

Wartburg College Student Senate

March 20th, 2014
11:30 am
WBC 214 Buckmaster



1. Roll Call/Attendance
 - **Recorder Elect Vogel:** Hey everyone Teri is gone today so I will be filling in. Here is the joke of the day: What did the traffic light say to the car? Don't look, I'm changing!
 - The attendance question of the day is what is your favorite thing about Wartburg? Please excuse me if I slaughter some names, I'm not a seasoned veteran like Teri.
2. Guest Speaker: Dr. Margret Empie
 - **Vice President Crouse:** Hello everyone. Please welcome our guest today, Dr. Empie
 - **Dr. Empie:** Last semester we asked everyone to take part in a survey. 103 schools took place in the survey. We had 513 responses at Wartburg divided between points in the Den, Mensa, Konditorei, and Zesty.
 - I am going to share the satisfaction/dissatisfaction of dining, which was set on a scale of 1-5 with explanation boxes.
 - 3.93 was Warburg's rating.
 - 3.82 was the average of all schools.
 - Results are measured at each level and the dining staff are asked to improve on specific qualities brought up in the survey. There is always something to improve on. Results are put into a grid format between areas to sustain, areas to watch, areas of high importance, and areas to improve or sustain.
 - More vegetation options have been developed while on break and will be implemented May Term.
 - Meal-transfer options are another factor of improvement brought up in the survey.
 - Goals of improvement will be implemented from May Term until next year.
 - May Term will incorporate some menu changes, showing less repeat in the food choices. There will be more healthy choices in the salad bar area in particular.
 - Are there any questions? If anyone is interested I can share the full staff survey.
 - **Senator Lancaster:** When did you decide to roll out the computer system model or is it ongoing?
 - **Dr. Empie:** We have been working on it, kitchen recipes are in now. It is predicted to be a three year process. End goal should make dining as a whole lot more sustainable, help the cooks know how, and provide online recipes.
 - **Senator Lancaster:** Have you been adding recipes as you go on?

- **Dr. Empie:** Yes half of the recipes are updated now. Any other questions? Ok, let's move on.
- I now want to share the Board Change Plan. We want to open more internship opportunities and sustainability options in dining.
- In the den, we want to decrease den options in order to increase meal-transfer availability. Also, we want to increase grab-and-go section of the den. Overall we want to be as efficient as possible.
- Starting May term we will increase meal-transfers by 50-60 a day with a 10 minute duration increase.
- We want to add a fast grab-and-go breakfast to the Den.
- Do May term classes start at 7:30?
- **Senator Simelane:** No, 9:00.
- **Academic Ombudsperson Stevens:** Some do start at 7:30.
- **Dr. Empie:** Ok, good then we can start this in May Term. We also want to add a meal period in the Mensa before 7:00 p.m.
- Create an off-campus 12 and 15 meal plan that is the same as the on-campus plan. We also want to increase bonus meal amounts.
- Finally, we plan to make menu changes in both the Den and Mensa and test it out during May Term; it will later be adjusted for Fall Term next year. That is our plan for this next year, I am interested in your feedback from the meal transfers. We are also working on ease of usage for meal transfers as far as the containers go. Are there questions?
- **Vice President Crouse:** What are all the off campus options? Has it always been that way?
- **Dr. Empie:** We have always had these options, we wish to increase the options in meals.
- **Senator Milius:** What are the maximum amount of meals for each day?
- **Dr. Empie:** Right now 4, it will be 5. As a full board we have 3 meals a day. Two on Saturday and Sunday. We would need thumb scanner to implement full access to food options.
- **Senator Wilson:** Would plates in the Den instead of plastic utensils be possible to implement?
- **Dr. Empie:** A cost-benefit problem exists because of the old dishwasher being broken down. I would like to see this implemented though. Plates seems more realistic as silverware would be accidentally thrown away.
- **Seantor Wessels:** Why thumb scanners vs just using a card? Why not go to metal strip plus pin number like in Europe?
- **Dr. Empie:** If we have a thumb we know it is you. Some actually use a retina scanner. We want the process to be fast and fool-proof. We want to make sure it is that person who is receiving the food.
- **Senator Wilson:** If you miss your meal transfer, why don't we allow you to get side dishes such as soup?

