

Student Government Association:

November Senate Minutes

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Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 11/7/2016 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by:	Maggie Bean Senate	Attendance: Maggie Bean, Dustin Yost, Hannah Welburn, Michael-Paul HoKangYou, Erin Parent, Kendall Dinsmore, Charlie Carucci, Marissa Laro, Morandah Garrett, Logan Rice, Jeffrey Diehl, Aaron Leonard, David Lee Fidler, Tyler Peyton, Erin Warner and Jared Knepper
Type of Meeting:	Maggie Bean	
Facilitator:	Marissa Laro	Proxies: Haley for Bayley Palzer
Note Taker:	Marissa Laro	Guests: Caitlin and Gabrielle Kenney and Roland Palmer
Timekeeper:		

I. **Call to order** at 3:32pm

II. **Approval of Minutes** from 10/31/16

no additions, deletions, or changes to last meeting's minutes

Aaron makes a motion to approve; Michael-Paul approved seconds.

Approved: Aaron, Dustin, Erin, Hannah, Michael-Paul, Haley, Bayley, Kendall, Charlie, Aaron and Tyler

Opposed: --

Abstained: David

III. **Guest Speaking about Grants**

- A. *Champlain Christian Fellowship \$198:* The grant will be used to pay for a ticket to a conference in New Hampshire. This is a conference from all universities around New England with Christian Fellowship groups. The event already happened it. It was \$99 per person. Champlain students have been going for the last three years. The grant was only for two people at \$99. The grant cost would be for \$198. The group did tell the attendees that it is not guarantee they will be refunded.

IV. **Guest Speaker on ChampFunder**

- A. This is a crowdfunding tool for all faculty, staff and students at Champlain College. All the money that comes in is considered a donation and get the proper credit for it. Champlain is here to support these campaigns with the help of USEED. The money never leaves and allows the people to use it. The offices that helps with this is Champlain College Institutional Advancement and Finance. They fill out the applications through Champlain College and then that goes to USEED along with an interview with them. USEED approves applications and provides coaching and templates for the campaigns. The idea of campaigns is to help benefit groups for events or organizations. Usually for more students rather than a personal individual. This is a great opportunity for film grants. This platform allows the money to move through Champlain College rather than another third party company. This platform has officially been launched. If money is not used ChampFunder would like it to be put back into the grant fund for groups similar to the one who was raising the money. A thought for SGA "what would be the best way to communicate this out to the student body?" champfunder.champlain.edu is the link for the platform.

V. **Current Business**

- A. *ITS*: There is frustration of space for the ITS division because the program is getting larger. There is not a lot of capacity for the students their labs are being used 80-100% 8:00am-8:30pm. We will bring up the ITS division and possibly getting a larger space during the meeting with Don Laackman.
- B. *Women in ITS*: They denied meetings with Sam and Logan to discuss their needs. We are able to fund them through the contingency fund and are now able to fund them as a club due to their event based club. Their club would look similar to Shades of Me in terms of the type of events they would like be having with guest speakers.

VI. New Business

- A. *Senate Meeting Time*: In the last Senate meeting half of the Senators were not there and there was an overload of proxies. People who need proxies need to let Maggie know 48 hours in advanced. There is a possibility that Senate meetings will be switched to Wednesdays at 8:00am next semester.

VII. Legislative Acts

- A. *Sleep Education Grant*: The Student Action Wellness Team is working with the Health and Wellness Center. We are unsure if they have asked for money from them yet and the timeline of the event. Student Activities have done blanket making events in the past and it may be possible to use fabric that Student Activities already have. The team should discuss with Counseling and Wellness on supplies and funding. The form could be re

Charlie motions to approve Sleep Education Grant; Kendall seconds.
 Dustin motions to deny the grant with the stipulation that the group goes to the various groups/ departments for information and resources then coming back to the SGA with a new grant; Aaron seconds
 Approved: Dustin, Aaron, Erin, Hannah, Michael-Paul, Haley, Kendall, and Charlie.
 Opposed: David
 Abstained: Bayley

- B. *Champlain Christian Fellowship Grant*: There is speculation if there has been a time in the past where we have paid a grant for an event that has already passed. We believe we haven't but have funded the past order of food for a club.

Aaron motions to approve Christian Fellowship Grant for \$198; Tyler seconds.
 Approve: Dustin, Aaron, Erin, Hannah, Michael-Paul, Haley, Bayley, Kendall, David and Tyler
 Opposed:
 Abstained: Charlie

Christian Fellowship Grant has been approved for \$198.

