

AGENDA

The Student Senate of Capital University

Karrie Rench, Speaker

Tuesday, November 17, 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
 - November 11, 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
Tuesday, November 17, 2009

1. Senate Resolution #103
Author: Cooper
Co-Sponsors: Hilinski, Slezak
To show the student body's appreciation to the Capital University Administration for the campus improvements, and the wish to work with the administration in selection of future projects.

2. Senate Resolution #104
Author: DeChellis
Co-Sponsors: Dent, Morrison
To encourage the Administration of Capital University to implement a 24-hour study space for students to utilize during finals week.

3. Senate Bill #113 – Appendix A
Author: Custer
Co-Sponsors: Lugar, Botkin
To reallocate funds from the Executive Branch to the General Fund in accordance with the 9th General Assembly's Resolution 114.

4. Senate Bill #114
Author: Slezak
Co-Sponsors: Cooper, Rench
To fund a portion of University Programming and Student Government's Spring Concert.

5. Senate Bill #115
Author: Helms
Co-Sponsors: Custer, Botkin, Cooper, Lugar
To reallocate funds from "Compensation" to "Finance, Planning, and Development."

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

A RESOLUTION

To show the student body's appreciation to the Capital University Administration for the campus improvements, and the wish to work with the administration in selection of future projects.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY

- Section I: Whereas the administration of Capital University has been proactive in investing in the infrastructure and educational environment on the Main Campus of Capital University, and;
- Section II: Whereas the administration worked with the staff and faculty to identify possible projects in the fall of 2008, and;
- Section III: Whereas once the projects were rationally analyzed and a final list was developed, the administration worked with the student body to hammer out the final details of individual projects, and;
- Section IV: Whereas a list of these projects include improvements in a wide range of areas, including: lab improvements and renovations in Battelle Hall, improvements to the Blackmore library, renovation of the mezzanine and restrooms in the Campus Center, and;
- Section V: Whereas more projects include: purchase of washers and dryers for the Capital Commons, renovation of Cotterman Hall, security improvements to Huber-Spielman, integration of university copiers and printers, transformation of Otto Meyers Service Center into the Admission Center, security and safety improvements to campus as a whole, and other minor improvements, and;
- Section VI: Whereas several departments were involved in executing the renovations on campus over the summer, specifically Facilities Management and Information Technology, and;

Section VII: Whereas the improvements have lowered the average age of the facilities on the campus, and it is at the lowest point it has been in recent history, and;

Section VIII: Whereas the student body is appreciative of the current improvements and wishes to continue to work with the administration in selection of future projects, and;

Section IX: Therefore, be it resolved by the 10th General Assembly to show the student body's appreciation to the Capital University Administration for the campus improvements, and the wish to work with the administration in selection of future projects.

**Author: DeChellis
Co-Sponsors: Dent, Morrison**

A RESOLUTION

To encourage the Administration of Capital University to implement a 24-hour study space for students to utilize during finals week.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I. Whereas, Capital University's Blackmore Library is currently open until midnight, 12 A.M., Monday through Thursday, until 6 P.M. on Friday, until 5 P.M. on Saturday, and until 11 P.M. on Sundays throughout the semester, including finals week and;
- Section II. Whereas, Capital University opens the Cru Club until 2 A.M. for a few nights before finals and;
- Section III. Whereas, the main function of a library is for educational purposes including research, studying, and furthering intellectual inquiries and;
- Section III. Whereas, the libraries of neighboring schools in the Ohio Athletic Conference have extended library hours during the week of finals and;
- Section IV. Whereas, Blackmore Library can be monitored by work-study students or volunteers and Public Safety and;
- Section V. Whereas, only the first floor of Blackmore Library can remain open after midnight to reduce operating costs and;
- Section VI. Whereas, Capital University Student Government can assist in funding any additional operating costs and;

Section VII. Whereas, Blackmore Library is a central location associated with studying, adequately equipped with necessary studying materials, and is accessible to all students and;

Section VIII. Whereas, Capital University Student Government's Tenth General Assembly would like to encourage the administration of Capital University to implement a 24-hour study space, preferably at Blackmore Library, accessible to the students for the Sunday through either Tuesday or Wednesday of finals week.

