AGENDA
The Student Senate of Capital University
Heather R. Harper, Speaker
Tuesday, January 22, 2010
7:00 P.M. Schneider Multipurpose Room, Campus Center

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. The Pledge of Allegiance
4. Devotion
5. Public Comment
6. Approval of the Minutes
   - December 7, 2010 Meeting
7. Committee Reports
8. New Business
9. Senate Announcements
10. Clerk’s Remarks – Emily Morrison
11. President’s Remarks – Ed Higgins
12. Advisor’s Remarks – Dale Mittler & Todd Shaver
13. Speaker’s Remarks – Heather Harper
14. Adjournment
OFFICIAL DOCKET OF THE SENATE
The Student Senate of Capital University
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1. Senate Bill #112 **FIRST READING
   Author: Cooper
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Coughlin, Partika, Fowler, Smith, Landoll
   To amend the “rules and procedures” of Finance.

2. Senate Bill #113 **FIRST READING
   Author: Cooper
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Coughlin, Partika
   To amend the constitution to create the office of Treasurer

3. Senate Bill #114
   Author: Coughlin
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Cooper, Partika
   To fund a portion of CUSNA in assisting them in funding Kick-off-Party for the Spring Semester.

4. Senate Bill #115
   Author: Coughlin
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Cooper, Partika
   To fund a portion of PRIDE in assisting them in funding Safe Spaces Training.

5. Senate Bill #116
   Author: Coughlin
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Cooper, Partika
   To fund a portion of Student Alumni Club in assisting them in hosting an Etiquette Dinner.

6. Senate Resolution #116
   Author: Coughlin
   Co-Sponsors: Baker, Cooper, Partika
   To permit to the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee to assist PRIDE with the registration cost for the MBLGTACC Annual Conference
A BILL

To amend the “Rules and Procedures of Finance”.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I. That, the Capital University Administration and Board of Trustees have strongly advised that Student Government develop an annual appropriation process.

Section II. That, the current appropriation allocation process is inadequate,

Section III. That, the current budget allocation committee surveyed, discussed, and researched various allocation systems, methods, and processes to develop a new system.

Section IV. That, Exhibit A seeks to create a more transparent and equitable annual allocation process.

Section VII. Therefore, be it enacted that the 11th General Assembly amend the “The Rules and Procedures of Finance” as written in Exhibit A.
A BILL

To amend the constitution to create the office of the treasurer

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I. That, the separation of duties is an important concept in the operation of government.

Section II. That, currently all fiduciary duties are currently vested in the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee.

Section III. That, proper separation of duties would call for division of certain duties to promote transparency and responsibility.

Section IV. That, Exhibit B creates an office of the treasurer and amend the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee’s duties to create proper separation of duties.

Section VII. Therefore, be it resolved that the 11th General Assembly add Section III to Article III and paragraph C of Article V, Section VII as outlined in Exhibit B to create an office of the treasurer.
A BILL

To fund a portion of CUSNA in assisting them in funding Kick-off-Party for the Spring Semester.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I: That, Capital University Student Nurses’ Association (CUSNA) has requested funding from Student Government to fund Kick-off-Party for the Spring Semester on January 19, 2011.

Section II: That the CUSNA will bring together the Nursing department closer together.

Section III: That, the total cost of the conference will be $100.00.

Section IV: That, the $100.00 cost will include ice cream from Krogers.

Section V: That, CUSNA will pay the remainder of any cost not approved by funding from their budget.

Section VI: That, CUSNA has requested $100.00 in funding for Kick-off-Party for the Spring Semester on January 19, 2011.


Section VIII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 11th General Assembly allocate up to $100.00 for assisting CUSNA Kick-off-Party for the Spring Semester on January 19, 2011.
A BILL

To fund a portion of PRIDE in assisting them in funding Safe Spaces Training.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I: That, PRIDE has requested funding from Student Government to fund Safe Spaces Training from February to March 2011.

Section II: That the PRIDE will educated students and improve Capital University as a whole.

Section III: That, the total cost of the conference will be $1000.00.

