

Wartburg College Student Senate

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STUDENT
SENATE

December 8th, 2016

11:30 am

WBC 214 Buckmaster



1. Roll Call/Attendance

Joke: What do you get when you cross a pig with a Christmas tree?

A: A Porcupine!

2. Guest Speaker: Dr. Empie

How many of you work in dining now or ever have? I want to give you an overview of some dining things you should know. Dining Services has four main goal, two of which are good quality food and jobs for students (30 full time staff, all others are students). To be fully operational we need 300 employees but currently have about 200. 9 of the 30 full time employees are cooks making recipes. 5 of those 9 positions have been vacant this year. Unemployment is low so we have to draw staff from elsewhere. We are also competing with similar places like Fareway with better hours and competitive pay. Right now we are using some temp staff in those full time positions, some of those people are less qualified. We also aim to provide people with initial work experience and practice in a new job setting. Public relations for the college is another goal for Dining Services, like hosting special guests and events for the school. Wartburg dining is not a contract service; everyone works for the college. Our budget is tied into the board plan budget. Other money is added as we sell stuff which belongs to Wartburg at the end of the year. I ask you to put in perspective when you say "I pay \$7 for this lunch", that money goes into a larger budget to pay for many things, not just your one meal. My areas are working to get money out of our budget expenses. Dining Services is part the \$1.2 revenue enhancement. The survey taken in November will help make the decisions we make in the future. Comment cards are similar but less of a decision piece. We have a 5-week cycle in the Mensa with some certain seasonal changes. We do those "recipes from home", testing for students to try and see if they would like to see those in the Mensa. Please vote when those come out. The cycle changes in May Term. This helps train staff in times of change and helps in terms of food waste and cost. We had to do something for the Taco Bar to help our low staffing issue. It is a more noted thing that staff can count on changing. We look at the GET board plan meals and the time distribution of meals eaten at all the facilities around campus. We have seen coaches on campus tell their athletes to eat differently than they have before. In some cases, those new diets are typically only available for those with prior dietary restrictions. The reality is that we can't change the whole menu for one group of people. We have had a lot of notices about the Taco Bar. I'm sorry that was such an ordeal but it helped to relieve a whole bunch of steps. We do most of our menu planning as a group but

all changes must go through me. I would be happy to talk to you about any changes. Sometimes we put two common favorites items against each other at a meal time to be able to manage expenses. I have had a lot of comments about wanting chicken every day. That will not happen. That completely tanks the menu variety. Chicken is very expensive in terms per portion. We use over 700 cases of chicken for the grill every school year. We can look at putting things on more often. We just taste tested a new chicken product because we want one with less additives, but of course they all have additives. We want people to eat the cleanliest food as possible. We stopped buying pre made croutons and salads. They were not being eaten so the fresh made salads and croutons will be coming back. We couldn't go back to making pre made soup because there was just so much in them so we will keep making them from scratch. Vegetarian issues usually come up at this meeting, we are working to get less sauce items. On the survey, vegetarian answers are invalid because most people answering aren't vegetarian or vegan. We are seeing a lot of non-vegetarians eating the vegetarian option which is a good thing.

Senator Jacobs: Has any more progress been made on the nutritional information labels?

Dr. Empie: We have a food management system like an accounting system where we will have to buy another piece of the program, which we said we would do. But we have to know that what we are putting out is really in there (the food). We are getting a lot closer, 75% the way there. We have also had a set back with the less experienced staff.

Senator Keller: As a student manager, I have had a lot of students asking to have the kitchen focus on the Taco Bar and have it come back for lunch on like Tuesday and Thursday, is that a possibility?

Dr. Empie: We need the consistency to do that, which we don't have. When the managers are doing the cooking, which is what has been happening, and if we can get enough students employees, then we can do that.

Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Have you considered having students with majors in that field and database experience take on that task?

Dr. Empie: We need to get the information on the recipe side first. I would certainly use a student for that when we get there. We have someone who works on the system but we are waiting on the prevision of the cooks. This has been caused by inexperienced staff to verify food content.

