

Rep Board
March 3, 2011

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In Attendance: Viktor Karklins(VK), Will Con (WC), Kim Thomson (KT), Chelsea Kooistra (CK), Eric Johnson (EJ), Erin Karklins (EK), Jeri Brainard (JB), Rob Bancroft (RB), Caleb Martin (CM), John Ottens (JO), Alayna Domsolai (AD), Kylie Gauthier (KG), Ashley Baum (AB), Brad Weber (BW)

Late: Pauline Yee

Left Early: Jeri Brainard

I. Prayer and Scripture reading

II. Reading of the Mission Statement

III. Presidential Report

Sarah Logan is looking for the student governments together, offering dates for us to get together with other governments, Chris Milani looking into items for the Den. Coffee Houses coming up, and Brierstock on April 9.

Chapel with Wayne Durkson coming up on March 17, it is about Stewardship and donors for the school. Having the students become partners with Briercrest and donate to the school with a little amount that students have. Wayne Durkson wants to speak into this with the 75th anniversary this year and showing the new campaign that they have come up with for the anniversary, and letting students donate to this cause. They would like this to continue with students after they leave the school to donate, even if it a little amount of money. They would like feedback on this subject

David Cole (DC) attended

JB Are the RA's going to talk to the students beforehand?

WC They will talk about this after the chapel, and help students to understand what this is all about

AB Maybe get a student involved with it and so it seems it is not a money grab

JB The basketball players donated to the athletic department and that they wanted them to continue

EK So they don't have to donate if they don't want to?

WC They want to guide students through this and they don't have to give but that they can use what he talks about for later on in life when people ask for a donation

EK The talk that Dwayne gave the Rep Board at the beginning of the school year was helpful to understand where the money comes from for Briercrest to keep going

RB First thought was a money grab, but to do this sensitively so students don't feel like since they are paying tuition and then they want more money from the students

DC They want everyone who is a part of the community and be able to partner with Briercrest in anyway, through prayer or financially. They wanted to

find a way to talk to students about this and let them decide how they want to give back to Briercrest. One way to get this campaign going is to start with students in school now and then move bigger with alumni of the school. They should be part of the conversation that is going on.

- RB It seems that this is a financial campaign to raise money for the school
DC It is one way to raise money, but they are going to be careful in the way that they are presenting to the student body. Using the stewardship message to help students to understand more what stewardship is and to give however they feel they should
- VK It's a chance to give to what you are passionate about
JB Last year there was a chapel where you can give to Briercrest, but was not specific in ways for you to give. But now there is a chance to give to certain areas of Briercrest that you are passionate about and is where you can give
- DC You can give to Briercrest and start when they are students and then continue on after your done at Briercrest
- AB It's a good idea, but have someone who knows the students and how to relate to them to give the message so the students know that is this not a money grab
- BW Having this conversation now helps to prepare them for the opportunity to give after they are gone from this place
- WC Is there an issue with this happening in chapel?
No answer
- WC What can I take back on behalf of your voice
RB Take back what you have heard here
BW It might be easier for Dwayne to talk to the students instead of Wayne, because Wayne is new to the students and not many people know who he is
- VK Wayne is very good and would be able to help the students know because he knows all about this campaign
- KG It might be nice to see Dwayne and Wayne together up there to talk about this campaign and introduce who Wayne is and what he does for the school
- WC Maybe send a letter to the Rep Board and then get there feedback and then send off to Dwayne and Wayne
- WC will write a letter and then send to Rep Board, then send to Dwayne and Wayne**

IV. Accepting the minutes

- RB 1st motion
KG 2nd Motion
All agree

V. Emerging Agenda

- BW preliminary elections
CM Prayer

JB Citation Machine
Bracelets
CK Coffee in the bean
Clocks
Elector procedure
AB Gobbet
RB RA communication

BW The two elections felt like they were being rushed and that the out of dorm students did not get to hear more about

VK We did lose a week because of expanding the nomination period

EK It was good to have the Q & A in chapel and students got to hear about it

BW It was good to have the two votes for the preliminary vote

CK Heard that people voted for the one they wanted to win and then pick someone that they thought would fail in the finals, but it was only a couple of people

VK Heard this but just have to look into it

BW They were all good candidates

CM Was approached to get a prayer time in the cafeteria during a meal time through a letter written to him

BW Seems like the cafeteria wide through the letter

AB Good idea but maybe in the Jenson banquet hall where it is quieter

JB It's a good idea to have a designated space for this

CK It has been done before and it didn't work well for that area

VK Suggest to them to put it in a localized area

All agree

AB Is this person a good person to be a prayer leader?