Section IV: That, the $1000.00 cost will include printing from Kinkos $550, Stickers $150, and Snacks during Training $300.

Section V: That, PRIDE will pay the remainder of any cost not approved by funding from their budget.

Section VI: That, PRIDE has requested $1000.00 in funding for Safe Spaces Training from February to March 2011.

Section VII: The Finance Planning/Development has proposed funding PRIDE Safe Spaces Training for $1000.00 due to guidelines and precedent.

Section VIII: Therefore, be it enacted that the 11th General Assembly allocate up to $1000.00 for assisting PRIDE for funding Safe Spaces Training from February to March 2011.
A BILL

To fund a portion of Student Alumni Club in assisting them in hosting an Etiquette Dinner.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I: That, Student Alumni Club has requested funding from Student Government to host an Etiquette Dinner on March 22, 2011.

Section II: That, Student Alumni Club will bring all students together to learn how to properly eat and conduct themselves in a formal dinner setting, this event will be open to all campus and will be held on site here at Capital University.

Section III: That, the total cost of the conference will be $1200.00.

Section IV: That, the $1200.00 cost will include $15.00 per person for the dinner and they are estimating about 80 students attending.

Section V: That, Student Alumni Club will pay the remainder of any cost not approved by funding from their budget.

Section VI: That, Student Alumni Club has requested $600.00 in funding for the Etiquette Dinner on March 22, 2011.

Section VII: The Finance Planning/Development has proposed funding Student Alumni Club Etiquette Dinner for $600.00 due to guidelines and precedent.

Section VIII: Therefore, be it enacted that the 11th General Assembly allocate up to $600.00 for assisting, Student Alumni Club for the Etiquette Dinner on March 22, 2011.
A RESOLUTION

To permit to the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee to assist PRIDE with the registration cost for the MBLGTACC Annual Conference

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

Section I: Whereas, PRIDE has requested funding from Student Government to cover registration cost for the MBLGTACC Annual Conference on February 25, 2011, and;

Section II: Whereas, PRIDE would like to go to this conference and make connections and bring back new ideas to better Capital University as a whole, and;

Section III: Whereas, the total cost of the conference will be $685.00, and;

Section IV: Whereas, the $685.00 cost will include registrations fees $325 and lodging cost $360, and;

Section V: Whereas, PRIDE will pay the remainder of any cost not approved by funding from their budget, and;

Section VI: Whereas, PRIDE has requested $685.00 in funding for the funding Safe Spaces Training from February to March 2011, and;

Section VII: Whereas, Finance Planning/Development has proposed funding PRIDE MBLGTACC Annual Conference for $325.00 due to guidelines and precedent, and;

Section VIII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 11th General Assembly permit the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee to fund up to $325.00 for assisting PRIDE for MBLGTACC Annual Conference on February 25, 2011.
A BILL

To fund amend the constitution to formally add a GPA requirement.

Section I. That, the Senate election form that every Senator signs before running for Senate states “All candidates must be undergraduate students of Capital University or its related programs in good academic standing. Students must be enrolled maintaining an overall GPA of 2.5 each semester and not be on any kind of academic probation.”

Section II. That, it has been precedent to enforce the GPA rule set forth by the election form.

Section III. That, the constitution does not currently say anything regarding the GPA of Senators.

Section IV. That, the grades of Senators will be checked at the beginning of each semester by the Director of Student Activities to ensure that everyone meets the GPA requirement.

Section V. That, the GPA of Senators will be kept confidential, and no one but the advisor will see them.

Section VI. Therefore, be it resolved by the 11th General Assembly that the Constitution of the Capital University Student Government be revised to add to the Bylaws Article VI, Section I, “All Senators must maintain an overall GPA of 2.5 each semester and not be on any kind of academic probation.”
Article I. Authority
1. The Senate shall approve a Budget Bill by the second meeting in April with Robert’s Rules of Order. The incoming Student Government (SG) President (President) shall author it, and the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee (Finance Committee) shall review the Budget Bill before it is presented to the Senate for voting. The Budget Bill shall set up the accounts listed in Article II.
2. Any money transfers between Student Government funds or changes to the budget require approval of the Senate through an amendment to the Budget Bill with a majority vote.
3. The Chief Student Fiduciary Officer shall be the sole presider in recording and authorizing all financial transactions involving SG Funds.
4. The Judiciary Committee reserves the jurisdiction to investigate any misconduct involving the Student Government Budget.

