

Rep Board
April 07, 2011

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In Attendance: Viktor Karklins(VK), Will Con (WC), Kim Thomson (KT), Chelsea Kooistra (CK), Erin Karklins (EK), Caleb Martin (CM), John Ottens (JO), Kylie Gauthier (KG), Brad Weber (BW), Pauline Yee (PY), Alayna Domsolai (AD), Jeri Brainard (JB), Eric Johnson (EJ), Rob Bancroft (RB) President Elect Ramsey Klassen, VP Elect Courtney Wiebe,
Left Early: John Ottens (JO), Brad Weber, Rob Bancroft
Absent: Ashley Baum

New Rep Board Members in Attendance: Marianne Barker, Ben Brainard, Eunice Chow, Greg Smith, Nick Van Snick, Patrick Smith, Mark Guenther, Joey McNitt, Jade Summerfelt, Ben Schmidt

- I. Prayer
- II. Scripture
- III. Adopting the minutes
1st Motion PY
2nd motion EK
All Agree
- IV. Mission Statement
- V. Approving Rep Board Member
Jeri Brainard
Agree
- VI. Approving Coordinators
Sarah Logan (Director of Coordinators) **Agree**
Kennedy Oginga (Missions) **Agree**
Zach Foth (Yearbook) **Agree**
Chris Milani (Communications) **Agree**
Audrey Allan (Student Relations) **Agree**
Shoshanna Cutbill (Events) **Agree**
- VII. Tentatively Approving VP of Student Life and Academics
James Wood
Approved
- VIII. Emerging Agenda
JB Question
New Rep

EK Coffee
Study
Lab
CK Thank You
BW Mentoring Program
KG Thank You

JB Wondering about YQ meals for Student Households
WC will look into this

JB Having a new position on the Rep Board called a Student Household rep like an RA, there is nobody who is a student who is part of the leadership. There is nobody who can help with Student Households

EK Tracy has an assistant

JB Next year, I would like to do more get together with Student Households, and there is no community there. Every two weeks have a Wednesday chapel during variety chapel, and meet more often

EK Maybe a good discussion with Tracy Taylor and look into that position

BW Asking neighbours about how to get into Briercrest Life because they are freshman, but start with freshman out of dorm students and get them together

KG There were events happening and was not interested in going to them, but have a variety of things to do

EJ It would be a good idea to talk to Tracy and bring these concerns up

EK Making whoever is in that position more known to the student households

EK Frustration with the coffee shop when they close down at 11:30 and can't get coffee, even though they are supposed to be open till midnight. Maybe having it close at 11:30 and tell everyone, or stay open like it says on the times that it is open.

KG will talk to the manager

KG Coffee at the Bean, there is a guy who works at both the Bean and the Point, and it seems like the only difference is the water, one made with Culligan and one with tap. Maybe it's just the espresso machine

KG will look into this

BW Talk to a variety of students about what the mentoring program was. And there were some who are only here for a year and that these ties were not strong again. There are other people who feel frustrated with having to write a paper at the busiest time of the year, and if the paper is what is bothering people maybe to drop the paper

RB Some profs don't even know about it, and should let everyone know about it.

VK Having Student Development say that you won't graduate without it, but the profs are saying that you don't need it

CK Recommend something with a reference letter from the mentor saying that you were involved this amount of time

KG I was meeting with a person, and they were not formal meetings but I still met with her, but schedules changed throughout the year.

WC will pass on these concerns

EK Heard from students that they are upset about not having a study day between classes and exams. It's hard when the assignments are due in the last few days

JO will pass this along to

EK Concern about the musicianship labs, was wondering about the musicianship labs on Fridays

JO will pass along to Wes

CK Thank you Will and his team for the hard work they did throughout the year

KG Send some kind of Thank you to Sarah D. for the snacks in each of our meetings

EK and CK will pick something up for her on the weekend

JB Last year there was a year-end BBQ for the Rep Board. What is going on with that

RK Keep April 15 open for this BBQ to happen

IX. Presidential Report
Feedback about our last 2 chapels
Budget will get to in a little bit
Yearbooks will be available at Brierstock, and the next two days after chapel
Charlie Brown is going well, Ben did a great job
Coordinator updates
Sarah Logan: Has grown as a leader and is so thankful to Student Government
Jake LaFave: Has greater appreciation to heart and energy of volunteers, and taking the time more enjoyable
Ashley McLaren: Really enjoyed her time being in leadership
Service Opportunities, to replace Day of Action, being able to have this set up as the last of the presidential opportunities on Big Red with Service learning
1st Motion PY
2nd Motion CM
All Agree

WC Anything on the last 2 chapels, any feedback

RB There were some who were uncomfortable with the financial one because they are students and they are in debt

- JB Had some people come back to visit and went to the chapel, and thought it was a good idea after your done to have this kind of a chapel happen
- WC There weren't any problems, except for the Shamrock event, and tightening up with that
- WC Budget, the scholarships were spent. The yearbook is under budget. Social Activities has kept themselves under budget. The only things that have gone over are the flex dollars. And there are some things that we did not do this year. We are spending about \$2000 on the Den for sound equipment, and we are under budget.
- EK Possibly get a desktop computer for the presidential team for the coordinators, and presidential team to use
- RB We did say to look into frames for the art work, maybe to look into that with the sound equipment
- VK Student Government was over last year, and so the money left over would go back to the school
- WC Making sure we are under budget, and that what happened last year would not happen again, and just to stay under. We have looked into frames and how to buy them, but would like some help
- KG Can help Ashley because she was the one who came up with the idea
- VK We will help WC and his team with some direction on the final numbers
- All Agree**

Preliminary budget for next year

Not final budget, but to give some advice on it.