VIII. Senate and Cabinet Updates

- A. Office Hours
 - 1. *ITS*: Instead of the hack-athon they will be doing the ITS specific Netflix movie night in Hearthstone with snacks. The movie will also have a chrome extension where students can watch the movie from home with a live chat to involve all student. The event will be Tuesday November 29th at 7pm.
 - 2. Haleys CPR event is this weekend
 - 3. CCM: Their event is tonight.

4. Charlie, Aaron and Marissa helped people with grants.
5. Aaron and Charlie have talked with Dan O'Hara briefly on the leadership conference/ seminar.
6. Students will be unable to buy parking passes for Spinner as of the spring semester. Spinner residents are very upset about this issue. The students were not notified about this change until emails had gone out to the students from the Spinner Place project manager. The Winooski town meeting is tonight at 5:30pm or Tuesday 11/8/16 at 9pm.
7. Callie Browning reached out to the SGA to set up a meeting with the Cabinet about the future of eSports.

B. Cabinet Updates

1. Director of Communications: The newsletter was sent out to students last week. The emails were sent out by division and individuals. He will be able to see how many individuals have looked at the links. After the two week mark Jared will present the numbers to the Senate. They will be broken up to give the maximum amount of information as possible.
2. The digitizing of appendix gs are about 1/3 of the way done. Marissa will put up a reminder about appendix g inputting and a count of how many we have done and how many we have left.
3. Director of Finance: Jeff attended the Ward 6 committee meeting. Champlain College has contracted a company for the Eagles Landing. They are hoping to start construction next semester to have the building open in fall of 2018 as their original plan stated.
4. Director of Clubs: Rail Jam went really well and everything is cleaned up by today. There were no injuries. Appendix gs are still coming in and applying for the contingency plans. There was an issue where students were using what was leftover from the event and they used it as a jump after the event was complete and Ski & Ride was gone. Chuck Bashaw will send the email from physical plant and event center to Jared and Sam for clarification about the incident.
5. Director of Operations: Marissa is working with Cultivating Conscious Consumers about having them bring in succulents and lavender affirmations. She is also working on SGA Donut Days.

IX. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

N/A

Meeting adjourned at ____ pm

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 11/14/2016 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by: Maggie Bean
Type of Meeting: Senate
Facilitator: Maggie Bean
Note Taker: Marissa Laro
Timekeeper: Marissa Laro

Attendance: Maggie Bean, Hannah Welburn, Bayley Palzer, Harold (Sam) Hodges, Logan Rice, Marissa Laro, Michael-Paul HoKangYou, Aaron Leonard, Erin Warner, Tyler Peyton, and David Lee Fidler
Proxies: Aaron for Dustin Yost, Logan for Charlie Carucci, Bayley for Haley Parent and Kendall Dinsmore and Hannah for Michael-Paul
Guests: Ryan McCarthy and Joe

- I. **Call to order** at 3:31pm
- II. **Approval of Minutes** from 11/07/16
no additions, deletions, or changes to last meeting's minutes
Aaron makes a motion to approve; Michael-Paul seconds.
Approved: Michael-Paul, Aaron, Dustin, Haley, Bayley, Tyler, David, Erin, Hannah and Kendall
Opposed: --
Abstained: Charlie
- III. **Guest Speaking on Grants**
 - A. Enfuse Conference \$5929.08: Each year the LCDI takes digital forensic and cybersecurity students to this conference. They were not awarded the grant they normally get. The numbers for the trip have doubled. They have spots for 24 students. With equal number of women and men. The grant would be for hotel, flights and admission tickets. The hotel is the lowest possible. It is the hotel where the conference is held.
 - B. Alpine Skiing Grant: The grant is for an early allocation of next semester's budget. The registration and training fees are due before next year's club budgets are out. This payment is for the next season. Ted Winokur has not given the complete go. Ted's approval is pending grant approval. There are 15-50 people who have expressed interest. There will be a training program for those who are not ready to race. There are 15 people who can compete at the moment.
- IV. **Current Business**
 - A. Club Inquiries: Clubs are asking to use their funds differently than stated on the appendix g. They will use the money to pay for food for the homeless as programming for their club. The two clubs are Catholic Society and PysChi
- V. **New Business**
 - A. Committees Recap for Newsletter: Jared has asked everyone do a short write up of 3 sentence after their committee for the newsletter.
- VI. **Legislative Acts**
 - A. Enfuse Conference: Funding this grant in full takes a large portion of next semester's budget. They could use champfunder as another option for additional funding as well. They could also go to the division dean's for support.

Haley motions to approve Enfuse Conference \$5929.08; Aaron seconds.