Sponsor: Custer
Co-Sponsor: Lugar, Botkin

A BILL

To reallocate funds from the Executive Branch to the General Fund in accordance with the 9th General Assembly's Resolution 114.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section 1. That the 9th General Assembly passed Resolution 114 to support reallocating senatorial and secretarial stipend money to a service learning fund.
- Section 2. That the 10th General Assembly's Bill 100 only partially supports Resolution 114 in that it provides that those stipends be removed.
- Section 3. That to act in accordance with Resolution 114, Senate Bill 100 should have put all funds saved from stipends into a Service Learning Fund.
- Section 4. That while establishing a separate fund or earmarking those funds for service learning isn't possible, those funds are still not currently accessible by the Senate for the potential purpose of supporting service learning trips.
- Section 5. That a total of approximately \$3,350, which was previously used for stipends, was moved to the President's Fund and the Public Relations Fund of the Executive Branch fund in Senate Bill 100.
- Section 6. That the Senate does not have access to Executive Branch funds and therefore, the Senate cannot use that money for the possibility of funding service learning trips.
- Section 7. That the General Fund is the only appropriate fund from where the Senate can access the money.
- Section 8. That \$2,000 from the President's Fund and \$1,350 from the Public Relations Fund be reallocated to the General Fund for any appropriate use by the Senate, including funding service learning trips.

Sponsor: Slezak
Co-Sponsor: Cooper, Rench

A BILL

To fund a portion of University Programming and Student Government's Spring Concert.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I: That, University Programming (UP) and Student Government sponsor a concert during the Spring semester.
- Section II: That, the entire Capital University undergraduate student body can attend the event.
- Section III: That, in order to procure an artist in a timely fashion, funds must be determined before the Fall semester concludes.
- Section IV: That, there are several factors which go into the cost of providing a professional concert to the students (e.g. talent, production, transportation, security, etc.).
- Section V: That, with limited funding, it is difficult for University Programming to provide the funds in their entirety for the concert.
- Section VI: That, the Concert Planning Committee has taken initiative to provide the best experience for students while being financially conscientious (e.g. gaining student input on desired genre of artist, considering multiple locations, etc.)
- Section VII: Therefore, be it resolved that the 10th General Assembly allocate to \$4,000.00 for the costs of the spring concert, sponsored by University Programming and Student Government.

**Author: Helms
Co-Sponsors: Custer, Botkin, Cooper, Lugar**

A BILL

To reallocate funds from "Compensation" to "Finance, Planning, and Development."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section I. That the Executive Branch has failed to establish and train a functioning Judicial Council as described in the 10th General Assembly's Constitution.
- Section II. That according to Senate Bill 100, the Chair shall be paid \$500 per semester and the Vice Chair shall be paid \$250 per semester.
- Section III. That because the Judicial Council and the students currently filling those positions are not yet qualified to carry out their constitutional responsibilities; those individuals shall not be paid for Fall 2009.
- Section IV. That those students shall be paid for Spring 2010 so long as the Judicial Council is fully operational during that semester.
- Section V. That \$750 be transferred from "Compensation" to the "Finance, Planning, and Development" fund so that it may be accessed by the Finance Committee.

APPENDIX A

**The 9th General Assembly
General Session
2008-2009**

Senate Resolution No. 114

Sponsor: Magnani

Co-Sponsors: Pazarentos, Koshinsky, Rench, Fequiere, Willits, J. Cooper, Overmire

A RESOLUTION

Suggesting a new budget structure for the 10th General Assembly.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE STUDENT SENATE OF CAPITAL UNIVERSITY:

- Section 1. Whereas the Student Senate has for the past two years had issues with its budget, and
- Section 2. Whereas the 9th General Assembly has debated heavily whether or not to fund service learning trips, and
- Section 3. Whereas Student Government continues to try to give more back to the Capital Community, and
- Section 4. Whereas Student Government has tried to demonstrate fiscal responsibility to administration and faculty, and
- Section 5. Whereas currently to pay senators and leadership it cost roughly \$8,000, and
- Section 6. Whereas by doing away with senator's stipends, that money could be then allocated to fund only service learning, and
- Section 7. Whereas by reallocating part of the stipend fund the 10th General Assembly could have a large service learning fund to better help the Capital Community, and
- Section 8. Whereas the only students that would remain paid would be the President, Vice President, Speaker, and Clerk, and
- Section 9. Therefore, be it resolved that the Capital University Student Government 9th General Assembly express its support to do away with senators' stipends in the 10th General Assembly and reallocate those funds for service learning trips in the 10th General Assembly.