



## University Committee

September 26<sup>th</sup> , 2017

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- I. Call to Order
  - a. 5:00.30 pm
- II. Roll Call
  - a. Stephanie Rojo-Present
  - b. Hadley Apple-Present
  - c. Chase Blevins-Present
  - d. Muwanika-Present
  - e. Ibrahima Keita-Absent
  - f. Vanessa Wiebe-Present
  - g. Braden Kellogg- Excused
  - h. Kayla Dunn-Excused
  - i. Christian Hemmerich-Present
- III. Guest Speakers and Student Concerns
  - a. Thornton- Group not registered with student government. Went under a blanket organization to pretend to be a registered group.
    - Muwanika- Is robotics under AIAA? How do you prove they are under AIAA?
    - Thornton- You can see on campuslink
    - Muwanika- It is my understanding that this group is under AIAA, but they are trying to branch off from AIAA.
    - Thornton- If they want to apply under AIAA, they have to go through AIAA, and AIAA needs to come to budget. We just have to confirm that they are infact under AIAA.
    - Rojo- so what we have is a Maury/Jerry Springer Show situation?
- IV. Approval of Minutes
  - a. Moved for approval: Muwanika
  - b. Motion Seconded: Apple
    - Passed unanimous consent
- V. Unfinished Business
  - a. **F17RC001**- Caring for Cowboys 2017: Clarification and Implement Good Samaritan Policies for student's enacting life-saving efforts
    - Thornton- Same name, similar structure, I just went in and added more information that was shared with the committee last week. We added that we just a recommendation that Student Conduct clearly define "minor conduct violation." Included Texas Tech rated a C in Drug and Alcohol policies on

campus. Very high for Big 12 schools. Also added clause that grants amnesty to students who come to conduct seeking help for their addictions. Educational options can be explored for students who are granted amnesty, but cannot be kicked off campus. Main purpose of bill is to protect students who make life saving call for their friends.

- Ryan Tracy- Is there already language about amnesty?
- Thornton- It isn't clearly defined, so we want to make sure these students who are saving lives are protected. I didn't want to push with drug violations hard, just wanted to make sure the language is cleared up.
- Muwanika- Have you talked to Dr. Bird about this?
- Thornton- Yes, in committee last week. She said if we feel the language isn't clear enough that she encourages us to do something about it. Good Samaritan bills aren't useful if we aren't facing the facts that drug usage is a real thing, and doing our part to protect students that could be saving their friend from overdose.

b. Move to table: Thornton

c. Seconded: Muwanika

b. **Camp Redlands**

## VI. New Business

### a. **Legislation Ideas**

- Muwanika- Still working on three pieces of legislation. Syllabi posting online is up to the colleges, they have that information. General Assembly is getting harder. By passing this we will have to do away with the banquet with President Hargis, and moving the SGA President inauguration to the general assembly. The budgets used by the two events will be used for the general assembly, and make the event more colorful. I want personal opinions on the bill. All the swearing ins will happen at the same time so that all SGA members know who each other are.
  - a. Wiebe- How would you make this work with half elections being in the fall and the other half in the spring? Are you going to have two assemblies?
  - b. Muwanika- This is one of the problems I am having. We can always invite them back to the assembly if they leave office in the fall.
  - c. Wiebe- Inauguration is generally in April, at which point they select execs, leaving the President and Vice President without an executive branch.
  - d. Muwanika- The President and Vice President generally have an idea of who they want as their execs, so they can invite them.
  - e. Wiebe- I think that brings a conflict of interest since they will not have had the time to select their appointees for the exec positions.
  - f. Thornton- You could have an informal/formal swearing in for the president and vice president. Erica and Brayden's was very nice, but there were not very many people there. You could use this as a way to glamorize the event.
  - g. Ryan Tracy- this would be a conflict of interest, in my mind still.
  - h. Blevins- Senators aren't sworn in until the following semester.
  - i. Muwanika- This started out as just inviting Senators, and Execs as a reflection of the year. We can go back to this idea. OSU Admin don't know who their student leaders are.
  - j. Blevins- You could just rewrite the bylaws to require Senators and other SGA members be at the inauguration.

