



Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, September 24, 8:00 pm

Bietz 3rd floor Testing Room

I. Agenda Review – Priscille Mikala

II. Worship – Heidi Burke

- a. James 2
- b. We are called to be humble.
- c. That humility looks like giving every person the treatment as the child of God

III. Birthdays

- a. Valeria Grajales – September 21
- b. Steve Mota – September 21
- c. Andrea Sabbatin – September 26

IV. Committee Updates

a. Bear Committee

- i. Collab with LAC to have a video Promo
- ii. Yesterday we got a much needing cleaning

b. Bylaws

- i. Discussed last week and meeting with Dr. Negron

c. Finance Committee

- i. Met on Sunday to do financial budget for the clubs. This year we have 35 funds to the club as soon as possible. Drafted a plan to allocate these funds. Meeting with Dr. Negron soon
- ii. This distribution will be presented two weeks from now

d. International Students

- i. Meetings with Renita Moore as well as projects in mind as well Daniel Olson

e. Social Committee

- d. We had to reschedule a pop-up due to the rain, please volunteer for our competitions
- e. We have a calendar for all our events up to March

Project Proposal – Heidi Burke (*voting*)

Creating an Online Communication Option

- f. As part of the *You Matter* campaign, Senate will add an online, anonymous option for student feedback to the Senate website.
- g. The Social Committee will finalize what the form and form link will look like.

MOTION : Move to approve adding an online feedback form to the Senate website.

PROPOSAL APPROVED

V. Project Proposal – Andrew Cornelius (*voting*)

- a. Installing hampers in the laundry rooms in the dorm.

Proposal withdrawn due to deans overtaking and not allowing this.

VI. Project Proposal – Naomi Munyaka

Installing UVC port charging stations in the library

- a. SUMMARY - Installing UVC 8-port charging stations would provide convenient access to power in high-use study spaces in the Beitz Center and McKee Library, supporting academic work and reducing interruptions. These stations will be beneficial for a wide range of students.
- b. BENEFITS : Secure charging & sanitizing: The UVC-8 station provides 8 lockable lockers that both charge devices and sanitize them with UV-C light, reducing germs by up to 99%. Student convenience & safety: Students can safely leave devices to charge without worrying about theft, while also reducing shared surface contact and promoting campus hygiene. Campus value: Installing these stations enhances campus wellness, supports students during long days or events, and reflects a commitment to modern, tech-friendly amenities.
- c. Cost – \$3,503.00

I move to approve the installation of one charging station in the McKee Library and Beitz Center

d. DISCUSSION

- 1. What is the shipping cost?
 - a. I haven't added it, it may be part of the cost
 - b. Senator comment: We don't pay tax so we would subtract 403
- 2. Can you clarify if you are installing 1 or 2?
 - a. One for each building. In Beitz and McKee
- 3. Is this something that is needed?
 - a. This is something that they voiced
 - b. The reason is that they needed one more and because the students would leave devices unattended
- 4. As someone who works at Beitz, I see the need and there are some that aren't working
- 5. What percentage of the budget will this take up?

- a. Our budget is \$15,000, this is about 20% of our budget
- 6. Did one building express a higher need?
 - a. Initially this was a McKee Library, but after research Bietz.
- 7. Will each device charge and distribute that energy
 - a. Phone was dead, charged for 10 minutes and it was 34% ,
 - b. You also have three options for USB-C or iPhone. It doesn't function any differently except that in the
- 8. Since this is a sizeable portion of the budget, is it possible to discuss to collaborate with McKee and Bietz and split the portion?
 - a. In previous years, Senate was responsible for providing this for students. In 2021 they funded these portable chargers.
- 9. On an actual website, we noticed there are no functional problem with it
- 10. I noticed that there are possibilities for changing the aesthetic, would there be a price added if we do it?
 - a. This one is just the locker. To have it customized has an addition of 2,000 more. I don't see it worth the price
- 11. Comment : With shipping would be \$3,375
- 12. Would it be better to have a better specific input for the library staff through a survey?
 - a. Getting feedback for a friend that shared that this installation might complicate things. Some would disagree

Move to table this discussion

In favor : 23 Opposed : 2

e. Project Proposal – Heidi Burke Five Talents Book Fund

- i. SUMMARY - Senate will allocate \$1000 to the History and Political Studies Department for a book fund for students.
- ii. PROBLEM -
 - 1. History classes regularly require students to purchase multiple textbooks for each class.
 - 2. Textbooks are expensive.

3. Students who cannot afford material for class are unable to keep up with assignments – especially because they are required to bring books to class.

iii. SOLUTION

1. For their departmental proposal, the Department of History and Political Studies requests \$1000 for a “Five Talents Book Fund”
2. Funds will be disbursed to students on a first-come, first-served basis for purchasing HPS textbooks

iv. IMPLEMENTATION

- v. Throughout the Fall 2025 semester, HPS will establish eligibility criteria for the Five Talents Book Fund and publicly announce the initiative to students. Students may start applying for funding in the Winter 2026 semester.

vi. DISCUSSION

1. What happens at the end of the semester? Do you sell them back or keep them?
 - a. The history club will work to loan them to you, and therefore reuse them for multiple years
2. Is there a way to write a contract so that the students
3. Does 1,000 even help at least 50 students?

- a. It doesn't go that far, but it starts somewhere. With this
ou could definitely cover at least one class, an that is
more than whats being done.

4. Can you expand on the scholarship?

- a. It will be on a first come first serve basis. There is more
likely that the history majors will see it, but if we push
this forward through media.

5. Would these books be departementally exclusive?

- a. Yes, mostly the books would be staying in the
department.

6. Could there be a way to see that these history books would be
going to the lower division classes so that it could impact more
students?

- a. Yes I would be willing to ask and talk more about this.

Move to finish this discussion:

In favor : 23

Opposed : 1

f. Announcements

- i. We have been doing this for a month! Congrats for the hardwork

I move to let President John Hargy speak

In favor : 24

Opposed : 1

History of Student Association – John Hargy

1. student association started was after WWII to have elected representative

ii. Discussion about joining once a month for disability committee

We are going to choose two senators to bring 3 of your constituents to come and sit with them. They are not allowed to sit and chime in, but welcome them.

g. With the emails – Those emails that capture their attention. Please catch their attention by making a funny or a joke.

h. Constituent Emails

i. Please be creative!

Move to allow Mrs. Alexis to speak

In favor : 25

Opposed : 0