- **Dr. Empie:** We have to keep the flow going. If all slots are filled we can't have disorder in the work flow of providing the food.
- **Senator Gubran:** How would we know if someone pickups my meal transfer?
- **Dr. Empie:** Yes what if someone uses your card? We have to use this system to keep meals assigned to each person. We don't want individuals using other student's meal plans.
- **Senator Price:** If you miss that meal is it just lost?
- **Dr. Empie:** The transaction occurs 20 minutes before pickup. Up until 20 minutes before you can cancel your order.
- **Academic Ombudsperson Stevens:** If you are sick can your roommate come pick up your order with your card?
- **Dr. Empie:** There is not a system in place for that. You could call and possibly talk them in to allowing you to do that
- **Senator Price:** Is it true you can pick up a Kditt meal 20 minutes before?
- **Dr. Empie:** As far as I know. There is not much preparation for food in the Konditorei.
- **Senator Larson:** Across campus there is a movement with a petition for banning water bottles? What is your position on that?
- **Dr. Empie:** We have measured how much revenue that would cost dining services. The problem with that is loss of revenue. Filling water opposed to buying is fine with me. Other guests do use bottles besides students. It should be campus wide not just specific to dining facilities is my issue with it. I'm in favor to sustainability options like this. I support entire, campus-wide ban; there are issues in catering with not using bottled water however.
- Are there any more questions? Thank you!

Vice President Crouse: Thank you Dr. Empie! Next is our devotion with Senator Simelane.

3. Devotion: Senator Simelane
 - **Senator Simelane:** Culture week is next week! One of my favorite parts is the Wartburg Model UN conference. Here is a video we put together to share with you:
 - *Show video*
 - We want to include more domestic students in the conference this year. The topic this year is undocumented migrants and unrepresented persons. The conference will be held Tuesday and Thursday in Science Center 102 from 4:00 to 7:00.
 - **Recorder Elect Vogel:** Could you repeat the times please Lindo?
 - **Senator Simelane:** Yes, the conference will be from 4:00 to 7:00.
 - **Vice President Crouse:** Thank you Senator Simelane, who would like devotion for next week?
 - *Senator Clark will do devotion next week.*
4. Approval of Last Weeks Minutes: 3/6/2014

Vice President Crouse: Any questions on last meeting minutes?

Minutes are approved.

5. **New Business**

- a. Resolution #50- Supplemental Request, Rugby Football Club
No questions, it will be sent to budget review.

6. **Old Business**

- a. Resolution #44- Supplemental Request, I-Club & Tyler Vogel (Clinton Global Initiative)

i. **\$2530 / \$800**

- Motion to consider by Treasurer Budding, seconded by Senator Schultz.
- **Senator Simelane:** The conference is happening this weekend in Arizona State University. We will panel with several leaders like President Bill Clinton.
- **Recorder-Elect Vogel:** Yes, we also compete for funding as social ventures.
- **Treasurer Budding:** We amended in to a \$800 cap with \$200 per student.
- Resolution #44 passed, Senators Simelane and Recorder Elect Vogel abstained.

- b. Resolution #47- Supplemental Request, PBL

i. **\$550 / \$440**

- Motion to consider by Treasurer Budding, seconded by Senator Lancaster.
- **Senator Malandvula:** This conference is state-wide and takes exams to go to national conference. This would be a good networking opportunity and there is a chance to move on to nationals.
- **Treasurer Budding:** We also amended it to \$200.
- Resolution #44 passes, Senator Malandvula abstained.

- c. Resolution #48- Supplemental Request, Dance Team

i. **\$240 / \$192**

- Motion to consider by Treasurer Budding, seconded by Senator Gheysens.
- **Treasurer Budding:** I yield the floor to Morgan Ciota.
- **Morgan Ciota:** Spring Conference is new and we have never attended it before. We are just opening it to the two captains, Courtney and I. We hope if it is a good experience we will invite more people in the future. Several workshops interest us including jazz.
- **Treasurer Budding:** This was similar to other conference requests and so we applied the 80 percent rule.
- Resolution #48 passes, Treasurer Budding abstained. Vote abstained Budding.

- d. Resolution #49- Supplemental Request, Alliance

i. **\$222.31 / \$177.85**

- Motion to consider by Treasurer Budding, seconded by Senator Smith.

- **Senator Anderson:** We attended the MBLGTACC conference for Alliance. We saw many keynote speakers and learned about many ideas that are beneficial to Alliance and Wartburg.
- **Treasurer Budding:** The 80% rule was applied.
- Resolution #49 passes, Senator Anderson abstained.