Article II. Funds
1. There shall be eight funds established by Student Government: Joint Purchases, Compensation, Executive Branch, General, Annual Appropriation, Speaker’s Office, and Finance Committee.
   a. The President and the Speaker shall only exhaust the Joint Purchases fund in collective agreement.
      i. The Joint Purchases fund may be used for any purchases deemed necessary for the advancement of Student Government or the student body.
      ii. The Elections Committee may request permission from the Speaker and President to access this fund for elections expenses.
      iii. The Joint Purchases fund may be used to fund student organizations with the following stipulations:
           1. Funding may not exceed $500 at one time.
           2. The President/Speaker and any other Student Government Fund may not collectively fund any organization more than $1,000 without Senate approval.
   b. The Compensation Fund shall be exhausted by the Finance Committee and shall only be used for the stipends of those Student Government members who are issued stipends in the Budget Bill.
   c. The President, Vice President, or Executive Cabinet members shall only exhaust the Executive Branch Fund, with written permission from the President.
      i. The Executive Branch fund may be used for any purchases deemed necessary for the advancement of Student Government or the student body as the Executive Branch sees fit.
ii. The Executive Branch fund may fund student organizations with the following stipulations:
   1. Funding may not exceed $500 at one time for organizations.
   2. The Executive Branch and any other Student Government Fund may not collectively fund any organization more than $1,000 without Senate notification.

d. The Senate shall exhaust the General Fund only by written legislation passed by Roberts Rules of Orders and the Student Government Constitution, Rules, and Bylaws.
   i. The Finance Committee shall author bills on behalf of student organizations when requesting more than $500 at one time or when requesting money which when added to previous amounts received from any Student Government Fund is more than $1,000.
   ii. Other Senate Committees with the cooperation of the Finance Committee may author bills when requesting any amount of money for Student Government sponsored events.

e. The Annual Appropriation Fund shall be exhausted only by the Appropriation Committee with the consent of the majority approval of the Senate.
   i. This fund may only be used to fund expenditures under the Annual Appropriation Process.
   ii. The Appropriation Committee shall author bills on behalf of the respective organizations.
   iii. All Funds remaining after all initial allocation shall be reverted to the general fund.

f. The Speaker shall only exhaust the Speaker’s Fund.
   i. The Speaker fund may be used for any purchases deemed necessary for the advancement of Student Government or the student body as the Speaker sees fit.
   ii. The Speaker fund may fund student organizations with the following stipulations:
       1. Funding may not exceed $500 at one time.
       2. The Speaker and any other Student Government Fund may not collectively fund any organization more than $1,000 without Senate approval.

g. The Leadership of Student Government, being the President, Vice-President, Speaker, Clerk, and Floor Leader, on materials for the office, shall exhaust the Office Fund.

h. The members of the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee shall exhaust the Finance Committee Fund.
   i. The Finance Committee Fund may only be allocated to student organizations.
   ii. The Finance Committee Fund and any other Student Government Fund may not collectively fund any organization more than $1,000 without Senate approval.

Article III. A Finance Process

1. Purpose
   Approved student organizations and Student Government committees have a right to request funds from Student Government. The Finance, Planning, and
Development Committee of Student Government shall oversee the entire funding process for student organizations and Student Government committees. The Student Government Fiduciary Advisor shall sign off on all transfers and requisitions. The Dean of Students shall be required to review and sign off on all special allocations above $1,000.