The yearbook is lower than this year, social activities is lower, have a tech honorarium and put some money towards that next year, Rep Board retreat went over this year, but a little more this year

EK Snacks were not agreed on this year, but maybe put some money towards that for next year with snacks.

JB Whatever we suggest for next year, it can be anything

RK The bottom line is under quite a bit as the final total

EK If we can keep it lower, then maybe get rid of the fee

CK What you are hearing is something to not raise the fee. Photocopying, where is that?

WC David Cole took up the printing in the office that we did, and then there wasn't a lot of printing happening

EK Pursue the idea of artwork around the school

VK There is a bunch of prints that are around the school, but we need frames to have them hung around the school

X. Break

XI. Additions to Policy
Attention Policy:

Help provide accountability to members, and encourage the people who are planning the meetings to work with others. It is necessary for everyone to be there

JB As an athlete, I understand the change of schedule with athletics. But I did miss meetings, and I read the minutes and talked to people. There should be something that says they are excuse

CK It is important for members to be here to vote, and uncomfortable to let those who are not here to vote

EK Thinks it is appropriate to have this stated

PY What does the Clipper schedule look like?

JB 4 teams, 2 courts, a clipper athlete might only be able to come to half the meetings, half the meeting I would be here

VK If the schedule is made then, try be able to make it to at least half the meeting. It is to encourage people to show up

KG The board can change their mind about policy if need be if it does not exist anymore

1st Motion EJ

2nd Motion EK

All agree

Scholarship for the Chair of the Rep Board

Offer a \$500 scholarship to the Chair, with this there can be a donor who is willing to give it. If this does not happen, then Student Government would fit the bill

Be accountable to have someone who can mentor you, and make that person is doing what they are asked to do, continue to update the document that is being passed down from chairperson

CK Thinks it is important to have that scholarship even if it is not by donors

JB What do you do?

VK I have to be flexible, but also have to do jobs that you would earn the money, and do your job.

JB Would the amount go up?

VK I made it low but it can go up as the years go on, depending on what they are doing

KG What do you think about the requirements Pauline?

PY Sees the requirements as doable

VK They are doing these things throughout the year

1st Motion CK

2nd Motion KG

All agree

“The Torch”

A document handed down from Chairperson to the next one, containing relevant documents and updated Constitution and Policy Manual. And there is space on the Briercrest webpage to have these documents put up on there.

1st Motion KG

2nd Motion PY

All Agree

Fiscal Accountability

Budget review at the end of first semester

JB We might not be able to know the numbers at the last meeting of the first semester

WC You won't get the last two weeks in December because of exams, and different events going on around the school

CK If there was a meeting closer to the exams would it be better

EK Having one mid-year and end of year to review the budget and where everything is money wise

1st Motion PY

2nd Motion AD

All Agree

Jr. Board Members

Searching out younger students in freshman and 2nd year, and they would sit in on the meetings and give their opinions but would not be about to vote.

CK Why would they want to come if they can't vote?

EJ For those people, it could be a problem giving in their input

VK We don't know what the issues would be, but searching out could help them to see what the Rep Board does

KG Having too many voices, might be a problem, and that we have a full board next year

VK Next year's board can see how this works out

KG What kind of timing would they start coming, like September October?

VK Early on it would be the best

JB Good to get another voice in the mix

EK It would be good for the board to ask for their input on issues, like the presidential team

CK We want an athlete on the board to have that connection, and search out for those people and not necessarily have more people on the board

VK We are training up for following years to become members

EK Making the student body aware that they can come and hear what is going on, and have awareness of things going on around the school

JB Can we make it that we can ask someone who sits in like we do with the presidential team

VK That can happen

Not passed

Determining the Theme

Have the board propose the theme for the following year to give the presidential direction. Where does the direction come from, and this is where it starts

EJ The idea of shepherding, and we entrust this to the presidential team

CK The president's role is different if we give them the theme, and that there needs to be a level of ownership for the team