7. President’s Report.....Zach Sommers
 - President Sommers is gone today.
8. Treasurer’s Report.....Jacklyn Budding
 - Allocations are due Friday.
 - Meetings take place March 26th, 27th, and 30th.
9. Vice-President Elect (Recorder’s) Report.....Teri Mueller
 - VP-Elect Mueller is gone today.
10. Academic Ombudsperson’s Report..... Carmen Stevens
 - I have nothing to report.
11. President Elect (Administrative Ombudsperson’s) Report.....Jacob Martin

- We have the orange vest here that means of course Senator of the month.
- The nominees for February are Bailey Wilson, Nicole Harrison, Amy Prestholt, and Serena Ugoretz.
- *Slide Show shown.*
- Drum Role please. The winner is Serena Ugoretz. Congratulations and wear it with pride. I’ll be nice and take your face off the screen.
- There are other things I have to talk about. As far as laundry goes, there is a company interested and will come in the next month in order to check to see how we do our laundry system. Card swipe, online, and text options all could be provided. They also have front-load washers.
- Concerning positions for executive team, we received a lot. We will finalize them next meeting. We do have them selected but Senate must approve them.
- Next senate meeting we will discuss who we have chosen to fill the executive positions.
- Has anyone heard any more complaints on hair cutting and Christmas lights?
- No? Good, thanks.

12. Executive Assistant of Diversity’s Report.....Max Chinnah
 - EAD Chinnah is gone today.
13. Vice-President’s Report.....Lanie Crouse
 - The Wartburg formal dance will be April 4th from 7-10 p.m. on third floor of the hospital. There will be a DJ and dessert bar. I do not think Wartburg has had one since I have been here. Invite your friends. We will have posters and send more emails. Anyone who is interested in helping please contact me.
 - April 7th is end of the year banquet. Castle room as it stands right now for location at 7. We will give out awards and pass on the torch

- This our 3rd to last meeting. Keep on keeping on!
 - **Senator Wilson:** Someone asked if you can bring non Wartburg students.
 - **Vice President Crouse:** Yes you can.
 - **Dean Loers:** Will we have security?
 - **Vice President Crouse:** We will have some faculty chaperones and there will be no alcohol there of course.
 - Thank you, that is all I have.
14. Committee Report
- **Senator Sager:** From 10-11 tonight will be ClintonOFounders free pancake dinner!
15. Dr. Loers/ Dr. Pothast
- Nothing to report.
16. Liaison Reports
- **Senator Lancaster:** I have some city council reports. Road improvements and maintenance will be occurring in Waverly. They are also considering putting in an amphitheater near the river; they voted to continue progress on the idea.
 - **Senator Thompson.** Texas Tenor will be March 24th and 25th at 7:30. Tickets are free to students and still available.
17. Student Issues
- None
18. Open Senate/Reminders
- **Kate Huffman:** I am president of Alliance and I am here to talk to you about gender-neutral bathrooms so they can be used by everyone. There are some in several lounges and ground floor of the library. We are bringing this up for a transgender person, meaning non-identified as men or women or do not match their gender appearance. This could also be convenient for anyone who needs to use the restroom. The only cost associated would be changing the sign and putting this up. I would like Senate's opinion.
 - **Senator Smith:** I don't know where you could go with the idea, but I approve. I think gender neutral bathroom would be beneficial.
 - **Senator Wilson:** I think maintenance would be a good start.
 - **Vice President Crouse:** Campus wide improvement from senate sponsorship would be a good idea.
 - **Senator Gheysens:** I think this is a good idea, it is not hurting anyone and would be a benefit to the school.
 - **Senator Price:** I think this is a good idea also. Res Life would be good first step to ask.
 - **Senator Ugoretz:** Advertisement for why the change is taking place would be nice to see also.
 - **Senator Price:** Student body survey could help build support.
 - **Vice President Crouse:** Any other reminders?
 - **Treasurer Budding:** I would like to congratulate Senator Ugoretz on being senator of the month!

- **VP Crouse:** Congratulations to Recorder Elect Vogel for first day on the job.
- **Senator Anderson:** The Drag Show will cost 2 dollars each for students and \$5 for non-students.
- **Senator Clark:** Some Senators potentially could be in the show!
- **Senator Mason:** Tickets are free through your RA. At least this is the case in the Complex.
- **Senator Wilson:** This is the same for Manors and GLR.
- **Dean Loers:** Culture week has many interesting events coming up. Keep on the lookout!

19. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn the meeting by President-Elect Martin, seconded by Senator Falls.