

Rep Board
January 27, 2011

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In Attendance: Viktor Karklins(VK), Will Con (WC), John Ottens (JO), Chelsea Kooistra (CK), Pauline Yee (PY), Eric Johnson (EJ), Jeri Brainard (JB), Rob Bancroft (RB), Caleb Martin (CM), Brad Weber (BW)

Absent: Kim Thomson, Kylie Gauthier, Alayna Domsolai

Late: Erin Karklins (EK),

Left Early: Jeri Brainard

I. Prayer

II. Reading of the Mission Statement

III. Reading of Psalm 95

IV. Presidential Report

Evaluations

John, Will, and Kim presented

JB Why is there a disconnect from the high school?

AB The student governments of Briercrest College and CHS should get together.

CK Do we want to keep this in the job descriptions?

AB Even if the presidential team isn't meeting weekly or monthly with a CHS student, there should at least be an annual meeting so that the presidential team will know the SLC. It would be good to have even as a symbolic gesture.

RB We should all get to know who the high school leaders are.

VK **Will, let's set something up.**

JB We should invite them to a rep board meeting early on, or invite next year's CHS leaders when we have our year-end passing-of-the-torch student government meeting.

Budget

VK We want to start holding the presidential team more accountable on budget considerations; we'll be doing another of these at the end of the year.

WC We've spent less money than expected on yearbook, printing, and coordinator budgets. And IS has said they will provide significant resources for the Den (surround sound, TV monitor), allowing us to spend that money on other things. We are hoping to put most of this extra money toward the Den relaunch, buying furniture or coffee-house equipment (portable sound system).

- AB Could we put some of this money toward art for the school? Or mat and frame some of the artwork that we have in storage in the school? [General consensus]
- CK If this money went into the Den, would we be waiting until the end of the year?
- WC I don't know about buying furniture or sound systems, but I've been working with IS to find out about sound systems, and with Tracy Taylor to find out about furniture. Do you guys think furniture or sound system would be preferable?
- AB We could partner with IS in buying a nicer TV monitor?
- RB And how does the art fit into this decision?
- CK Let's not put the art ahead of the Den relaunch.
- AB No, let's make them equal. Let's split the money between the two.
- VK **Presidential team, move forward with these suggestions, find out some prices, and let us know what you find out and what you are planning. Keep us posted.**
- BW Why are we so under-budget this year? Are we doing less social activities or skimping on it?
- WC We were under on social activities last year as well. It's important to budget some extra money toward these activities.
- AB Let's try to put on better/bigger/flashier/more events then!
- WC There's a reason we have this many events; if we put on more events, it will be more than students want (especially during the busiest weeks) and it will overburden the coordinators who are already doing lots of work.

Presidential candidates

- VK We moved the nomination deadline forward a week, and there have been a lot of people showing interest already today. We will meet next Thursday to interview the candidates (starting at 6:30). [Reviewing election process if we only have one nominee. Reviewing the interview process.]
- WC Remember that our student government mirrors the structure of Briercrest's governance model. But there's a major difference between the two; Briercrest appoints a president, where we elect a president. That means that when you screen the nominees, you need to ask what their plans are for next year, so that they will not run under false expectations. This is also an opportunity to let this year's Rep Board set the direction for next year.
- AB Should we bring our own questions to ask?
- VK Yes, if you can. I will also have a list of core questions we'll be asking the nominees.
- WC I think it would be helpful to use the Presidential Report as a starting point for thinking through the questions to ask. This matches up closely with the actual role of the president.

V. Board Governance

VK [On behalf of Charis St. Pierre] **Get in touch with Leigh or Jim to find out about setting up sound for grad ceremonies so that the grads can hear what is being said.**

VK [On behalf of Charis St. Pierre] We need to let Kaleo know that they have student representation at the governance level with the Rep Board.

BW We could even set aside a Rep Board member to stay in touch with the Kaleo students every year.

RB **John, could you ask Ed Team about the camp ministry course?**

VI. Accepting the minutes

1st Motion PY

2nd Motion EJ

All agree

VII. Emerging Agenda

RB Portfolio

PY Food committee update

CK Gym equipment

Gym music

Coordinators

EK Mus labs

Library hours

Bean

RB Program-specific portfolio requirement. Why is the Humanities one so huge and extra? Shouldn't the other programs have the same, or the Humanities less?

BW But the CM internship is actually more work than the Commonplace Book.

AB But you get credit for that. The Commonplace Book is on top of all the credit work we've done.

CK Let's argue this on the basis of credits.

VK Or maybe we should make commonplace book work more common in the Humanities classes.

AB And we should ask to have reading-responses modified to contribute toward the Commonplace Book.

EK **Faculty think that third years should be required to show up at the meetings.**

RB **John, could you ask the Ed Team to incorporate the Commonplace Book into the Humanities program – reading responses, commonplace books, and reusing old work.**

PY Food Committee update. Compost option was shot down, and then PY talked to Rob Kolb and he said he hadn't heard about it and would try to

find out if it were a possibility. She will let us know when he gets back to her. And she is still working toward smaller/healthier portions at the Bean. Also, Sodexo has been part of Green Shift and is being cool. **Could you pass this along to the student body and put something up on the website for promotion?**

CK Gym is not working well, equipment is broken, it's cold. There's no room for exercising on the floor.

WC The Athletes were working toward this at the end of last year, and their budget has been frozen.

AB And the gym is closed when there's a game.

BW But that's just a few hours during the weekend every other week. People who want to work out will find a way.

RB We spent a lot of money on the rink; the hockey team is a small group of people, and the gym is for a lot of people. It doesn't make sense.

BW But this is a good problem to be having; it's good that there are lots of people trying to use the gym.

AB But this matters; we're trying to become a university. All the options open to us cost money and time. But what about switching gym locations to by the Den? RU has it, but maybe we can ask why that happened.

VK **Presidential team, could you ask these questions and come back with answers?**

CK Gym music; there have been complaints.

BW That's not allowed. People aren't allowed to use the sound system for their own use. But there aren't rules against intermurals and figureskating, etc.

WC We need more information to know what needs to be fixed.

CK **I'll find out more about this and get back to you.**

CK Coordinators: we don't know much about the coordinators and last year we had a couple chances to learn about what they're doing and found it beneficial. Could we find out more about what the coordinators are doing? Even in an occasional email? **Presidential team, please do this.**

EK Scot Finch is holding music labs on Friday mornings and does not allow skips. **John, can you find out if he is allowed to do this?**

EK Can the library be open on Saturday mornings? How about Sundays? How does this fit with the call to be rigorous learners.

JO The Saturday mornings aren't effective.

EK What about Sunday afternoon/early evening?

JO **I'll look into it.**

BW What about a separate, unmonitored [so to speak] computer lab with a printer? Would that be a possibility?

JO **I'll ask.**

EK Monday night, students weren't able to buy as many snacks as usual. Not a regular occurrence, but could we find out why or ask that it not happen again?

VK Why do we use the format that we use? Is there a more standard format which is easier on the students? Is it possible to reconsider why we use the format we do and whether there are other formats that would work? **John, would you look into that?**

Meeting adjourned.