

Minutes of Student Government Meeting

Date: October 5th, 2005

Attendance: Shannon Hayes (Chair, Notes)
Amy (left early)
Cara Dolan
Alexandra Bell
Farzana Ramzan
Torsten Jochem
Sarah Marusek
Natalie Rodic
Christina Kiel

1. Petition

Christina gave update over listserv this morning and has arranged a meeting with Dean Linda Dunne for October 13. Not sure what time. Farzana and (maybe) Sarah will accompany her. It is suggested they get together at least a half hour before to discuss the message they will bring in, who will lead the discussion, etc.

Follow up on getting alumni to write letters of support. Shannon will draft a letter and send it to alumni and faculty asap.

2. Financial aid process

Last year student government initiated a conversation with Prof. Bach about getting more clarity about financial aid, how scholarships are awarded, why scholarships aren't automatically reviewed after the first semester. This year, he has reached out to Jill Desjean in order to arrange a meeting between him, Phil, student government reps and financial aid. Shannon will arrange this meeting and attend with Natalie.

Our minimum desire for this process is to have a clear set of information on financial aid processes to share with the student body. Maximum—a transparent review system is instituted for second year and summer scholarships.

3. Concentration meetings

Sarah will go to the socio-economic development-meeting. Sophia has been to the conflict concentration meeting and has already sent her notes. Farzana is trying to have an information session for students in the governance concentration. Shannon will attend the media meeting on Thursday.

4. Website

Looks good, we will go ahead with it.

5. Next elections

We are looking for volunteers for the election committee.

6. Misc

We still need update from Denis on University Student Union. Regarding the faculty evaluation: we will try to get students to use www.ratemyprofessor.com.