CM There is a bunch of people who are already doing this

JB Citation machine, there are people who are having problems with formatting, and was wondering if there is a format website to go to that will format your papers for you

VK Talk to Joel From about this and that we have a general format that will help to further studies

Pro formatting machine

All disagree

JB Our format is similar to the Chicago Format guide and there are websites with this format on it

CK People don't like the coffee in the Bean

KG This is from our push for Fair Trade Coffee

RB It is not very good coffee, but will still drink it

KG It's what they are getting that is Fair Trade

Have Pauline take these to Food Rep

CK Would like the clock back in the silent study room
Send an email to get the clock back in there

CK Should be put into policy about how it is run for the candidates to have two out of the three qualifications to run for president

VK Maybe get a sub-committee together to write about the nomination of the candidates

KG Maybe talk about it as a board first then make a sub-committee

AB Gobbet would like to do a seminar with the Rep Board about the gender related issues

KG This ties in with the question that we never asked, and how does this relate

AB It could be a way that this particular question can be seen through where Briercrest stands on this subject

Are we interested in having him come?

All agree to have him come

RB RA's are feeling like communication for Day of Prayer was poorly done, and that communication should be better

JB Bracelets, were wondering why the bracelets for YQ for out of dorm students were not allowed to eat in the cafeteria and get free meals

VK Glenn said that in dorm students had a transparent fee and that now out of dorm students are paying for it with the out of dorm fee, and others get free meals but out of dorm students don't

AB Maybe talk to Beckie From about this issue in Core Events

VI. Break

VII. Voting Requirements

VK Can we get a red/green on when we should vote for a chairperson, and table it to the next meeting

All Agree

VK What is the minimum requirement for voting, and for those who are off campus?

Is there another way for those to vote who are off campus for voting

CM Asked by someone who is off doing their internship can they vote

BW Is there a way to open for votes on Tuesday and Wednesday for those who are off campus, like athletes

KG Maybe having a section open for those who are away

VK There is more issues because we need someone look after the votes and not leave the box by itself. It would be easier to have an advance poll

RB Communicate this to the coaches letting them know when the advance poll is so that the students can vote, even if they are away

VK If we open to off campus students that would open up to Kaleo and DL students who would not know who is running for President, who does not do much for them because the President is for the on campus students
KG Maybe having the off campus students to vote through email
VK Well there is the chance to falsify through email
BW Might not be able to make an inform decision if they are not here
Open up for an extra day of voting for those who can't make it on the day

All agree

VK We need to get a voting procedure in place, and figure out who is a valid voter before we get going on the procedure. Maybe have an advance polling day, no off campus students can vote, and what about who gets to vote through credited hours

AB Requirement is to be any kind of student

Requirement is to be a student on campus, and any kind of student can do this

All agree

BW Scheduling for the preliminary and actual vote was quick, and maybe extended it after YQ. Why were they like they were?

VK It would have been longer if YQ wasn't right in the middle, but they were scheduled like the previous years around the same time

BW Maybe get it to be after YQ and if it is around the same time

VK The two votes on the preliminary votes, is there any other issues other than the one previously stated

WC Having similar candidates, would that have affected the vote since they were similar

AB If those are the students that made it through, then they are not the same in that way

RB Since voting for two people, there were people who only liked one person and not the others

BW Having the student leaders may be the ones to vote on preliminary's instead of the whole student body to vote on the preliminary

VK There were some issues about voting in the preliminary's for the student leaders because it was mandatory for them to be there and a lot of hard work went into planning this night.

KG Why would we give the power to the student leaders to make the preliminary's but trust the student body to make the final vote

EJ Its going to bring the people to light in a different manner using the student leaders instead of the preliminary done by the whole student body

AB It would have been a lot of hard work to get the preliminary vote to the student leaders, but it seemed to work well and a lot easier having the entire student body

KG Have better communication about the election when it comes around

VK How was it for in dorm students?

PY The RA's weren't telling students about the election coming up, but got the information to the students and they knew and told other students

AB People asking about how to submit questions for the Q & A, Big Red was not helpful

VK It was announced, but maybe posters would be better to have around the school to let students know

VK Helen Dunn sent out a letter that said that we should ban the question about women in leadership. There was an email going through about this, and during that time, we did not say it and it wasn't raised during the Q & A. Gobbet will come and talk about this next Rep Board.

VK New Rep Board members, March 14-22 for people to bring about new rep board members and have a sub-committee to talk and interview the nominees for them to come. Its brought up now so new members can be brought in and know how the Rep Board works

Are there any volunteers for heading it up

Pauline head of the rep board members

All agree

Caleb, Chelsea, and Brad, with Viktor's help, will help with the process

Open from March 14-March 22 for nominees to come about

1st Motion KG

2nd Motion EJ

All agree

Maybe get a mass email out from Sarah Driedger to tell people about new rep board members

EJ Communication should be in a central area for everyone

VK Maybe create a position in the rep board to help deal with the communication problem

EK Have someone come alongside the communication coordinator from the Rep Board and get communication out to the students

VK New ways in recruiting for new rep board members, through word of mouth, and what are some of things that got you interested in the rep board

CK Word of mouth is the most important thing, and that they want diversity

EK Go to the people who did not make president and give them a form to let them know they can still be part of rep board

VK Meet with them after the elections and encouraged them to continue to be leaders at the school. Maybe go up to them with a form and see if they want to join rep board.

Ways to encourage new Rep Board members through word of mouth, powerpoint and posters

End of Meeting