammar and accuracy within the bylaws.
- D. *Promotions***- working on revamping ad request form into a google form. Planning an ad workshop involving presentation on ad design, question and answer session, and roundtable discussions on alternative types of advertising. More details to come.
- E. *Health and Wellness***- Friday Night Fitness is this Friday; no longer have Zumba but a kick boxing instructor; in need of volunteers. Working with nursing students for STD prevention and awareness.
- F. *Sustainability***- working on composting bins in all buildings on campus; 125 mile dinner for later in the year where all food is from venues within 125 mile radius and possibly for the senior party at the end of the year.

IX. Forum for Issues and Concerns-problem with the lights on campus that aren’t on or flicker on and off. Have approached maintenance and campus safety on it, but they claim there are no problems; looking for another approach to fix them. Senators would like to see signs next to speed humps so they are visible during the winter.

X. Announcements-Tonight at 10:30 is an improv show, Xanadu is after break. Jane Doe project is this Thursday in Wege Ballroom at 8pm; as well as a dress rehearsal tonight at 10pm. New Saint came out this week, Saint meeting tonight at 10pm in upper Moose. Abandon is having Praise and Worship tonight.

XI. Adjournment 4:15