Cabinet Meeting 9/30/04

Members Present: McCoy, Torpen, Goehner, Mihal, Pugsley, Schwegel, Herbert, Booth

Members Absent: Maier, Frolek, Dassinger

Austin called the meeting to order at 8:10 a.m.

Reports:

Treasurer Goehner

I feel a little better, but don’t have much of a report since I have been gone!

VP McCoy

I don’t really have a report.

Travis and I are interviewing potential senators to be brought up next week.

Adrian might be moving to a new seat.

Umar might be coming to a C.O.C. meeting since that is what committee he would like to be on.

Campus Affairs – Mihal

Woohoo! Me! 😊

My committee members are doing whatever; we haven’t had a meeting in over a week due to the schedule changes.

I have been looking at the surveys from Marketing.

The Advocate is interviewing me today about the smoking issue.

I am looking into the athletics issues.

With the advisors, as of now all you can do is get a new advisor and complain to the dean.

Discussion:

Schwegel

The financial aid office is bad in general.

I went to ask why my meal plan wasn’t working and they couldn’t help me, so I went to housing.

Pat Walker is great in housing.

Goehner

Advisors have so many advisees; sometimes I think they might just rush through the meetings.

Herbert
It could also be that students are not put together very well when they go to meet the advisor, and they are upset that the advisors don’t have everything planned out for them.

Goehner

Maybe FYE could cover a section on advisors and how to be prepared to meet with them.

Mihal

Students meet with peer advisors in the summer and they aren’t the best help either. At the end of the day students get packed into whatever classes are open.

Torpen

Maybe the peer advisors should have more information on all the different majors.

Mihal

Some advisors have about 120 students and need to know every majors requirement.

Torpen

Can they put the schedules of classes out on line earlier?

Goehner

That would be great for computer savvy people, but most would like a tangible copy.

McCoy

Maybe the school can look into setting up something such as a big brother program, where a junior or senior can have a few freshman under them to help them with scheduling if they would like.

COC – Schwegel

We don’t have many nominations this week.

We would like to see posters up if possible.

We are looking through old applications and some were approved last year but never placed on any committees.

- I will be bringing those up at the committee meeting.

We also had a problem with appointing people and putting them on full committees.

- We are putting one girl on another committee that she signed up for.

Discussion:

McCoy

That would have to come up as an amendment to the old COC nominations.

Mihal
Is there any way we can help you get more organized?

**Herbert**

Get him the transition manual!

**Booth**

I have actually heard that the transition manual has been destroyed, but that is only word of mouth.

**McCoy**

We can all help recruit people to committees, there are some committees begging for students.

**Mihal**

Maybe we can pick just a few committees to broadcast at a time. That way we can fill those committees and move on to other committees.

**Legislative and Internal Affairs – Herbert**

We have a couple of constitutions ready to go.

Everyone has been working really hard on their own projects!

We are deciding when and where to put the table up for voting.

We want to go to the next RHA meeting and talk to them about mailers and rides to polling places.

Working on the GOTV video, hopefully we can get that on the Dragon Channel

**Discussion:**

**Mihal**

How are you planning on staffing the tables?

**Herbert**

We are not sure yet if we will have it staffed all day long or just during high traffic times. It’s still up in the air.

**Mihal**

Maybe we could knock off some absences if people sit at the tables.

**Goehner**

We need to have people there to answer questions.

**Mihal**

Travis would like a web page with voter information.

**Marketing – Booth**
We decorated the office this week

DragonFest went really well and lots of surveys were completed. Also lots of people signed up for the Drive a Dragon program.

We have to make the COC posters, working on that!

We got ahold of the lady from the YMCA, she said $350 was fine for our retreat. Our tentative weekend is the 29th of October.

Discussion:

**Goehner**

We could look into doing it right before Thanksgiving

**Mihal**

Any time in November, a couple weeks before Thanksgiving.

**McCoy**

We really need to recruit senators, we have 9 seats open.

**Booth**

We will be working on sweatshirts after homecoming is over.

Also want to have senators hand out more of these surveys.

**Goehner**

Maybe instead of taking them to all of our classes, each senator can have about 10 or so each to have random students fill out.

**TFOC – Torpen**

We don’t have much to do.

Whenever I tell Travis this he says, "Enjoy the vacation TFOC!"

My committee members were asked to do certain tasks, but those tasks have not been done.

- Welle was asked to research the fountain cost, but he still doesn’t know.

- Temie was asked to talk to Crockett and talk to Concordia about the cost of their fountain, but neither of those have been done yet.

Suzie Strickland had some money to use for a fountain last year but that was taken away. She says that everyone she talked to thought it was a wonderful idea.

We wanted something that would last both seasons but that’s too hard to find, so we’re shooting for something that would be for just one season.

Discussion:
Goehner

It would be good to talk to the Master Planning Committee about the fountain!

Torpen

We also discussed where to place the fountain, and we came up with putting it on the side of campus to show it off.

Mihal

It sounds like you are frustrated with your committee members.

I am having similar problems, what can be done?

Torpen

You can email them throughout the week or phone them to keep in contact.

McCoy

There could be ways to reprimand them.

Torpen

I received an email from VP Midgarden about meeting with my committee.

We want to meet with her to go through the process involved with tuition and to be kept up to date with tuition discussions.

Billy showed me the MSUSA surveys, those are cool!

Goehner

Surveys would be good for Campus Affairs as well!

Senator/Committee of the Week

Nominations for Senator

Damien Scott –by Herbert

Campus Rep Billy Holmes – by Mihal

Goehner

We will have senators of the week and have them both.

Nominations for Committee of the Week

COC – by Mihal

TFOC – by Mihal

Marketing – McCoy
Marketing will be committee of the week

**General Discussion**

**Mihal**

How does Senator of the week and Committee of the week work?

**Goehner**

In the past Exec. has picked those, but possibly we could do it as cabinet.

**McCoy**

What would you like to see Exec. do?

**Mihal**

We need to have set office hours up.

Exec. office hours should be posted so people know when you guys will be in.

**Booth**

We need a phone list of all members.

**McCoy**

Thursday morning at 8 will not work anymore for Travis and I.

Monday’s at 8 a.m.

**Goehner**

We will not have cabinet this Monday, but the week after that.

**Torpen**

How can we get a break down of the fees we pay put into our class schedules?

**Mihal**

Go through IT.

**Schwegel**

The football team practices on the Intramural field so that they don’t tear up their own field. Instead they ruin the field that Soccer, Rugby, Lacrosse have to practice and play on.

**Torpen**

We need to promote the Rugby team a lot!

**Herbert**
With the Intramural field issue, the football team has not only their own playing field, but their own practice field, and they still come tear up the field that all these other sports have to use to play on. Several Soccer and Lacrosse players talked to me about it.

Meeting adjourned at 9:18a.m.