Senator Milius: You mention the understaffing, what has been done or what reasons would a student want to work in Mensa over admissions?

Dr. Empie: I don't know why anyone would want to work in the Mensa over admissions. We have looked at raising pay but we don't have enough to make people leave other jobs. The other problem is that in the last three years we haven't had enough students. We have to compete with \$9/hr. jobs. With the cooking staff problem, we are trying to bring people from out of town, their work (cooks) is harder than anyone else's. There just is not enough overall for everyone on campus.

Senator Singleton: Is there a reason why we don't use the sound system in the K-Dit?

Dr. Empie: You have to do it yourselves. Caution, some people go into there to work. Not a problem at all if you can get it done.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: You said that typically you would have 300 students working in Dining Services. Do you budget for that much?

Dr. Empie: If we had enough now, we wouldn't be able to pay now.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: If we get rid of the program, why can we not raise the wage?

Dr. Empie: We can, the problem is that we can't really work like this. The enrollment for the college would determine what we would do for the future. We really want students to have jobs first. Once we raise the pay, we can't cut it. You just don't do that. We have had to have temp people come in and cover student positions.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Can we take more steps like circulating areas?

Dr. Empie: Yes, exactly. Email me with any other questions.

President Vogel: Other institutions like Wartburg open the dining halls for studying. What are the limitations for us doing that?

Dr. Empie: I'm not opposed to that but someone has to be there to monitor it. There are still some access issues. They have done it in the past and no one has used it. I understand that there are enough places for people to go otherwise. Is that a real concern? I am okay with exploring that, it's just a big space. My office is right where you get your ID picture taken, feel free to come visit me.

3. Senator of the Month

Colin Jacobs

4. Devotion: **Senator Jaeschke**

Five values that drive your actions.

Devotion for next week: **Senator Brannaman**

5. Approval of Last Weeks Minutes: 12/1

Vice President Creed: If there are no questions, we will move this to a vote.

Minutes stand approved

6. New Business

7. Old Business

a. Resolution #14- New Organization Request, National Society for Leadership and Success, Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner

Senator Guertler: Motion to consider

Second: Senator Isvik

Senator French: Meg Harper wanted me to talk about this. The goal is to partner with the Leadership Minor along with a creative resume that goes along with the minor and creating more validity in the program. Waldstein is in favor completely.

Senator Guertler: We believed there was a place for this organization here and recommend it Senate for approval.

President Vogel: Could you speak on the speakers for this, Senator French?

Senator French: Our chapter, with membership, would get access to the national organization with awards and scholarships. Some include the lady from the shark tank and other leaders.

Senator Jacobs: To be a member are you asking for dues?

Senator French: Yes

Vice President Creed: You can abstain if you are a part of the exec team or indifferent.

Abstained: Senator Jadoon, Senator French, PR Director Dolphin.

Resolution #14 passes

- b. Resolution #15- New Organization Request, Global Connections, Administrative
Ombudsperson Laudner: Motion to consider
Second: Treasurer Jobes-Ryan
Senator Astarita: Global Connections, has been around for a while but under different departments and leaderships. Now want to make it an official organization. Global Connections pairs a domestic student with an international student to learn more about each other's cultures. We want to do a lot of meet and greet events. Our main goal is for partners to meet on their own. We have two advisors. Our first event was bowling which went over very well. The International Student Office paid for that. In the future would like to do some fundraisers and possibly come to Senate for Allocations.
Vice President Creed: We will move this to a vote.
Abstained: Senator Zheng, Senator Astarita, Senator Voigt
Resolution #15 passes

