KALAMAZOO COLLEGE STUDENT COMMISSION
COMMISSION ASSEMBLY AGENDA
Monday, September 15th, 2014 – 9:00 PM – HICKS 111 A/B

(i) Call to Order (Cameron Goodall)
(ii) Roll Call (Emily Sklar)

all present

(iii) Adoption of Agenda

Motion by Jose, Second by Kaylor

(iv) Approval of Minutes

(v) Public Comment

Cam: This is a time for anyone who is present and not an elected member of StuComm to speak and introduce themselves or share why they are present. Three minutes are allotted to each person.

Graham: I’m with the index to record everything, and everything in this meeting is public record, welcome back, index is looking forward to working with you all this fall.

Mojtaba Akhavan Tafti: I’m a senior, I’m here with Courntey and were trying to get StuComm to get involved to get the Michigan department of transportation to do work near the intersection on Academy. We would like to get students to sign a letter that would first thank the department for agreeing to do a study about the intersection, but we haven’t heard anything, so the letter would also ask them to expedite the process and urge them to get something done.

Cam: I will follow up with information for you after this meeting

Courtney Wise: We want more public support at the school for this process and we are looking at funding options

Mojtaba: We’re considering looking to do something about funding for K Fest
Julia: I’m a first year inserted in running
Gerogie: First year interested in running and interested in what was going on
Olivia: my gut told me to come
Skylar: Interested in Running
Elise: First year interested in running
Heather: first year interested in running, interested in seeing what it was like
Brandon: I’m a first year running, vote for me
Mackenzie Norman: I came for the discount cards
Katie: I’m a sophomore. Coupon cards.

Cam: further public comment?

(vi) Executive Reports

(i) President (Cameron Goodall)
(ii) Welcome Back

Cam: Welcome back, I hope the beginning of the quarter has gone well

(i) Committee Assignments
Cam: I’m passed around committee assignments based on conversations this Spring, spots will be filled by first years, if you do not like this assignment or want to be a part of another committee, they are not solid and simply a suggestion.

Melissa: I would like to not be on M&D and open a spot for someone else

Werder: I would like to be on EPC or Ex Ed in some capacity

Amanda: are there limits to those committees?

Cam: There is a limit of two commissioners for both of those committees, and I’d like to leave a spot on EPC

Melissa: I would like to have two other committee chairs with me, so it would be helpful to have the same people on every quarter to gain validation with the administrations.

Amanda: To clarify not really committee chairs but year long positions

Melissa: Correct

Cam: Should there be a freshman on EPC?

Rachel: I think it would be good to have a first year on EPC, but not to bash first years capacity. As a first year on EPC and I didn’t really get it.

Amanda: IT, Student Health, and CoSo don’t have anything. If they’re not filled do we have to have a constitutional amendment.

Cam: There would need to be people on them, there are year long positions, they could be filled by first years. Those positions will need to be filled.

Sam Foran: I’m listed under FPC, but I don’t think I’m on there, I would be happy to be on another committee.

Cam: We’ll take Sam off FPC

Werder: To go back to Rachel’s comment on FPC. I chaired it, as a first year, in the Spring, and by the spring I had the experience to weigh in on things, but I don’t think that first years can in the fall or winter.

Cam: For now i’ll put Werder on there (EPC) when we vote. According to the constitution, the position is quarterly, so there is necessity to considering committee chairs.

Werder: Is community council Skylar and Justin Danzy?

Cam: Yes, there are two commissioners and two non commissioners for the President’s Community Council and SLAC. Non commissioners for president community council are a first year which hasn't been determined and Maria Guzman. Student life advisory has Alison Kennedy and Andrew Kim.

Werder: Mele, it might be worth pushing Dean Westfall to push for
another voice from each (Commissioner and Non Commissioner), I think students tend to get overwhelmed in the room and Dean Westfall would be open to considering another student?

**Mele:** Is there an interest? I Don’t want to pursue it if there is not an interest.

**Werder:** I think historically there has been.

**Cam:** Any more questions or a motion committees?

*Motion for the appointment of committees as follows by Jose, Second by Melissa*

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Cam: Anyone have any issues?

Amanda: Is there a current chair for M&D?

Cam: No, not yet

Werder: There is no chair next to my name am I chair of business?

Cam: If you would like to be.

