

Senate Meeting October 10, 2006

I. Roll Call

Senate Pro-Tem Young, President Greig, Dir. Colley, Dir. Small, Dir. Ayers, Dir. Teal, Sen. Hale, Sen. Brehm, Sen. Purcell, Sen. Tager, Sen. Buxton, Sen. Madwell, Sen. Harris, Sen. Hood, Sen. McLean, Sen. Harnden

Guests: Laura O'Bryon, Johathan Eldridge, Colbi Robertson, Lindy Borrevik, Joseph Deich, Kitty May Calhoun, Alicia Ryland Nation

II. Approval of Minutes

Tabled until next week

III) Reports to Senate

- a. Greig: Thanks to senators who are going above and beyond for voters registration.
- b. Bradach is not present.
- c. Dir. Teal: Student Vote Coalition is off and running and in full swing
- d. Dir. Colley: Student Advocate is in class during our meeting time but you should try to meet her. Day of Action is a campaign to help legislators understand student debt, day of action in SU courtyard on Oct. 12.
- e. Dir. Small: National Take Affirmative Action Day on the 18th.
- f. Dir. Ayers: In Past he was asked to find a break down of expenses and he has gotten it and it will be sent out. Bill for the student fees that were looking at over the summer is being tracked down and will be on next week's agenda
- g. Pro-Tem Young: Looking at getting committees together. The Committee requirements were passed out at our meeting. The Sign Up list will be going around.

IV) Special Orders

a. Student Vote Coalition: Many Senators are being active and are receiving shirts. Brehm, Tager, and Purcell. We have 550 cards approximately. Cabinet is stepping up to get as many cards as possible. We have four days left to reach our remaining goal. The Plan is a three phase campaign: registration, education, get out the vote. Educational Session on Ballot Measure 48. All of this information is at www.orstudents.org. People can win shirts if they get 10 registered students. Register your friends.

V) New Business

1) LBG TASU: Passed out statement regarding the Red Cross and the blood drives on campus. Joseph Beik speaks about why the Red Cross is not on campus. Although they allowed an emergency drive for Katrina, it does not mean that their stance on Red Cross has changed. They

support the Red Cross, just not the FDA's policy. Many groups on campus are in support of this ban. The LBGTASU is willing to support the Red Cross and give blood on campus as soon as the policy is banned. Even with the short supply of blood in this valley, it is not considered a disaster, as the Red Cross almost always has a blood shortage. Flyers can be passed out on campus for off campus drives. President Grieg suggests that we let the student body of SOU take a vote and take that into consideration when making our decision. Dir. Colley points out our discrimination policy and that students voting would not make much of a difference. Sen. McLean reminds us that we need to help the minority. Sen. Harris reminds us that we cannot turn our backs on people and we should support them. And asks if we can support an off-campus blood drive. Sen. Purcell feels that we should support an off-campus blood drive.

2)Red Cross: Colbi Robertson and Lindy Borrevik: They came up with an idea about having a blood drive on campus before they knew it was banned. They wonder how banning the Red Cross on campus has any effect on the discrimination policy. The levels in the area are extremely low and they consider that a local emergency. They wish to encourage students to donate blood. It needs to be made easier for students to donate blood. Dir. Small wants to know if the figures are the same, and how the advertising works for on vs. off campus drives. Dir. Colley points out that the amount of units is highly dependent on the advertising. The advertising is key and if it happens on campus it is easier to get students. Sen. Madwell points out that it is a policy issue and regardless of what we think, the policy stands. Dir. Teal points out that that the Katrina drive wasn't that successful. Sen. Tagger suggests that they get the backing of the LBGTASU and then come back with a proposal to lift the ban. Sen. Hood points out that we may be making reverse discrimination. Sen Harris encourages awareness instead of on campus.

VII) Open Forum

Sen. Colley offers that students help keep up our ASSOU information boards and get suggestions from our suggestions boxes. Sen. Harris wants to move back to new business and take a vote. We shall wait to be able to look at the motion. Sen. Hood wonders if we can help advertise the blood drive and uphold the policy? YES!

Tamara reminds us to look up Robert's Rules if you don't know ParlyPro. She will teach us senate procedure if they approach her.

VIII) Announcements