

## The Minutes of the Senate



Of the 317<sup>th</sup> Student Assembly of the College of William and Mary,  
Meeting at 7:00pm on 28 April 2009 in Tyler 102,  
Presided by Ryan Ruzic, Vice President of the Student Assembly;  
Chaired by Ben Brown of the Class of 2011,  
with Minutes Recorded by Secretary Brittany Fallon of the Class of 2011

Meeting convenes 7:01 pm.

Secretary Sen. Fallon called the roll; 19 senators present.

### **Reading and Approval of Minutes from 12/2/08**

Sen. Felitto moved to accept the minutes by unanimous consent; PASSED.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **Committee Updates**

- Finance and Budget (Sen. Fallon, Chairperson):
  - Discussed upcoming bills that you will see likely next week as old business
- Public Affairs (Sen. Gillingham, Chairperson):
  - Met twice; once on Thursday to elect Chair & Secretary, Sen. Olszewski.
  - Looked into voting in regards to absentee balloting, will be going out in school wide e-mail today
  - Wrapped-up with two undergrad focus group members
- Student Life (Sen. Manning, Chairperson):
  - Met April 24<sup>th</sup>; had elections, Sen. Manning as chair,
  - Sen. Matini as Executive Health & Safety representative
  - Discussed duplex printing, changing Swem computers
  - Looked at schools we most overlap with to see what their SAs offer in terms of student life
- Policy (Sen. Felitto, Chairperson):
  - Met last Friday, held elections; Sen. Nelson as Secretary
- Outreach (Sen. Olszewski, Chairperson):
  - Met last week, very long effective meeting, including election
  - Sen. Manning as Secretary

### **Executive Updates**

## -Departmental/General Updates

- making appointments this week, finalizing their secretaries; interviews this week
- buying medals for Student Assembly seniors
- Image Awards was a huge success

## -Review of Signed/Vetoed Legislation

- Signed the Medical Amnesty Bill

## Past and Passed Legislation Updates

- SB 316-038 SOS (revised) (Sen. Manning)
  - Asked them to meet in person
- SB 316-071 Printer Reallocation Act (Sen. Manning)
  - Compiling a list
- SB 316-079 Free Planners for Students to Help keep them Organized (Sen. Mullis)
  - Cover came in; very hot!
- SB 316-026 Open Billing Act (Sens. Nelson, Felitto, McClean)
  - Sen. Felitto made some phone calls to Banner to find out who talked to them about that; she'll let us know when she finds out.
- 316-078 CIA Bill (Sen. Olszewski and Manning)
  - Sen. Olszewski says they are still waiting on the final model of the ID to be revealed so they know exactly how many phone numbers will fit.

## Old Business

- **SB 317-005 The Student Outreach Department Act (Sens. Brown and Fallon)**
  - Report on unanimous positive recommendation by Executive Committee Chairman Brown
  - Introduction by Sens. Brown and Fallon
    - Establishes an Executive department of Outreach, to complement the Senate Outreach Committee; will be mainly charged with sending ambassadors to student organizations
    - This bill also dissolves the Agency for Internal Affairs, and instead establishes a joint-committee between the Executive, the Chairman of Senate, the Secretary of Senate, and a Senior member of Senate
  - Public Comment
    - President Rojas: will be responsible for ambassador program, will be contacting organizations to make sure the ambassadors are there.
  - Senate Questions/Comments
    - Sen. McClean: He likes the changes made to the bill while in committee.
    - Sen. Beato: He thinks it mirrors the Executive, which he likes; didn't like it before, but likes it a lot more now. He thought Vice-President Ruzic was very reasonable on this matter.
    - Sen. Beato moves to adopt Sen. McClean's amendments by unanimous consent
    - Sen. Dunleavey moves to accept this bill by unanimous consent.

- PASSES.
- **SB 317-002 Summer Shuttle Service (S3) Act (Sens. Mendoza and Brown)**
  - Report on unanimous positive recommendation by Finance Committee Chairwoman Fallon
    - Made some changes in meeting
  - Introduction by Sens. Mendoza and Brown
    - Sen. Mendoza: modifications- moved the stops from the summer residences to the Sadler Center, as the hub of campus; the spending cap was also bumped up
  - Public Comment
    - Mr. Perkins (honor council): “Why doesn’t this go to New Town?”
      - Sen. Mendoza: We did not want this bill to be used for unnecessary services
    - Assistant Vice-President for Student Affairs Constantine: “Where is this money coming from?”
      - Sen. McClean moves to add the words “from the Consolidated Reserve” under Clause 1 by unanimous consent.
      - PASSED
  - Senate Questions/Comments
    - Sen. Olszewski: She has several problems with this bill; she has walked to all of these places as a freshman. Is this something that grad students will legitimately use?
      - Sen. Gemino: This bill started long before it hit the Senate floor. Many grad schools are worried about getting this service. It will suit a need that is present.
    - Sen. Manning: For the online system, the schedules for rides...how will that work?
      - President Rojas answers to that: they’ve been working with a new system, through WAT
    - Sen. Manning: Is there a plan in place for if the program runs out of funds?
      - Sen. Fallon: The Executive has summer spending money, but she does not anticipate it going over this amount
    - Sen. Manning: How is this going to be publicized?
      - President Rojas: School-wide e-mail, student happenings
    - Sen. Dunleavy: He will be a summer research student, thinks this is very valuable, especially at night.
    - Sen. Hamididin: He wants to know why Target is not on the drop-off loop.
      - Sen. Mendoza: one of the drop-off points is the transportation hub, which can then take you to Target
    - Sen. Matini: How many grad students stay here over the summer?
      - Sen. Mendoza: 95, and a good number of them are international students who do not have cars or licenses.
    - Sen. Olszewski: What are your future plans for summers? We can’t do this every year.