2. Process for Approved Student Organizations
   a. Annual Appropriations
      i. Application
         a. Applications for the next academic year shall be made available by March 1st of the preceding academic year through the student government website, student organization leaders and advisors email list, and various seminars.
         b. The Application shall be designed by the Appropriation Committee with the following content:
            i. Estimated time period of event
            ii. Event budgets
            iii. Detailed description of a proposed event
            iv. Priority of requested events
            v. Other sources of funding
            vi. Other information as needed
            vii. Advisor signature
         c. All forms shall be due to the allocation committee by April 1 of the preceding academic year.
         d. In the event an application is turned in after April 1, the Appropriation Committee shall determine a certain percentage to be deducted from the general guideline funding level.

      ii. Allocation Committee
         a. The allocation committee shall be comprised of the following:
            i. Three (3) member from the Finance Committee
            ii. Three (3) members from the Student Activities Committee
            iii. One (1) member from each of the remaining standing committees
         b. The Chairperson of the Finance Committee shall chair the Committee.
         c. Each respective committee shall select their representative at the annual organization meeting.

      iii. Hearing Process
         a. Upon returning a properly filled out application an organization representative shall have the opportunity to sign up for a time slot to discuss the organization’s application.
         b. The hearings shall take place on the next two consecutive Saturdays following April 1st, unless the Appropriations committee recommends otherwise.
         c. Each organization shall be allotted the same amount of time.
d. The time shall be comprised of an opening and closing statement with questions in between.

iv. Criteria
   a. Each individual activity shall be scored by each committee member on a scale of 1-5
   b. The highest and lowest score for each event shall be removed
   c. The remaining seven scores shall be averaged and ranked accordingly.
   d. Each of the following criteria shall be evaluated by every member of the allocations committee:
      i. Campus Impact - the number of students reasonably expected to be involved in the proposed activity and the number of persons reasonably expected to benefit, as well as the nature of the expected impact or general benefit to the campus or community as a whole.
      ii. Priority - the importance of the activity to an organization, campus, and or Student Government’s and Capital University’s goal and mission.
      iii. Cost effectiveness - the comparison of cost versus the impact gained from an activity.
   e. Additional points shall be provided for activities sponsored and supported by multiple recognized student organizations.

v. Allocation determination
   a. All activities shall be considered in order of scoring.
   b. All activities shall be funded at the lower of either guidelines or organization request, unless the allocation committee otherwise exercises due diligence.
   c. In the event an allocation committee exercise due diligence, the allocation committee must write an explanation for such recommended funding levels.
   d. The Allocation Committee shall distribute funding based on an activity per activity basis with a focus on whole student organization funding levels.
   e. All recommendations shall be divided into major and minor expenditures.
      i. An activity receiving a funding recommendation above $750.00.

vi. Senate Approval
   a. The allocation process shall be divided into three separate pieces of legislation
      i. Summer and beginning of school year funding allocation
      ii. Minor allocations
      iii. Major allocations
   b. The summer and beginning of school year funding shall be approved for activities approved for funding from July 1 to September 30. The Senate prior to the end of the preceding academic year must approve this funding.
c. The minor allocation and major allocation shall be activities approved for funding from October 1 to June 30. The Senate shall approve funding for these activities no later than September 30th.

d. All allocation recommendations shall be published one-week minimum in advance of recommendation for passage. During that one-week period all applications and information shall be made available for review.

e. The minor allocation and major allocation shall be required to have two readings. The timing between the two meetings shall account for the review period mention in section d.

f. All changes to the funding levels shall follow Roberts Rules of Orders and other regulations as affirmed in Student Government constitution and bylaws.

vii. Reporting
   a. All approved activities shall be required to report on all student government allocations, an organization must report:
      i. Community/Campus participation
      ii. Total revenue from event (if admission is charged to defray cost)
      iii. Itemized list of expenditures, along with receipt or a signed affidavit by the organization’s advisor to confirm such expenditures
   b. If an organization fails to report for an activity, they shall be subject to a fine of an amount determined by the budget allocation committee.

b. Special Appropriation
   i. The organization shall submit an application developed by the Finance Committee with the same criteria as outlined in the Annual Allocation Process.
   ii. The Finance Committee shall hold a hearing with an organization representative present to determine the merits of the additional funding.
   iii. The Finance Committee shall use the same criteria and guidelines used in the annual appropriation process; this shall extend to be specific criteria, allocation determination formula, and reporting.
   iv. If the amount requested and recommended by the Finance Committee is below $500.00, the Finance committee will be able to allocate moneys from the Finance, Planning, and Development Fund.
   v. If the amount requested and recommended by the Finance Committee is above $500.00, the Senate will be able to allocate funds from the General Fund.
   vi. The Finance committee chairman shall oversee the disbursement of the funds on a reimbursement basis, unless the Finance committee approves a waiver.