Werder: I would like that

Cam: We’ll put Werder as chair of Business

Cam: all those in favor

_all in favor, motion passes_

(ii) Retreat Information

Cam: The retreat is scheduled for third week which is October fourth, we will leave Friday evening until Sunday morning or Saturday night. Please consider this time slot if you are running for elections. We will have dinner friday evening and then leave.

(iii) K-Fest

Cam: We need someone at K fest starting at 3:00, if you are able to be there it will be 3:30-7:00 rain or not. There is a sign up sheet going around.

Cam: One more this is that I will be going to the on campus junior meeting wednesday night to see if there are any juniors who would be willing to fill the open junior positions on campus

Cam: Questions?

Jose: Do we know what the set up will be, where we will be at?

Mele: Tables are assigned and they will let us know ahead of time

(iii) Vice President (Rian Brown)

(i) Election Sign-Ups

Rian: Election sign ups. If you are not a candidate you are expected to take a shift. We already have a table reserved and laptops.

(ii) Meet the Candidates

Rian: Elections committee and coms should collaborate to get the information out. It will be tuesday september 23rd at 6:30pm. We’ll figure out more details soon. Welcome back, that is all I have.

(iv) Secretary of Finance (Amanda Johnson)

(i) Discount Cards

Amanda: We approved purchasing discount cards at the end of last year. We will be passing them out at K fest. Ask people what they think. You can go on your smart phone to the App Store and look for College Discounts you can select a college, Kalamazoo
College and there are the same discounts if not more. So tell your friends. 800 cards to give out, but unlimited access to the app.

(ii) Budget Requests
   (i) Kalamazoo Poetry Collective $1,700 approved
   (ii) Student Commission $120 approved
   (iii) EnvOrg, Amnesty International, and POWER $3,303.50 Denied
   (iv) Kalamazoo Photography Club $24 approved

(v) Secretary of Student Affairs (Mele Makalo)

   **Mele:** No report, welcome back

(vi) Secretary of Communications (Skylar Young)

   **Skylar:** I’m sending around a sheet to write your username so that I can update the website

   **Cam:** Questions?

   **Melissa:** There was a thought on getting shirts for athletic events?

   **Skylar:** We are speaking with vendors and its complicated with branding, but we want to look at prices so that it is accessible to many students.

   **Werder:** What is this?

   **Skylar:** Paris wrote on the Facebook page to gain support to bridge a gap between athletes and non athletes, we were going to do it through jersey’s

(vii) Committee Reports

(i) Athletic Committee

   **Kaylor:** setting up a meeting within the next week, also helping out with homecoming and hopefully those jersey’s. There is a meeting for homecoming at 11:30 if anyone wants to go.

   **Emily:** Last year, the general feeling of the commission seemed to be that we did not want to be involved with Homecoming in the same way we have historically been. I have a list of all the events that Kate has planned this week, think about them and consider how you feel the commission should be involved, and let Kaylor know.

   Monday: Extended Caf Hours, games and prizes in the Caf
   Tuesday: Photoboth
   Wednesday: Wind down wednesday spirit swag
   Thursday: Pep rally, similar to what happened last year on the quad, but this time during common time so that faculty, staff, and all the athletes are able to attend.
   Friday: Possibly decorating golf carts that would drive people down to the game, different groups would adopt and decorate a golf cart
   Saturday: The 5k and “Nest Fest” aka a family friendly tailgate.

(ii) Business Committee
Werder: no report
  (iii) Committee on Student Organizations
  (iv) Communications Committee (Skylar Young)
  (v) Constitutional Integrity Committee

Sam: where are we with amendments that we had in the spring?
Cam: It was motioned and approved to go out in the elections, but we haven’t had any work. It would need to be pushed past this election, we need to notify the student body 2 weeks in advance.
Sam: we should look at doing that this quarter.
Werder: Do we need to motion to table?
Cam: we moved it to the fall, so no.