8. Student Issues

- Senator Jacobs:** Löhe Hall is having Wi-Fi connectivity issues. The issue is that most people can't connect and not just a few people. I know IT has been working on it.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Has anyone contacted Garry directly yet?
Senator Jacobs: I think so, I just wanted you guys to know it was still happening.
Parliamentarian Zmudka: Knights has been having toilet paper restocking issues. The toilet paper is put in a locked cabinet which our keys can't get into. We have talked to the RHD who says they don't know what to do and does not seem like much effort is going in. I don't think they realize our keys don't unlock it.
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: I will reach out to Hales and maintenance to help.
President Vogel: This was someone else's student issue; there is a broken table in one of the manors where they have responded by threatening to charge all the tenants to replace it. Has anyone else had an experience like this?
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Earlier in the year, a shower in Hebron was damaged and they threatened to charge everybody as well. I'm not sure what the process is but didn't happen.
Senator Greer: In Clinton, I'm am RA in Clinton, there was a bean bag stolen and they told us that the whole building will be charged if it is not found soon.
President Vogel: I'm just trying to figure out what the policy is.
Dean Kittle: As a short answer, it's the last resort. There are meetings and interventions before that is reached.
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Will they take the cost divided by the floor or among the whole building like the Clinton example?
Dean Kittle: It makes sense to charge the whole building for common area damages. But yes, charges are split.
Senator Cannon: What if a student refuses to pay for damages? I know we signed those contracts at the beginning of the year, is that included?
Dean Kittle: Yes, it is covered in that contract that it would be charged to your student account.
Senator Jacobs: Is there any more information on the new 24hr. library hours?
Senator French: We are still looking at the statistics from our survey that will which a while to analyze. We are looking to start something at the end of next month.

9. Dr. Kittle/Dr. Nolan Reports
 There will be a stress free zone in McCoy rooms on Monday night. Is everybody familiar with Christmas on Main? It is tonight from 6-8pm from the bridge to east of town. The event used to be next week in previous years but with student involvement, it got moved to this week.
10. President's Report.....Tyler Vogel
 It's hard to believe this is the last meeting of the semester. Thank you for everyone's hard work. I encourage you to check out Christmas on Main. How many have made contact with your delegate partner? I can help with introductions after the meeting. Please at least unofficially meet with them before break. We have a lot of senators leaving for study abroad or graduating early; Isvik, Milius, Gheysens, Guertler, Matthew, Astarita. Good luck to them! Please encourage your constituents to fill out the rolling application.
PR Director Dolphin: I am unfortunately resigning after this semester. I will be filling in the new person as they come. If you have any questions about my job, please come and talk to me.
8. Treasurer's Report.....Seth Jobes-Ryan
 Update on everything, we will start prepping things for allocations and letting organizations know where they are in terms of that process. We will be getting things out next semester for publicity about Supplemental Requests and will be working with Emily Laudner with Hall and Campus Improvement Projects.
Senator Isvik: Should returning organizations hand in their allocation requests to that envelope outside the office even though it is from last year?
Treasurer Jobes-Ryan: Yes, currently, we are working on an organization bin for the offices in the Hub. Unfortunately, few organizations have responded with interest. However, Senate will use that board and organizer in the future. Lastly, I wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!
10. Recorder's Report.....Ashlee Henderson
 We had 28 senators send out their emails this week. For the semester, we had 8 senators with a perfect record of sending their emails; Senators Linkletter, Brannaman, Thompson, Pfab, Krull, Hurd, Makondo, Guertler, and Astarita. Please keep pushing out information on the Student Senate Scholarship. I am looking for good ways to get the word out about this, what are your ideas?
Senator Brannaman: Have you thought about putting it in the Juice?
Recorder Henderson: I did try last week and I don't know that it went through. I plan to ask them to put it in again.
Senator Isvik: You could tell professors about it so they can pass it on to their classes.
President Vogel: You could push it out to the Dean of Students, Sally Malcom.
11. Academic Ombudsperson's Report.....Benjamin Pollack
 John Lennon was murdered in 1980, on this day in history.