3. Process for Student Government Funding
   a. A Senator and or a Senate Committee shall make a written request to the Finance Committee to allocate funds to their objective.
   b. Funds may be allocated from the General Fund if approved by the Senate.
   c. The Finance committee chairman shall transfer funds upon approval.
Article IV: Expenditure Regulation

1. In general, any item or service purchased with allocated student government funds that benefits an individual directly or is not retained by the University for the benefit of other students is prohibited including but not limited to:
   a. Fundraising that benefits the organization and/or direct donations
   b. Scholarships/ Loans
   c. Political candidates for campus or public office
   d. Any type of alcoholic beverage
   e. Expenditures for activities/ events that are not within the mission, policies, and/or values of the University
   f. Travel fees for study abroad, and service learning
   g. Membership dues for any student organization
   h. Student organization debts and loans

2. Competition and conference costs, including, but not limited registration, hotel, and travel shall be permitted. However, the amount of funding for these activities shall be set during the annual appropriation process. The Appropriation Committee shall set a per person and per activity funding formula based on the demand for funding and the amount of funding committed to the such events. Furthermore, such activities must follow the travel guidelines as established by Capital University.

3. SG shall not fund food for activities unless deemed essential for completion of the event.

4. T-Shirts and other articles clothing are not funded unless directly approved by the allocation committee or finance committee, unless the university retains the articles.

5. In general the respective committees will recommend the following for
   a. 100% of allowable cost for community service activities
   b. 90% of allowable cost for open campus activities
   c. 75% of allowable cost for closed campus activities
   d. 50% of allowable cost for conferences and competitions

6. The Appropriation committee and Finance Committee have the authority to recommend further guidelines and define concepts as necessary with approval of the majority of the Senate.

Article IV. Amendments

1. Amendments may be made to these Rules and Procedures of Finance at any point with a 2/3 vote of the Senate.
EXHIBIT B

ADD

Article III, Section III Treasurer

All student fiduciary duties shall rest with an independent Student Government Treasurer.

A. Appointment and removal
   1. The treasurer shall be nominated by the student government president and confirmed by a 2/3 vote of Student Senate.
   2. In the event the treasurer fails to adequately perform and or fulfill duties as outlined paragraph B the Judiciary Committee will have the jurisdiction to investigate any claims, in the event the committee recommends removal an impeachment trial shall occur in the event the treasurer does not resign prior.

B. Duties
   1. Record, maintain, and prepare paperwork for all transactions.
   2. Act as the Chief Student Fiduciary Officer.
   3. Assist in the development of financial policies.
   4. Oversee and review implementation of approved financial policies
   5. Assist in budget preparation.
   6. Prepare an annual budget outlook and request for the following academic year by November 1 of the preceding year.
   7. To prepare and present end of the year financial statements to the Committee on Finance, Planning and Development
   8. Other duties as necessary to carryout the job of the treasurer.

C. Deputy Treasurers
   1. The treasurer may appoint up to two deputy treasurers to assist in carrying out the specified duties.

AMEND

Article V, Section VII

C. Duties
1. To address concerns or changes regarding modifications to the Student Handbook.
2. To monitor and ensure the proper use of funds appropriated to the Senate and Executive Branch, and student organizations.
3. To monitor and make recommendations in regard to the use of tuition funds by the administration.
4. To address all other financial concerns of the Senate.
5. To assist in the development of long-term plans in regard to the university.
6. To monitor construction and renovation projects taking place on University owned properties.
7. To ensure that no funds are exhausted without the passage and implementation of a budget.
8. Reconcile the fund balances monthly on the treasurer’s record and Capital University.