

AGENDA

The Student Senate of Capital University

Karrie Rench, Speaker

Tuesday, November 10, 2009

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
 - October 27, 2009 Meeting
7. Committee Reports
8. New Business
9. Senate Announcements
10. Clerk's Remarks – *Amber Slezak*
11. President's Remarks – *Ross Goldsmith*
12. Advisor's Remarks – *Dale Mittler, Senior Advisor*
13. Speaker's Remarks – *Karrie Rench*
14. Adjournment

OFFICIAL DOCKET OF THE SENATE
The Student Senate of Capital University
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1. Senate Bill #109
Author: Hilinski
Co-Sponsors: Cooper, Slezak
To reimburse the Environmental Service Organization for Earthweek activities.

2. Senate Bill #110
Author: Hilinski
Co-Sponsors: Cooper, Slezak
To fund a portion of the Alternative Spring Break trip to Atlanta, Georgia for students at Capital University.

3. Senate Bill #111 – with Appendixes A & B
Author: Slezak
Co-Sponsors: Cooper, Hilinski
To fund a portion of the Biology Department's, Nursing Department's, and Spanish Department's trip to Yorkin, Costa Rica and Kuna Yala, Panama.

4. Senate Bill #112
Author: Custer
Co-Sponsors: Helms, Hirschfeld
To allocate funds to the Educational Support Subcommittee for the purchase of pizza for the Capital University Blackmore Library on December 14, 2009.

**Author: Hilinski
Co-Sponsors: Cooper, Slezak**

A BILL

To reimburse the Environmental Service Organization for Earthweek activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I: That, the Environmental Service Organization (ESO) was awarded \$499.00 by the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee of the 9th General Assembly; and
- Section II: That, \$499.00 was never transferred from the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee of the 9th General Assembly to ESO; and
- Section III: That, ESO used at-hand funds to purchase supplies for their Earthweek events on 4/21/09 and 4/24/09; and
- Section IV: That, ESO has had a negative balance at the beginning of the 2009-2010 academic year according to the Capital University Finance Office; and
- Section V: That, ESO seeks to receive their awarded funds of \$499.00 from the 2008-2009 academic year; and
- Section VI: That, the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee of the 10th General Assembly recommends reimbursement come from the 10th General Assembly's General Fund in order to preserve the Finance, Planning, and Development Committee's funds for 2009-2010 student organizations' requests; and
- Section VII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 10th General Assembly allocate up to \$499.00 for reimbursement to the Environmental Service Organization.

Sponsor: Hilinski
Co-Sponsor: Cooper, Slezak

A BILL

To fund a portion of the Alternative Spring Break trip to Atlanta, Georgia for students at Capital University.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I: That, Community Service & Leadership Development (CSLD) has requested funding from Student Government's 10th General Assembly for Alternative Spring Break in Atlanta, Georgia; and
- Section II: That, Capateers, a student organization, is co-sponsoring the trip; and
- Section III: That, 16 students are participating in Alternative Spring Break; and
- Section IV: That, the purpose of the trip is to enrich students culturally, while giving back to underserved communities in Atlanta; and
- Section V: That, trip participants can take what they learned from the trip and share it with the Capital University Community; and
- Section VI: That, the entire cost of the trip is \$4,860.00; and
- Section VII: That, CSLD has contributed \$1,000.00 to the trip; and
- Section VIII: That, \$300.00 is the current cost per person; and
- Section IX: That, CSLD is seeking \$2,000.00 of assistance from Student Government; and
- Section X: That, \$2,000.00 of aid is equivalent to \$125.00 per person; and
- Section XII: That, \$2,000.00 of aid would bring the cost per person to \$112.50; and

Section XIII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 10th General Assembly allocate up to \$2,000.00 for assisting CSLD for Alternative Spring Break in Atlanta, Georgia.

Sponsor: Slezak
Co-Sponsor: Cooper, Hilinski

A BILL

To fund a portion of the Biology Department's, Nursing Department's, and Spanish Department's trip to Yorkin, Costa Rica and Kuna Yala, Panama.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I: That, Beta Beta Beta Xi Tau Chapter has requested funding from Student Government's 10th General Assembly for the service learning trip to Yorkin, Costa Rica and Kuna Yala, Panama.
- Section II: That, Beta Beta Beta Xi Tau Chapter, the National Biological Honor Society, will evenly distribute funds to the students traveling to Yorkin, Costa Rica and Kuna Yala, Panama; and
- Section III: That, 23 students and 5 faculty are participating in the service learning trip; and
- Section IV: That, the trip is at maximum capacity with 8 individuals on a waiting list, should a spot open; and
- Section V: That, the purpose of the trip is to conduct research, operate free clinics, service the communities, and allow for cultural enrichment; and
- Section VI: That, students can present their research from the trip at Capital University's Undergraduate Symposium or other venues; and
- Section VII: That, students will gain valuable work experience from the free clinics; and
- Section VIII: That, students can take away cultural experiences learned from the trip and share them with the Capital University Community; and
- Section IX: That, the entire cost of the trip is \$38,525.00 which is \$1,675.00 per person; and

Section X: That, Beta Beta Beta Xi Tau Chapter is seeking \$3,450.00 of assistance from Student Government; and

Section XI: That, \$3,450.00 of aid is equivalent to \$150.00 per person; and

Section XII: That, \$3,450.00 of aid would bring the cost per person to \$1,525.00; and

Section XIII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 10th General Assembly allocate up to \$3,450.00 for assisting students traveling to Yorkin, Costa Rica and Kuna Yala, Panama.