*Bayley motion to amend Enfuse Conference Grant for \$2610.72;
Michael-Paul seconds.*

*Approve: Michael-Paul, Aaron, Dustin, Erin, Hannah, Bayley, Haley
Opposed: Kendall, David, Tyler
Abstained: Charlie*

Vote for approval of Enfuse Conference grant for \$2610.08

*Approved: Haley, Bayley, Michael-Paul, Aaron, Dustin, Erin and Tyler
Opposed: Kendall and David
Abstained: --*

Enfuse Conference grant has been approved for \$2610.72.

- B.** *Alpine Skiing:* Jeff recommends setting the alpine club budget now for next semester. The minimum funding we can apply to them right now is \$4200 because that is the cost of fees and registration. The idea of finding other funding is advised such as champfunder. They are asking for their club budget early. A proposed idea is to give half the amount from the club budget and half from the grant fund. Sports funding needs to be brought up in other discussions. Grant the budget early will set a precedent for situations like this in the future. It is also possible to use the contingency fund. They have tried to merge with UVM and were turned down.

Aaron motions to approve Alpine Skiing Grant for \$4200; Bayley seconds.

*Approve: Haley, Erin, Charlie, Michael-Paul and Bayley
Opposed: Kendall, Aaron, and David
Abstained: Dustin and Tyler*

Alpine Skiing has been approved for \$4200 coming from the club budget.

VII. Updates from Cabinet and Senate

- A. Everyone showed up to Haley's EHS CPR event
- B. Great turn out for the CCM Stranger Thing event. 23 people attended.
- C. Bayley's event went well.
- D. First Year Senators have decided a plan for their programming
- E. Director of Communications and Director of Operations discussed with Sandi Earle about the student made dining survey. This will be distributed by the next newsletter.
- F. SGA reimbursement form will be put on the SGA website.
- G. The election reflection event went well Hearthstone was full and Morandah will be working on future programming.
- H. More people are using the Hearthstone for D&D and other games.
- I. Rugby placed 3rd in the tournament this weekend. There was a lot of support family support from Champlain at the game.
- J. Appendix g forms will be digitized next semester no longer paper copies moving forward. It is linked to the SGA email.
- K. Changing of meeting times is still in the works.

VIII. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries?

N/A

Meeting adjourned at 4:57pm

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 11/21/2016 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

Meeting called by: Maggie Bean
Type of Meeting: Logan Rice
Facilitator: Marissa Laro
Note Taker: Marissa Laro
Timekeeper: Marissa Laro

Attendance: Logan Rice, Marissa Laro, Jeff Diehl, Jared Knepper, Morandah Garrett, Bayley Palzer, Aaron Leonard, Dustin Yost, Erin Warner, Michael-Paul HoKangYou, Hannah Welburn, Kendall Dinsmore, Tyler Peyton, David Lee Fidler
Proxies: Bayley for Haley Parent and Kendall for Charlie Carucci
Guests: Scarlett Clark

I. **Call to order** at 3:35pm

II. **Approval of Minutes** from 11/14/16

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Kendall makes a motion to approve; Dustin seconds.

Approved: All

Opposed: --

Abstained: --

III. **Guest Speaking about Grants**

A. Accounting Lab Grant \$160: In the past the accounting club has put on a study event before finals week. The grant is for funding pizza for students and professors attending the event. There are between 5-7 professors that attend. The event will be during dinner time so the food is important to the event. This is for all Stiller School of Business students to attend.

B. Wagging Tales Documentary Grant \$3000-6000: The grant is for Scarlett's senior film. The film is what it is like to be a shelter dog and an those who work at the rescue center. The all breed rescue gets dogs from South and North Carolina. For the film they need to travel to the south to do filming at the shelter that the dogs start their journey at. The budget is majority flight, accommodations, and food. They are all Champlain students. They would need to go twice. If the budget needs to be cut Scarlett can get away with both herself and her director of photography. This is for second semester. \$3000 for two people and \$6000 for the 4 people. That would just be accomodations and travel. Scarlett would like to do a film screening once the film is complete. She is also funding through indiegogo. She has not yet talked with Ted Winokur.

IV. **Current Business**

A. Sports Funding:

1. Could the SGA have a separate budget line for the athletic clubs?
2. The student activities fee does not go toward intramural sports.
3. The school possibly does not want to fund sports for the lack of infrastructure.
4. The majority of SGA funding does go toward sports/ athletic clubs.

5. Consistency in athletic clubs may cause problems with funding.
6. There could be set amounts for the athletics teams per year.
7. There would need more money in the budget to make any big changes.