12. Administrative Ombudsperson's Report.....Emily Laudner
 The Ice Rink will no longer be on Clinton Field for safety reasons. Tentative option is on tennis court because it is level, enclosed, reduced traffic, relatively close to a fire hydrant, and lit.
Senator Pfab: Has there been any progress on renting ice skates for the day of?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: I am still trying to get in contact with Young Arena. We are trying to tell people to bring their skates from home when they come back from break.
Senator Matthew: Why would orange fencing not work that is used at homecoming?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: Even at that height people would still try to jump over it.
Dean Kittle: Also, with the freezing ground, we would have to put it in now.
Senator Jacobs: In Minnesota they put up boards to make the rink, is that an option?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: We have not discussed that but it is an option if the tennis coach says no.
Dean Kittle: Yes, it is an option but having it on the tennis courts is a good idea.
Senator Jacobs: I'm a tennis players and no one really knows what that would do to the court. The tennis court does not lock or close at night and the ice could cause cracking of the surface.
Dean Kittle: We are covered for safety and there is a bladder between the ice and court. We will be talking to the coach.
President Vogel: The boards could be a good option for sponsors which could cover the cost. Thanks to SRC for putting so much thought into this Winter Festival.
Senator Matthew: Do you know how you are building it yet?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: We will have a cover on bottom, build up snow on sides, then flood it with a nearby hydrant. It will be maintained and refilled every couple of days.
Senator Matthew: Do you have backup plan if there is no snow or it is too warm?
Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: SRC can always consider a schedule delay.
13. Executive Assistant for Diversity's Report.....Naomi Alene
 Congrats to Global Connections. If you did not send your email last week, please attach the Diversity Newsletter this week. We will be getting a ballot box for students to ask students about diversity questions then answering how we see fit. Next term we will be talking about how to get faculty and staff involved in diversity issues.
14. Vice-President's Report.....Hannah Creed
 For the open PR Director Intern position - if you are interested, please send us a PDF poster and letter of intent. You can also send letter of recommendation and resume but is not required. Have those items to Tyler Vogel via email by December 15th.
Senator Isvik: Should we tell our constituents about this opportunity or are we just trying to fill this with a current senator?
Vice President Creed: This is open to non-senators so you can mention it to your constituents. Thank you for all your great work, I am looking forward to next semester!

15. Committee Reports

Senator Keller: PAC is having their New York Times Readership promotion night next Monday from 5:30-7pm on the first floor of the library. We will be giving out sweet bread and helping people sign up for free trial subscription to The New York Times.

Senator Guertler: Also, shout out to SRC for being best committee. EZEE has changed their name to Environmental Sustainability Action Council.

Vice President Creed: Jenna Brannaman will be the new SRC chair and Haley Cannon will be the new KVMO Hall Council Chair.

Senator Gheysens: KVMO will be having our hot chocolate and trail mix bar tonight from 6-8 in Knights Lounge.

Senator Buckwalter: APC is actually the best committee. Gen Ed Committee is looking for one more person to serve next semester which meets on Thursdays at 4. Ask me about it if you are interested, no pressure.

16. Liaison Reports

Senator Cannon: I met with my delegate, Garry Wipperman and he said that if you are having internet problems, write down where you are and the time of day. It may be the server and not the connection. They are currently working on that. Another thing to take note of; Wartburg has a cable TV contract with Media Comm \$120,000 per year. Wartburg is looking to terminate that contract; one option is to just get rid of a few channels also. Contact Gary Wipperman with your thoughts.

Senator Jacobs: If this contract were terminated, would there just be no cable?

Senator Cannon: Yes, they are mostly thinking about dropping HBO.

Administrative Ombudsperson Laudner: I am also on the committee, there are some other options they are considering like potentially getting Waverly cable. So there are other options.

Senator Coon: Myself and another student are doing a 4-part series on diversity for the Circuit next week. It will be on things like Global Connections and Alliance.

Arda: I-club does culture week in March and are trying to get a different approach this year. We are taking suggestions, let me know. Also if anyone has problems with library accounts, I would like to suggest to those people to contact Todd Vandembark, he is the technology librarian.

Senator Jacobs: Wartburg emailed students asking for student input about how we can reduce expenses. If you have any ideas, pass them on to Tyler.

17. Open Senate/Reminders

Dance Marathon will be doing a fundraiser at Panda Express in Cedar Falls on Friday, December 9th from 5-8pm. Only persons with the coupon either on their phone or with a physical paper copy will be able to have a portion of their payment go to Dance Marathon.

18. Adjournment

Vice President Creed: Motion to adjourn

Second: Senator Jacobs

Meeting adjourned 12:52pm.