- Sen. Gillingham moves to suspend the rules to allow President Rojas to speak
  - President Rojas: This is a pilot program, will be used to show the need for student transportation.
- Sen. McClean: Under resolve clause 2, we need to charge somebody with making sure this happens.
- Sen. Nelson: Motion to approves by unanimous consent
  - Sen. Sammi objects
  - Nelson withdraws
- Sen. Houser stresses that he wants to address the Target point- the red line will be running all summer
- Sen. Dunleavy moves to amend Resolve clause #2 to read “Charges the Student Assembly Executive with ensuring an online system to schedule rides, maintain a record, and reliably monitor ridership rates is put in place.”
  - PASSES
- Sen. Sammi: He still wants to know why we should not have Target as a drop-off point.
  - Sen. Mendoza stresses previously made points.
- Sen. Olszewski completely agrees with Sammi, the whole point of this bill is convenience; not having a direct line to Target eliminates the “quote unquote convenience”.
- Sen. Matini: Is online the only way for students to contact the service?
  - Sen. Brown: No, there is a phone number.
- Sen. Matini: He wants Target to be included as well.
- Sen. Olszewski motions to add Target by unanimous consent.
  - Sen. Felitto objects.
- Sen. Olszewski moves to add Target to the third “whereas” clause.
  - Sen. Gemino wants to change it to “Monticello Marketplace”.
  - Sen. McClean: the point of this service is for medical reasons, groceries, quick things. He says he doesn’t want students to say “Oh my gosh, it’s midnight! You know what I really need? A couch.” He says the quick hops to Bloom, etc. make the program cost-effective
  - Sen. Gillingham echoes Sen. McClean’s statements; this program needs to be cost-effective.
  - Sen. Beato says we pay a ridiculous amount in student fees for the bus system
  - Sen. Houser: the red line is very easy to use, and he also is a former employee of Target.
  - Sen. Beato motion to call to question; Sen. McClean seconds.
  - Secretary Fallon calls a roll call vote.
  - The motion FAILS in a roll call vote
- Sen. Beato moves to pass this bill by unanimous consent.

- SB 317-007 The DVD Act II
  - Report on unanimous neutral recommendation by Finance Committee Chairwoman Fallon
    - She moves to send this bill back to committee by unanimous consent, as requested by the sponsor.
    - SENT to committee

### **Introduction of New Business**

- SB 317-000.5 The 2009 Closing of Session Act (Chairman Sen. Brown)
  - Tradition started by James Evans; moves to hear this bill as Old Business by unanimous consent.
  - Public comment: none
  - Sen. Felitto says she thought the Dormitory History Act was going to die; Sen. Fallon says it's going to stay.
- SB 317-006 The SA Instruction Act (Sen. Olszewski, et al)
  - This is an initiative Outreach has been working on to distribute to all new Orientation students in hall. Dean Sikes is very positive, wants the copies by July 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Sen. Olszewski moves to hear this bill as Old Business by unanimous consent; no
  - Public comment:
    - Mr. Perkins: Can you explain some more what this is? If some other organization wanted to do this, would you all pass something like this for other groups? This seems like an SA privilege.
      - Sen. Manning answers to this: She feels as though this is a “welcome to W&M” on behalf of the entire College, not just representing Student Assembly.
  - Senator Comment:
    - Sen. Scalzo didn't like it when he first saw it, but he feels as though it's a wonderful tool to let students know what life is like at W&M.
    - Sen. Gemino: Is that the size? (referring to copy being passed around)
      - Sen. Olszewski: No, it will be bigger
    - Sen. Gemino: Why not just give one to each dorm room, rather than one per student? He doesn't think somebody will want to keep this for life.
      - Sen. Manning: We didn't want roommates to have to fight over it at the end of the year.
      - Sen. Olszewski: Students at other colleges keep this.
    - Sen. Felitto: Addressed to Mr. Perkins: This is an SA outreach, we want students to introduce themselves to the school. Addressed the Sen. Gemino: Doing one poster per room would have to go through RAs, which is difficult; also, some students might want to check off their accomplishments.
    - Sen. Felitto: What if other people beyond freshmen want them?
      - Sen. Manning motions to go into committee as a whole to discuss this.
      - Sen. Beato asks why?