(vi) Educational Policies Committee
(vii) Elections Committee (Rian Brown)
(viii) Experiential Education Committee
(ix) Financial Policies Committee (Amanda Johnson)
(x) Information Services Committee
(xi) Multiculturalism and Diversity Committee
(xii) President’s Community Council
(xiii) Safety and Security Advisory Committee
(xiv) Student Life Advisory Council (Mele Makalo)
(xv) Student Dining Committee
(xvi) Student Health Advisory Committee

(viii) Unfinished Business
Cam: can all the committee chairs arrange times to meet with people this week, if there are any questions please ask later?
Kaylor: Will we have cabinet meetings?
Cam: Well, a lot of our meetings are reporting out, which is in our constitution, but a lot of the time repeating information. We will send them to Emily and then they will be made into a public document. If people are asking questions talk to the committee chairs themselves. The idea is to make the meetings more action based to make decisions. We will polish this up as we go along.

Skylar: So its on the commissioner’s responsibility to ask questions.
Rian: like a budget request, you’re expected to read it and have a decision when you get here

Cam: It will hold commissioners accountable to be more prepared
Amanda: I’m changing the budget request form because there was a lot of trouble with it. It will
be housed on our teamsite. What you all can see is the database of entries instead of me sending you a document. I won't be sending an email with a document, but you will have to log into the website.

**Skylar**: i’m going to teamsite training if anyone else wants to go

**Jose**: If we want to do a budget request do we still have to use the PDF

**Amanda**: the new form is not live, but the stuorg leaders will be notified

(ix)  New Business

**Rachel**: Creating a sustainability committee to increase awareness and get student commission involved in sustainability movements on campus. I felt uncomfortable going about this on my own over the summer because it is interdisciplinary and effects a lot of committees

**Cam**: In the past we’ve used task forces to get things started, the commission changes often. You could create a committee that would be advisors to other committees. The idea this year is, in the past, M&D has been a crutch for the commission, projects have been passed to the committee, but M&D should be implemented by everyone on the commission

**Rachel**: I want it to be reflective of M&D’s structures

**Cam**: If you’re interested in this please talk to Rachel.

**Rian**: If first years are having any problems with elections, e-mail us, don’t let it to be stressful.

**Amanda**: Make sure to put your name on the form when you’re charging stucomm

**Skylar**: Every Sunday night, e-mail me a song and we’re gonna play it so that we can set a good tone into Monday meetings

**Cam**: Music Mondays

(x)   Public Comment

**Graham**: For Amanda, why was Envorg/amnesty denied

**Amanda**: The vote was 4 abstentions, 4 yes, 5 no votes. Anyone want to speak to this?

**Will**: I wanted to know how it gets back to campus. The event is one of the biggest marches in history, most of the amount of this is gas, the number going doesn’t seem to make sense. If we can take that money and put it to the same topic I think we can have a greater impact

**Werder**: I voted against it because I don't feel that it fits what the student activities fee is for. My understanding is that over 40% of the student activities fee was spent off campus, and I don’t think that is what the fee should be used for. It should be used for getting initiatives started on campus. I don’t think by us voting down this additional money we are inhibiting the benefit of event coming back to campus because there is still 14 students going on other budgets. I don’t think that spending this additional money was justified.

**Melissa**: I abstained for a conflict of interest, but I also didn’t feel comfortable voting without being present in discussion.

**Amanda**: I opened budget requests early, because i think the window for action is
already constricted and wanted stuorgs to be able to submit budgets as soon as possible. So that is the reason why I did it. I know it’s not ideal to vote through a google doc. Another thing, about abstentions they are for conflict of interest purposes only, not if you don’t know how to vote.

Werder: We vote for upperclassmen in the spring so that we can vote over the summer

Graham: When will the budget request form will be live?

Amanda: Hopefully at friday for the stuorg leader retreat, but the time is not set yet.

Cam: any other comments?

(x) Good of the Order

Werder: At some point we may want to have a discussion on the vote for the climate march, I would like to know where everyone stands and give their reasons.

Amanda: this one or all?

Werder: This one, because I gave a vote that is indicative of how I will vote in the future, you know that now because I said that. It sounds like its worthy of discussion.

Rian: Would it be good to send in why you voted the way you did, and putting it in a document or do you really just want to talk about it?

Cam: We can develop that later.

Amanda: I did get some written responses that I used to communicate with the stuorgs so that they know why they were denied. We can have ad discussion about it, but I think those stuorgs are okay with the reasoning

Will: Arguments may have swayed my opinions and in the future i think that is important to consider.

Cam: this will not be the normal, but it was necessary for this

(xii) Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by sam, second by Jose

All in favor, motion passes.