VK Giving them a general direction for the team to go with for the next year

- EK Maybe set larger boundaries for them to concern and pray about. And before school starts they email the theme to the rep board and get their opinions on it.
- CK Our mission does this, and gives the boundaries and allows them to discern the theme through those boundaries
- VK The Rep Board can say here is the direction that we want you to go and use your talents to pick the theme
- JB The president for the next year, if they are not reelected the following year, they do not know what the rep board has been doing all year
- EJ Would like to see that the president have this power to think of the theme
- KG It would be nice if he could bounce it off of the Rep Board, then it seems like they should have the theme by the end of the school year
- VK This is for something to think about, and having the Rep Board have impact on the theme
- CK It has happened before when Anthony sent an email to the rep board and asked for their thoughts on the theme for the school year
- VK Just something to think about for Ramsey and his team
- JB What things are being done for continuity, like the Torch
- VK When JO and I started 2 years ago, nothing happened in passing down documents to the next Rep Board. And we are starting to do this through the Torch. Is there any continuity in the theme chosen?
- RK Would be happy to be aware of what has been happening with the theme and what the school has been going through.
- EK Is maybe getting past presidents to write a letter saying where they have been and where they would like to see happen

XII. Job Description for Social Activities Coordinator

Adding into the job description about meeting with core events and Community Life Director monthly

- EJ Is there anything about accountability?
- WC The point is to centralize everything, where four different groups can plan events. Student government did not know about Shamrock, and can organize events better
- CK Have something within it with accountability and screening what is going on.
- EK Who is everyone accountable to in the end. It is not in our place to monitor the events, and it does not get to the issue of accountability. It a lot to take on
- WC The problem is that Tracy Taylor planned the event, and know we are trying to figure out what is a student event
- JB Could it be resolved by the Den being Student Government, that everything has to go through Student Government
- WC Is it more about the space than the community event
- EJ It is good to know what is going on, and providing accountability to the group who is booking the space

- EK The events need to be put under a group
- KG Any other events that come under Student Government has to go through Student Government
- EK Maybe has to be more accountability at the booking stage. It is hard for us to oversee what is going on, maybe have the higher ups take it on instead of us.
- VK It goes back to who owns the space
- WC We need to be accountable to our space, and to students

This idea of having them meet once a month with core events and community life director

All agree

XIII. Changes to Student Government hierarchy

- WC The change of Social Activities coordinator to have her above the social services, communication, and student relations and they work together and run events. Email from Social Activities Coordinator that says that it was good, and that a bit of a raise would help

Change in hierarchy

- EK That the Service coordinator still reports to the director of coordinators, but has services, communications and student relations

1st motion PY

2nd Motion CM

All Agree

Giving a raise to this coordinator

- EK Raise it some, but not more than the director.

Raise it to \$1500 a year

All Agree

Change of name to Director of Coordinators from Executive Director of Social Activities

Conflict name with Social Activities name

1st Motion KG

2nd Motion PY

All Agree

Student Relations Coordinator

It was intended to unite the three schools together, but the second semester it was more of a supportive role. How can we make this job more effective for following years?

- EK Feels like it was not working, with replacing Leaving Legacies. But it did not work this year, but should we give it another go or just not do it again

JB Why didn't this work

- WC We didn't know what kind of a person who could take this on. There was no clear examples of how to do the job, and the timing of the high school starts early and they were already going, and could not get into the high

school. Clashed with the social activities coordinator in planning events. She did not have the authority or money to make an event happen. There was confusion in the role

- KG This sounds like the connection that is already happening in the high school
- CK It does happen where there are college students living with high school students. There are some college students taking high school students to college events
- VK This was to help in fostering these relations when Leaving Legacies died down, but is this already happening?
- KG With the mentoring, maybe we can trust what is already happening in the high school dorm. We could try to invite the community to more of our events and bridge that gap between the school and the town of Caronport
- VK Seems like it is already happening outside of this coordinator, making its obsolete and it seems like it is not happening
- BW For certain events have the high school events coordinator to work with college coordinator
- WC I don't think they get paid, but they have a good structure. I don't do events, but it seems like their president helps in every aspect
- KG Has she done anything that makes this job worth it?
- WC It seems like it runs into the events coordinator job. She looks after getting the word out through electronic needs and announcing it through chapels
- VK Sounds like we don't need this job because it already happens outside of student government.

Motion to get rid of this coordinator job

1st Motion BW

2nd Motion EK

All agree

XIV. August Honorarium

- RK Did not look into what was needed before taking the job on, but cannot be here for the entire month of August
- VK To see if this was really working, but to hear from WC to hear if it was useful for you to be back here for August
- WC It was helpful to be here with the Den being redone from Student Development. I had meetings, set up office, set up first semester schedule, was able to see how the flow of how the semester was going to go. Being here for a week and a half was helpful, but didn't have much to do after that time. But the idea of fixing the Well was helpful and if that work opportunity was not there, then it would not have been useful
- EK Maybe it could be for new presidents to be here for August, but not the returning presidents. But have it for two weeks instead of the entire month
- VK It doesn't sound like it is working for having the entire month.
- EK I think making it two weeks and mentally prepare for the job that they are going to do is helpful.

BW Give the president money to be here for two weeks, rest and get ready for the job that is ahead of him

Cutting down the amount of time that they are here in August, and cut the amount the honorarium for the president but tell the Rep Board what they did during that time at the first Rep Board meeting

The August Honorarium to be cut to \$1000

1st Motion CK

2nd Motion PY

Agree

XV. Evaluations

End of Meeting. See you in the Fall