

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
39th General Assembly
Meeting No. 020-12
March 21st, 2012
Agenda

I. Call to Order

II. Opening Prayer

III. Roll Call

IV. Approval of the Minutes

V. Approval of the Agenda

VI. Open Forum

VP Serpas: This weekend starts Annual Funding.

VP Grillot: Nominations for Faculty Excellence Awards are still available. Please submit nominations via SLU Groups

Sen. Joubert: ITS Concerns committee is working on survey to send out to students. Survey will be a gauge of student satisfaction with ITS. Will be working on promoting Google Apps in the next few weeks.

Sen. Knezetic: ATLAS week is next week. Handed out "passports"

Sen. Hotop: Jesuit Scholastic is currently working on a project about Jesuit presence on campus. Contact Sen. Hotop if interested in being interviewed to help with this project.

Sen. Massoudnia: Announced SLU/FUSED ATLAS week event next Tuesday. Encourages all of Senate to attend

VP Hessel: SGA Intramurals are taking place. Please sign up via the google doc if wanting to play.

VP Šondag: Progress is being made on the Student Rock. A proposal should be ready for presentation to VP Porterfield in the next few weeks. If anyone is interested in starting a strong, campus wide recycling effort, contact VP Šondag or Sen. Alberty for further information. Concerns have been raised about the lack of vegetarian options in the Ameren Cafe.

VII. Special Business

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

a. (SB) – 065-12 Vice President Scott Hessel, Internal Affairs

To amend the association's bylaws to create a Mission and Ministry Committee

VP Hessel: Bill to officially seat the Mission and Ministry Committee. Committee has been functioning for the semester and is hoping to be added to the official constitution. Creation of this committee would take place of the Service Leadership Committee.

Questions on the Bill:

Sen. Hotop: Is the position on the BOT Mission and Ministry committee always expected?

VP Hessel: It would be reasonable to expect that this position will remain. We haven't always had this seat and we fought hard for it so I would hope that we continue to have it.

Sen. Sova: Can you comment on the effectiveness of this committee and its impact on the PCC?

VP Hessel: This committee will be very focused on the Mission of the University and we will make sure that our work remains on this line of thought. In terms of resource allocations we'll locate at our internal transactions with various businesses, etc.

Sen. Sova: Are there already CSOs who work on this work?

VP Hessel: There are CSOs with very mission focused agendas but they're more programming bodies and we're more policy driven.

Sen. Belanger: Would it be necessary to have a member of SGA on the BOT committee?

VP Hessel: Not necessarily. We could have the possibility that a student not affiliated with SGA would chair this committee.

Sen. Jones: How will this be different than the Diversity Leadership Cabinet?

VP Hessel: DLC's main focus will be on the insurance that diversity and inclusion is still a main focus of the University, whereas this committee will be solely focused on the University mission.

Sen. Woster: When you appoint someone to serve as a chair, doesn't that make them a member of SGA?

President Ryan: Yes, technically that is correct.

Sen. Patel: Expressed concerns that the chair would not necessarily have to be a senator in SGA.

VP Hessel: The committees should be separate from senate and there will not be a complete disconnect as policies will still have to come before senate.

Sen. McCabe: I'm uncomfortable with this body investigating the University's investment portfolio, do you feel that this is something that the students should be focused on?

VP Hessel: I see investments relating to Social Justice and yes I do believe that students and this committee should be able to critique such records and practices. Economics is involved with everything that we do.

Sen. Woster: Would you be opposed to an amendment along the lines adding a clause that the chair be required to attend SGA senate meetings when appropriate legislation is brought forth.

Debate:

Sen. Sova: I'm skeptical about this because one I'm hesitant of adding bureaucracy to SGA and I'm skeptical of these goals and their ability to be obtained. I'm pessimistic unless we have something in writing that the administration will take this seriously.

VP Hessel: I already have the support of Fr. Stark, VP of Mission and Ministry, and he wants to have such a body working on evaluations of the University mission.

Sen. Woster: Motion to amend - to include point (e) "The Chair shall fully attend any senate meeting in which Mission and Ministry-related legislation is brought forth by a majority of members of the Mission and Ministry committee."

Questions on the amendment:

Sen. Joubert: What would happen if the chair is unable to make it to the meeting?

Sen. Woster: If the chair is unable to attend I don't really have a penalty clause. If it came up then I guess we could look into an impeachment.

Sen. Farnsworth: Motion to end questions.

Debate on amendment:

Sen. Farnsworth: This is a pointless clause. I would vote against this.

Sen. Exline: I agree with Sen. Farnsworth. I would vote against this amendment.

