

Senate Agenda

GSBA Senate

Monday, September 21, 2015

- I. Prayer
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approve Minutes
- IV. Adopt Agenda
- V. Open Forum
- VI. University/Executive Report
 - A. President
 - Maggie met with Andrea Kelly of visit Spokane to potentially coordinate activities for students. Still in the works.
 - This is Peachy Kay's last year at Gonzaga. There is discussion going on about ways to send her off (ceramics club making a peach, making cards, etc.)
 - We have received the alcohol survey back from baseline
 - B. Director of Clubs and Orgs
 - Interest sheet passed around for the new club committee openings, first meeting October 14th- time to be determined. Two senators are needed.
 - C. Speaker of the Senate
 - Met with Libby Skyles today from the health office. She will be coming in to present on the holistic view of health on campus.
 - Met with Professor Dodd, in charge of teaching how professors teach. Discussing a potential dead week. He is also interested in having a student group that facilitates teaching reviews.
 - D. Advisor
 - Students can receive co curricular or academic credit for some school groups.
 - Spike nights are being pushed, as well as other weekend activities
- VII. New Business
 - 24 hour computer lab
 - A senator has heard complaints form three or four people that the computer lab that used to be in Foley is no longer available, so when computer malfunctions happen late at night there is not access to a resource for help.
 - It may also be helpful to have one in Jepson because the labs lock around five, when some students are still in class
 - The finance office should also be open for students. It currently locks at 8.
 - The language lab (college hall 325) may be an alternative space for an open lab.

- It is important to ensure that students who should have access to certain labs, actually have access through their scan cards.
- The library may not be an ideal space because it is so large- they may need a lab room.
- Location is an important aspect to think of for students to meet centrally. College hall was proposed as a central meeting place.
- If college hall is not an option, it may be a possibility to open one in Jepson and on the other side of campus in order to cater to all sides of campus.
- There may be a need for the library to be open later than 2 am so that students can study longer. This could open a student position for an administrative role to keep the library open.
- ash trays around hemmingson
 - One of the senator's friend smokes and throws her cigarettes on the ground since there are not ashtrays. It may be nice to have ashtrays for students to use so that there is not debris on the ground.
 - It may be nice to have sectioned off spaces for smoking. One senator works at Spokane Community College and they utilize special "booths" for this.
- A. Healthy Campus 2020
 - This is a certification that college campuses receive through meeting certain goals. Gonzaga will have to become a smoke free campus in order to achieve this certification. Gonzaga will be smoke free by 2020.
 - What is the definition for "smoke free?" It may vary from different view points. Designated smoking spots would be off campus.
 - Alex met with Schoenburg and was told that if international students were told not to smoke, then they would not smoke. This was in response to the concern that international students may feel victimized.
 - Many students on campus are very healthy. One senator believes that it may not be hard for students to embrace this initiative.
 - One senator made the point that a smoker will smoke regardless of the school initiative. There are a lot of underlying issues with smoking in order to eradicate it from campus. However, having a smoke free campus may also help smokers quit smoking, but students should not feel ostracized if they do smoke.
 - Tobacco free may be the best option, according to one senator
 - One senator believes that campus should be entirely smoke free(including e-cigs) because students are not choosing to inhale their second hand smoke.
 - This initiative could potentially alienate smokers and make them feel that they need to leave campus. We should potentially be worried about this.
 - One senator believes that we should push the awareness that some students cannot tolerate smoke of any kind for health reasons such as asthma.
 - We could more strictly enforce the 25-feet away from campus rule. Some community colleges issue small fines for students who break this rule.

- Designated smoking spots could still be allowed in the initiative towards becoming smoke free.
- For international students, our smoking policies should be laid out in their application so that they are aware.
- The issue at hand may be how people who smoke or use tobacco may interpret the initiative. If it is explained and implemented well, it shouldn't be an issue.
- A high percentage of college campuses are smoke free or are on their way. Campuses often receive federal funding that is sometimes tied to being smoke free.
- This initiative can be transitional- it does not have to be cold turkey.

B. Dead Week?

- Various majors have different experiences during finals week. Some are more exam based while others are more essay based. There is not yet a formal review process in our academic system.
- We should have a modified dead week. It would mean that you could not have an assignment worth more than 15 percent of your grade due the last week of school. This could also be an important aspect of mental health in healthy campus 2020.
- The last week of the semester could end on Wednesday, giving us a 5 day weekend if the Monday of finals week is still off.
- There should be absolutely no new information shown the week before finals week.
- It should not be required for a class to meet during finals week if it is not necessary.
- The last class day could be a formal review day.
- Instead of cutting down class days during the last week, we could make them review days that look like an open forum.
- If we make restrictions on when professors can give new material, they may shift all of the assignments back by a few days and cram the week before.
- One senator believes that class should be required the week before finals in order to curb student's partying or not showing up during review sessions.
- Gonzaga used to have a dead week, GSBA chose to eradicate it recently. Read the legislation, Articles and other information in the Senate files.

VIII. Announcements

- We will be tabling for voting. There are some open seats for senator. Write in campaigns are not done yet.

IX. Adjournment