- Sen. Manning withdraws her motion.
- Sen. McClean says we are passing the funds, not changing the exact flyer. He also wants to address Mr. Perkins- SA does not do a lot of programming for its members, it does outreach instead. He believes that providing something to students is not SA favoritism.
- Sen. Dunleavy: Why does it say 1500 students when you said we were buying 2300?
  - Motions to change the first whereas clause to 2300, and to charge the sponsor with delivering the posters.
- Sen. Felitto moves to suspend the rules by unanimous consent for Mr. Perkins to speak
  - Mr. Perkins reiterates his previous point.
- Sen. Manning moves calls to question in a hand vote, PASSES, 12-2
- Secretary Sen. Fallon calls to question:

**This bill PASSES 19-1-0 in a roll-call vote.**

- SB 317-008 The Exam Taxi Service Act II (Sens. McClean and Fallon)
  - History: Everyone on FINCOM except Senators Fallon and Beato wanted this as a separate bill from S3, so Sen. Fallon wrote it. Wade Henley endorses this and wants it to continue and wants to see it happen again.
  - Sen. Fallon moves to introduce bill as old business by unanimous consent; PASSED.
    - Sen. Mullis: How did you get \$1300?
      - Sen. Fallon: Used for the service last time because Henley thought it was adequate, this was the bill passed last time.
    - Sen. Felitto: Echoed Mullis's concerns, was it adequate?
      - Sen. Fallon: Yes.
    - Sen. Dunleavy: There is no limiting radius on this bill and I could take this anywhere.
      - Sen. McClean: I move to amend the bill to add within a five mile radius by unanimous consent.
      - Sen. Gemino: Five miles by road or five mile radius?
      - Sen. Fallon and Walter: Radius
    - Sen. Mullis: We do not currently have SA health and public safety officers, and this bill is charging them with enacting this program.
      - Sen. Gillingham: I move to amend the executive to be charged with executing this bill by unanimous consent.
      - PASSED
    - Sen. Scalzo: Moves to pass bill by unanimous consent

**This bill PASSES by unanimous consent.**

- The Terrorism Slander Act
  - Introduction by Sen. Nelson:

- This bill addresses a report from the Virginia Terrorism Threat Assessment Report, which claims W&M to be a source of an anarchist movement.
- Public comment: none
- Senator comment:
  - Sen. McClean: Are you sure it came only from the W&M Police? If not, can we broaden this bill to include other bodies?
  - Sen. Mullis: Have you talked to anyone to see if this bill would have an effect? We can request this without a bill.
  - Sen. Gemino: who is charged with writing these requests, is it you? He also opposes the title of this bill. We should make it look nicer.
    - Sen. Nelson: The FOIA request he did was as an individual, he would be sending the bill to
  - Sen. Beato: You can just talk to them at the forum tomorrow.
  - Sen. McClean: He likes this bill.
  - Sen. Scalzo: Too inflammatory.
  - Sen. Roushdy: The title does not fit the legal definition of slander.
  - Sen. Beato moves to change the title to the “Ridiculous Accusations of Terrorism Act” by unanimous consent.
    - Sen. Gillingham seconds.
  - Sen. Manning moves to change the title to “Responding to Accusations of Terrorism Act”.
  - There is a lot of arguing over the title of this bill.
  - Sen. Scalzo has made a motion to split the question between the title of the bill and the wording of the bill.
  - Sen. Fallon motions to adopt the title “Response to Accusations of Terrorism” by unanimous consent. PASSES.
  - Sen. Fallon motions to pass this bill by unanimous consent.
    - Sen. Mullis objects.
    - Sen. Gillingham seconds.
    - Vice-President Ruzic motions to call to question

**This bill PASSES in a roll-call vote, 14-5-1.**

Sen. Gillingham moves to hear a bill commending Sen. McClean by unanimous consent; PASSES.

- The Recognition of Chairman Walter McClean Act
  - Recognizes Chairman Emeritus Walter McClean for his hard work as Senate Chairman.
  - Sen. Mullis motions to hear this bill as Old Business.
  - Public Comment:
    - AVPSA Constantine says he thinks this is a bad idea, jokingly.
  - Senator Comment:
    - Sen. Beato motions to pass by unanimous consent.

## Announcements

- Sen. Mullis is upset that the Response to Accusations of Terrorism passed without all concerns being voiced.
- Sen. Scalzo is also upset about the bill. He also wants to personally thank Sen. McClean, Beato, Fallon, and others for reaching out to him.
- Sen. Houser wants to know if there are going to be condoms at the police forum.
- Sen. Dunleavey also does not think the time was spent on this bill, and nobody actually checked the content of the bill. “Do not vote on something like a herd of sheep”.
- Vice-President Ruzic: will be sending out a general Robert’s Rule of Order summary for everyone to review over the summer.
- Sens. Mullis, Beato, and McClean want to say goodbye
  - Sen. Beato has been to about 110 Senate meetings, he will miss being here, thank everyone for being a part of it.
  - Sen. McClean: You have really solid leadership, take advantage of the cohesion you have both within Senate and between Senate & Exec.
  - Sen. Mullis: Have a life outside of SA.

## Public Comment

None.

## Adjourn

**Sens. Beato, McClean and Mullis simultaneously move to adjourn by unanimous consent. It’s quite touching, and we, as a body, will miss them greatly.**