Debate on Amendment:

Vote on Amendment: Amendment recognized.

Debate on bill:

VP Sreepada: To Sen. Sova's original point about being pessimistic, I would encourage you all to keep an optimistic viewpoint as we do make an impact.

Sen. Cadigan: Motion to table for one week.

Bill tabled for one week.

X. Adjournment

Associated Students of Saint Louis University
Student Government Association
Senate Bill (SB) – 065-12
March 21st, 2012

Intent and purpose: To amend the association's bylaws to create a Mission and Ministry Committee.

Whereas, the Associated Students of Saint Louis University Student Government Association represents the entire student body.

Whereas, there is one student appointed to serve as the student representative on the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry Committee.

Whereas, it is difficult for one student to be able to represent the needs of the entire student body.

Whereas, it would be prudent to give this student an adequate forum to gather feedback from multiple perspectives of the student body and to help work on initiatives in order to best serve in their capacity as student representative.

Whereas, there is no centralized student voice on the specific topic of mission and ministry.

Whereas, there is a significant desire of the student body to give opinions and recommendations on the topic of mission and ministry.

Whereas, there is a significant need in the student body for a more in-depth understanding of SLU's unique Jesuit mission.

Whereas, this education is most effective when coming from other students.

Whereas, it would be prudent to have a sustainable, long-term committee of the Student Government Association to address these needs.

Whereas, there has already been a functioning group of students who meet to discuss matters of Mission and Ministry in an advisor capacity to the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry student representative

Whereas, the Student Government Association has already had a standing Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry would absorb the responsibilities of the Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the Service Leadership Committee struggled to find a unique niche to fill.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry Committee would expand the focus of the Service Leadership Committee.

Whereas, the four (4) subgroups of the Mission and Ministry Committee encapsulates the main aspects of Mission and Ministry.

Whereas, the Mission and Ministry committee would represent the student voice on these issues.

Therefore, let it be the Association's bylaws be amended such that:

R) ~~The Committee for Service Leadership shall:~~

- 1) ~~Be comprised of at least six voting Senators, one of which shall be nominated to serve as Chair, and up to four Committee Representatives~~
 - a) ~~The Chair shall be the Student Government Association representative on the University's Service and Justice Fellowship~~
 - b) ~~A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain regular contact with the Assistant Director for Community Service and Outreach in the Center for Service and Community Engagement~~
 - c) ~~A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain regular contact with the Faith and Justice Campus Minister of the Eckelkamp Center for Campus Ministry~~
 - d) ~~A member shall be nominated by the chair to maintain regular contact with the Graduate Assistant of the Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research~~
- 2) ~~Act as a voice of the students of the University concerning matters related to the mission of the University, service leadership opportunities, and issues concerning global and local justice~~
- 3) ~~Collaborate with the Vice President of Internal Affairs to manage Senate participation in service opportunities~~
 - a) ~~the Committee shall organize at least one service event each semester, in which all members of the Student Government Association shall participate.~~

i) ~~Planned service events shall fall outside of campus-wide service days~~

R) The Mission and Ministry Committee shall:

- 1) Be comprised of at least seven members and the Board of Trustees Mission and Ministry student representative, who shall serve as Chair
 - a) The Chair shall maintain regular contact with the University Vice President of Mission and Ministry
 - b) A member shall be nominated by a majority of the Committee to maintain regular contact and to act as liaison with the Director and/or other appropriate administrators of the following departments:
 - i) Center for Service and Community Engagement
 - ii) Eckelkamp Center for Campus Ministry
 - iii) Doerr Center for Social Justice Education and Research
 - c) A member shall be appointed by the Association President to serve as the Student Government Association representative on the University's Service and Justice Fellowship.
 - d) A member shall be nominated by the Chair to maintain contact with appropriate student(s) enrolled at other Jesuit Universities and/or the Ignatian Solidarity Network.
- 2) Act as a voice of the students of the University concerning matters related to the mission and ministry of the University, service leadership opportunities, and issues concerning global and local justice including, but not limited to:
 - i) Ensuring the Department of Campus Ministry meets the needs of the entire student body.
 - ii) Examining the University's allocation of resources, endowment record, and investment record to ensure that finances are used in a manner in accordance with the mission.
 - iii) Examining the opportunities for service and community engagement and promoting these to the student body
 - iv) Promoting discussion of the University mission inside the classroom

Written and Submitted by:

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____Pass ____Fail

Vote Tally by Internal V.P. ___For ___Against ___Abstain *voice vote*

Matthew Ryan, President

Scott Hessel, Vice President for Internal Affairs
