



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, September 24, 8:00 pm

Bietz 3rd floor Testing Room

- I. Agenda Review – Priscille Mikala
- II. Worship – Heidi Burke
 - a. James 2 - We are called to be humble.
 - b. That humility looks like giving every person the treatment as the child of God
- III. Birthdays
 - a. Valeria Grajales – September 21
 - b. Steve Mota – September 21
 - c. Andrea Sabbatin – September 26
- IV. Committee Updates
 - a. Bear Committee
 - i. Collab with LAC to have a video Promo
 - ii. Yesterday we got a much needing cleaning
 - b. Bylaws
 - i. Discussed last week and meeting with Dr. Negron
 - c. Finance Committee
 - i. Met on Sunday to do financial budget for the clubs. This year we have 35 funds to the club as soon as possible. Drafted a plan to allocate these funds. Meeting with Dr. Negron soon
 - ii. This distribution will be presented two weeks from now
 - d. International Students
 - i. Meetings with Renita Moore as well as projects in mind as well Daniel Olson
 - e. Social Committee

- i. We had to reschedule a pop-up due to the rain, please volunteer for our competitions
- ii. We have a calendar for all our events up to March

V. **Project Proposal – Heidi Burke (*voting*)**

Creating an Online Communication Option

SUMMARY : As part of the You Matter campaign, Senate will add an online, anonymous option for student feedback to the Senate website.

IMPLEMENTATION : The Social Committee will finalize what the form and form link will look like.

MOTION : Move to approve adding an online feedback form to the Senate website.

PROPOSAL APPROVED

VI. **Project Proposal – Andrew Cornelius (*voting*)**

Installing hampers in the laundry rooms in the dorm.

Proposal withdrawn due to Residence Life Deans discontent with continuing this.

VII. **Project Proposal – Naomi Munyaka**

Installing UVC port charging stations in the library

SUMMARY : Installing UVC 8-port charging stations would provide convenient access to power in high-use study spaces in the Beitz Center and Mckee Library, supporting academic work and reducing interruptions. These stations will be beneficial for a wide range of students.

BENEFITS :

- **Secure charging & sanitizing:** The UVC-8 station provides 8 lockable lockers that both charge devices and sanitize them with UV-C light, reducing germs by up to 99%.
- **Student convenience & safety:** Students can safely leave devices to charge without worrying about theft, while also reducing shared surface contact and promoting campus hygiene.

- Campus value: Installing these stations enhances campus wellness, supports students during long days or events, and reflects a commitment to modern, tech-friendly amenities.
 - a. Cost – \$3,503.00
 - b. Point of Contact - Deyse Bravo (Director of Libraries McKee Library) and Jowy Tolbert (Facilities Manager in Bietz Center for Student Life)

MOTION: I move to approve the installation of one charging station in the McKee Library and Beitz Center

DISCUSSION

1. What is the shipping cost?
 - a. I haven't added it, as far as I remember it may be part of the cost mentioned above
 - b. Senator comment: We don't pay tax so we would subtract 403
2. Can you clarify if you are installing 1 or 2?
 - a. One for each building. In Bietz and McKee
3. Is this something that is needed?
 - a. This is something that they voiced
 - b. The reason is that they needed one more and because the students would leave devices unattended
4. As someone who works at Beitz, I see the need and there are some that aren't working
5. What percentage of the budget will this take up?
 - a. Our budget is \$15,000, this is about 21% of our budget
6. Did one building express a higher need?
 - a. Initially this was a proposal by McKee Library, but after doing some research, Bietz asked to take part of this.
7. How much will each device charge and will the station distribute that energy from the power source?
 - a. Phone was dead, charged for 10 minutes and it was 34% ,
 - b. You also have three options for USB-C or iPhone. It doesn't function any differently except that it is enclosed in a cage.
8. Since this is a sizeable portion of the budget, is it possible to discuss to collaborate with McKee and Bietz and split the cost?
 - a. In previous years, Senate was responsible for providing this for students. In 2021 they funded these portable chargers.
9. On an actual website, we noticed there are no functional problem with its methods according to the watts capacity

10. I noticed that there are possibilities for changing the aesthetic, would there be a price added if we do it?
 - a. This one is just the locker. To have it customized has an addition of 2,000 more. I don't see it worth the price
11. Comment : With shipping it would be \$3,375
12. Would it be better to have a better specific input for the library staff through a survey?
 - a. Getting feedback for a friend that shared that this installation might complicate things. Some would disagree

MOTION: Move to table this discussion for next meeting

Senators In favor : 23

Senators Opposed : 2

VIII. Project Proposal – Heidi Burke

Five Talents Book Fund

SUMMARY : Senate will allocate \$1000 to the History and Political Studies Department for a book fund for students

PROBLEM :

- History classes regularly require students to purchase multiple textbooks for each class.
- Textbooks are expensive.
- Students who cannot afford material for class are unable to keep up with assignments – especially because they are required to bring books to class.

SOLUTION :

1. For their departmental proposal, the Department of History and Political Studies requests \$1000 for a “Five Talents Book Fund”
2. Funds will be disbursed to students on a first-come, first-served basis for purchasing HPS textbooks

IMPLEMENTATION :

Throughout the Fall 2025 semester, HPS will establish eligibility criteria for the Five Talents Book Fund and publicly announce the initiative to students. Students may start applying for funding in the Winter 2026 semester.

DISCUSSION

1. What happens at the end of the semester? Do you sell them back or keep them?
 - a. The history club will work to loan them to you, and therefore reuse them for multiple years
2. Is there a way to write a contract so that the students can return this without any marks or annotations? That way we secure that it may be reused for the future generations
3. Can we assure how many students \$1,000 help?
 - a. Because textbooks are so costly, it doesn't go extremely far, but it starts somewhere. With this, we could definitely cover at least one class, and that is more than what's being done.
4. Can you expand on the scholarship?
 - a. It will be on a first come first serve basis. There is more likely that the history majors will see it, but if we push this forward through media.
5. Would these books be departmentally exclusive?
 - a. Yes, most of these books would be staying in the department.
6. Could there be a way to see that these history books would be going to the lower division classes so that it could impact more students?
 - a. Yes I would be willing to ask and talk more about this.

Move to finish this discussion:

In favor : 23

Opposed : 1

IX. Announcements

- a. We have been doing this for a month! Congrats for the hard work!
- b. We are going to choose two senators to bring 3 of your constituents to come and sit with them. They are not allowed to sit and chime in but welcome them.

I move to let President John Hargy speak

In favor : 24

Opposed : 1

History of Student Association – John Hargy

Student association started was after WWII to have elected representative. As we reflect on the past, let us remember the importance for advocating our people.

Discussion about putting together a disability task force that meets once a month for disability students who want to

X. Constituent Emails

- a. With the emails – Those emails that capture their attention. Please catch their attention by making a funny or a joke.

Please be creative!

Move to allow Mrs. Alexis to speak

In favor : 25

Opposed : 0