**Author: Custer
Co-Sponsors: Helms, Hirschfeld**

A BILL

To allocate funds to the Educational Support Subcommittee for the purchase of pizza for the Capital University Blackmore Library on December 14, 2009.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section 1. That the 10th General Assembly Constitution states the purpose of the Educational Support Subcommittee is: “To increase and improve the level of educational support services available to students”; and
- Section 2. That the 10th General Assembly Constitution states one of the duties of the Educational Support Subcommittee is: “To make recommendations in regard to the library, counseling center, technology, and tutoring students”;
- Section 3. That on December 13, the Blackmore Library will be serving pizza to encourage students to study in the library and utilize its resources; and
- Section 4. That all of the Capital University body is welcome to attend; and
- Section 5. That the potential volume of people attending the event outnumber the funds allocated by the library for the purchase of pizza; and
- Section 6. That Student Government members are encouraged to attend and help serve the pizza; and
- Section 7. That Student Government and the Blackmore Library have established a tradition of co-sponsorship for exam treats each semester since Spring 2007 and each event has been successful; and
- Section 8. That \$500.00 be allocated for the purchase of pizza; and

Section. 9. That funds not exhausted by December 31, 2009 will be reverted back into the general fund; and

Section 10. Be it enacted by Student Government that \$500.00 is allocated to the Educational Support Committee for the purpose of purchasing pizza for exam treats at the Blackmore Library.

APPENDIX A

Respetado Profesor:

En los días en que Ud. visitó a nuestra comunidad de Ustupu, junto con los 20 estudiantes, sin lugar a dudas Ud. habrá notado la falta de servicios sanitarios y eso nos indujo a solicitarle si tiene posibilidad de apoyarnos con la instalación de esos menesteres. Con la confianza depositada en su persona, nos quedamos con la presente inquietud, para resolverlos con su desinteresada ayuda.

Tambien quedan incluidas, atención al Comedor Infantil y a la agroforestal... Con ésta saludamos a todos Uds. que llegaron a visitarnos últimamente. Gracias Ud., servidores,


DECIO MARTINEZ
sapin Dummad


LONY EDMAN
sayla de Ustupu


MARIANO DAVIS MARTINEZ
secretario de Ustupu

Translation:

Respected professor, (Dr. Alan Stam)

In the days that you visited our community in Ustupu, along with the 20 students, without a doubt you will have noticed our lack of sanitary (toilet) facilities. This prompted us to ask you about the possibility of supporting us in the installation of these needed services. Placing our trust in you, we remain with the concern to resolve this problem with your interest and help.

Also, other things that remain as concerns for us, include dining area for the children and the forests.

With this, we greet all of you.

May you come visit us again very soon.

Thank you.

In His (God's) service,

APPENDIX B

Projects Planned for the upcoming trip to Costa Rica and Panama.

Water Quality Assessment

A qualitative water quality assessment of drinking water is planned for both the village of Yorkin, Costa Rica and the Island of Ustupu in Panama. Tests will be conducted for Total Dissolved Solids, pH to determine if the water is outside of the acceptable ranges set forth by the United States EPA, and the presence of Faecal coliforms and *E. Coli* water quality indicator species. Additional tests for Nitrate and phosphate concentrations are being reviewed for implementation.

Topographical Maps

The students will develop a topographical map of Yorkin and Ustupu to predict the impacts of future flood events. Yorkin is sited next to a river that recently had a major flood event, and Ustupu is an island which, at its reported highest elevation, is only 16 feet above sea level. A topographical map of Yorkin will allow the community to predict and plan for future flooding events, and a topographical map of Ustupu has large applications for the island community based upon projected sea level rise in the long term future of the island.

Composting

In Ustupu, Panama, a composting demonstration for children at the Kuna school with handouts on how to make and operate a compost system is currently being developed. Compost is simply decaying organic matter that has the potential to improve agricultural yields of home gardens which the populous island is dependent upon to supplement their food resources and incomes. The project will instruct the Kuna on how to use native materials present in the community to construct the devices, facilitate the process of decomposition, and how to most effectively use the composted material.

Cultural Experiences and Exchanges

Job Shadowing

Through contact with Félix Lopez, the native Kuna guide for the group, a day of learning and experiencing daily life of both a Kuna man and woman has been arranged.

Language

The Kuna language is a viable language spoken by a significant portion of the Kuna people, but with only an estimated 90,000 remaining speakers it has become an endangered language. The Kuna language is primarily used in homes as the family's first language, but when the children are sent to grade school they learn Spanish. Even in the later years of education the children have instruction in English. Spanish is the only language used in official communications between the Kuna government and the Panamanian authorities; as a result the culture is shifting towards the increased use of Spanish in their daily lives. In part of the effort to preserve the Kuna language, a glossary of English – Spanish – Kuna words is being compiled from historical texts, and communications with the group's guide; Félix Lopez. This will allow the language to be better understood and studied, which may generate interest in the preservation of the Kuna language.