V. New Business

A. Updates from meeting with President Laackman:

1. Sports funding was not discussed
2. President Laackman is very happy with the current administration of the SGA and hopes that we can continue to be the voice for the students and are striving for inclusivity.
3. SGA support for the Women's & Gender Center was discussed. SGA members will now be holding some of their office hours in that office.
4. President Laackman praised the Time to Care event! He hopes to see more events like this in the future.
5. Laackman has signed two joint statements joining many schools in Vermont and around the US against that acts of violence and hatred that are happening.
6. Fireside Chats will be happening next semester! The idea is an event where the SGA and Don Laackman can give updates to students in the Fireside. This will also be an open forum for students to ask students to the SGA and President Laackman.

VI. Legislative Acts

A. Publication 2 Grant: We are guessing that the event will be help this semester around finals week.

Kendall motions to approve Publication 2 Grant for \$50; Bayley seconds.

Approve: All

Opposed: --

Abstained: --

Publication 2 Grant has been approved in full for \$50.

B. Accounting Lab Grant: They should seek donations and use coupons for the pizza if possible. Maggie please note this in the email to the club.

Bayley motions to approve Accounting Lab Grant in full for \$160; Kendall seconds.

Approve: All

Opposed: --

Abstained: --

Accounting Lab Grant has been approved in full for \$160.

C. Wagging Tales Documentary Grant: We could wait on funding flights. Students are not required to go this far for films. It is possible to get GoPros loaned out from other film students. SGA has not in the past funding this sort of film grants. Travel costs have usually only been spent on conferences. If she comes back next semester with more flight information and the possibility of doing both trips together. Funding would go toward the SD cards, batteries, GoPro accessories, and hard drives in the budget. Suggestions from the SGA are to ask the

Dustin motions to approve the Wagging Tales Documentary Grant for \$6000; Michael-Paul seconds.

Dustin motions to amend the Wagging Tale Documentary Grant to \$806 with the stipulation that she returns the supplies after filming and comes

back next semester with more information on raised funding from other places and flights; Bayley seconds.

Approve: Erin, Kendall, Dustin, Hannah, Michael-Paul, Bayley, Tyler, and Aaron

Opposed: David

Abstained: Charlie and Haley

Kendall makes motion to approve the Wagging Tales Documentary grant for \$603; Bayley seconds.

Approve: Erin, Kendall, Dustin, Aaron, Hannah, Bayley and Michael-Paul

Opposed: Charlie and David

Abstained: Haley

Wagging Tales Documentary has been approved for \$603.

VII. Any Questions? Comments? Other Ideas/Worries/ Updates?

- A. Deadline for reimbursement forms is December 9th.
- B. By this time last year we had already closed the grant budget.
- C. We are not able to change the student activities fee for next year because that deadline has passed.
- D. Donut Day will be December 5th from 10:30am-12:30pm
- E. The Senate can consider closing the grant budget.
- F. The Senate can decide to roll over the club budgets or have it go back to the SGA and then have it reallocated somewhere else or to next semester's club budgets.
- G. Appendix g link has not been distributed to the students yet.
- H. Multiple students have told SGA members that they do not believe the Hearthstone space is open to all.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 pm

Senate | MINUTES

DATE: 11/28/2016 | TIME: 3:30PM | LOCATION: Hearthstone

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Facilitator: Maggie Bean
Note Taker: Marissa Laro
Timekeeper: Marissa Laro

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Proxies:
Guests:

I. Call to order at 3:31pm

II. Bylaws

- A. Review of the grammar and minor edits made to the document.
- B. Senator vacancy process should be reviewed
- C. Introducing the possible new structure of the SGA.
 - 1. Need to add representation in some way
 - 2. Possibility (2 Senators per division & 1 per class (sophomore, junior, senior)
 - 3. One body who are elected but are divided into two committees division or class.
 - 4. Names: Class Representative & Division Representative
- D. Senator Abroad options:
 - 1. Senators can't run if going abroad
 - 2. Can be Senator on campus and abroad
 - 3. At least one person per division must be on campus
 - 4. *Senator cannot be Senator abroad so there would be re-election, appointment or proxy for the positions.
 - a) Senator finds 3 possible replacements for their position
 - b) Outlet for election having the information passed through division faculty like Pat Boera for Stiller School.
 - 5. Always minimum of one person on campus per division (everyone agrees)
 - 6. How to fill position: tabled
 - Add or replace
 - then...
 - Appoint, proxy or elect
 - 7. Use Senator vacancy process for Senators who are going abroad.

III. Standing Rules

- A. Appointment process need work.

IV. Any Questions? Comments/ Other Ideas/Worries/ Updates

- A. Dan O'Hara is doing a Leadership Conference at Champlain College next spring and is looking for help for a committee to plan the conference.
- B. Marissa Laro will be resigning from the position of Director of Operations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:06 pm

Tyler's Comment:

I agree with Michelle's comment about how study abroad students are more tuned into their local environments than Champlain campus in Burlington.