

Meeting Minutes:

Wednesday, October 8, 8:00 pm

Bietz 1st floor Southern Shoppe

- I. Agenda Review – Vice president
In favor to go ahead with the agenda: 24
- II. Worship – Houston Beckworth
 - a. When you are wondering what your purpose is, test God!
 - b. You are here for a purpose, own up to it!
- III. Committee Updates
 - a. *Bear Committee* – Just recently washed the bear. OMM wants the bear at the pop-up booth. Connected with the bear handler.
 - b. *Bylaws Committee* – Met with Dr. Negron on points we want to change. We are investigating more on job description. Have covered most of constitution.
 - c. *Finance & Scholarship Committee* – Finalized a few things with Dr. Negron. Beyond this finance committee has covered almost most of its responsibilities. Connected with Finance VP for further instruction.
 - d. *International Student Committe* – covering different sets and held a meeting today. Planning vespers with International students
 - e. *Social Committee* – had to push back our event due to weather, but had it this last week and was a success. Students were engaged and we have our next events scheduled. You matter Boba coming up!
- IV. Project Proposal – Heidi Burke (voting)
Five Talents Book Fund

SUMMARY : Senate will allocate \$1000 to the History and Political Studies Department for a book fund for students

PROBLEM :

- History classes regularly require students to purchase multiple textbooks for each class.

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

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

IMPLEMENTATION :

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.

DISCUSSION 5 minutes

1. Can you reclarify what the plan for redistribution is?

- a. Working with the professor for classes what are most commonly taken. They will be mostly lower division classes. We announce it before the semester begins, describing that the first ones who get there. It would be a loan system, where they promise to give it back .We may also donate it to the library, creating a system to use them as much as possible for students.

2. How many books would that cover?

- a. About \$20-50 is . I want to say \$70 for all the three history book. The goal isn't to give the history department books, but instead to show that students are interested and are actively asking for it. We want to show initiative

3. The professor that you spoke with, were they expressing a big need in the past?

- a. They were asking to bring the textbooks in, and not an electronic version. They say it is a barrier for students who can't quite bring those books to class.

4. Is there a way that there us this as a --- program, can this fund be used as a \$35 instead.

- a. I love that, I would recommend that. We are colabrating with the history department but we can't really dictate how they are to allocate those funds. I am more than happy to make a list of suggestions, but they will see where it is most needed.

5. Do you know if the books usually change editions.

- a. Personally, it has been the same for all the three years, I think it remains the same for all three years.

Discussion time is over. We will now proceed to voting.

Motion: I move to allocate \$1000 for the Five Talents Book Fund to the History and Political Studies Department

All in favor : 25

MOTION PASSED!

V. Project Proposal – Naomi Munyaka

Installing UVC port charging stations in the library

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.

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.

- a. Cost – \$3,375.00 for BOTH stations
- b. Point of Contact - Deyse Bravo (Director of Libraries McKee Library) and Jowy Tolbert (Facilities Manager in Beitz Center for Student Life)

MOTION: I move to approve the installation of one charging station in the Mckee Library and Beitz Center

DISCUSSION

- 1. Did you confirm with the update price and shipping?**
 - a. Yes, this would be for two charging stations.
- 2. Were we able to suggest to the Director and Facilitor Manager to split the cost?**
 - a. Because this is an issue that we shared in the past, they are expecting this from the senate. That is why I had navigated this with that assumption
- 3. Why are we getting a station, and not chargers that we could lend out?**
 - a. This is a need that they expressed, this could also be more a organizational issue.
- 4. Did we discuss branding?**
 - a. I know then one in the Libary does have the mascot and some designs on it, We were speaking and they mentioned that they had that installed, but I could not find any record for the source we bought this from, or who installed it.
- 5. I wanted to remind everyone that we shared last week that we are not going to vote on this next week. I want to share some sentiments of library workers that I collected who would disapprove of this proposal.**

- a. Leah Christ and Jessica Spears shared some concerns with this proposals. The floors are independent of each other and the ones seeking a charging station is the 3rd floor. The first floor is wanting to move it from the main floor. The noise can be frustrating, and they aren't used as much. They have looked into moving their charger to their 3rd floor in that case that is all needed.
- b. If we are not voting this this week, I would suggest to split it into two proposal and consider it separately.
- c. Response to suggestion: Message recieved in kind of a shock since she spoke to the head of McKee library, the one in charge. It was assumed that she has already covered the opinion of her workers preiviously since their input is just as important.

Time run out!

I move to approve 5 minutes to this discussion = In favor :12

- 6. **Would it be possible to buy only one for Bietz center? Is there a benefit to buy in bulk?**
 - a. The only thing you have to consider is that you pay shipping twice.
- 7. **If we are going to be more efficiently? Maybe like a system of lending ID cards.**
 - a. That would be more liability on the people that are holding them. This is just an easy way to cut through that where you can be confident that the phone will be where you placed it.
- 8. **Taking about the chargers, we can rent chargers from the front desk.**
 - a. And it is definitely has to do with people not returning the chargers.

I move to amend this proposal and divide this into two proposals for further consideration

In favor: 15

Opposed : 5

VI. Club Appropriations – Jacob Koh & Houston Beckworth

a. Methodology – hasn't been done before!

- i. Check club eligibility
- ii. Plug in criteria (membership, minutes, etc..)
- iii. Evaluate active participation
- iv. Calculate total allocation

b. Allocation requirements

- i. Fundraisers
- ii. Community Service
- iii. Collecting dues
- iv. Plans for declared money
- v. We added a new section where we help the small clubs who are more in need.

c. Thoughts

- i. Majority will be helped with! Which is what we are pushing for
- ii. We distributed 10,000 of our 15,00 and are leaving the rest of the \$5,000 toward the second semester

DISCUSSION (5 mins)

1. What is the reason for the blacking out?

- a. These are clubs who sent out the application twice. We wanted to reward that for taking action. The second application contained more details, and so we would consider the latest one.

2. Can you expand for MEAN allocation, and how this contributes to the overall setting the allocations

- a. We used that as a starting number and then we considered how active they are on campus. From there we calculate how much money is left, and finally we distribute it by amount of members. If we average \$300, then we say that, and majority we only add to that. The only reason we would “deduct” would be if there were already departmentally funded (decrease by 30%) or if they directly expressed that they didn't need as much funds.

3. Can you state how many statistically we can find for the \$10,000?

- a. We are already holding 10,000 to allocate, but we are holding the rest for next semester.

I move to approve the club appropriations

In favor : 25

CLUB APPROPRIATIONS PASSED!

VII. Project Proposal – Nyah Jackson

Buying and Installing a New TV

SUMMARY : Senate would purchase a new TV for the School of Journalism and Communication to display news and announcements in the hallway.

PROBLEM :

- The TV that is currently installed in this spot is no longer working.
- This TV is important because it is used to display the news as well as important announcements to students while they are walking to and from class.
- It is 15 years old :0

SOLUTION : Purchasing the Samsung QH55C 55" 4K UHD Commercial Monitor. This the standard for the University, already being ordered by Sewell

COST:

TV - \$1,055 | Shipping - \$0 | Installation – \$0

DISCUSSION

1. Who is going to install the TV?

- i. Campus Safety

2. **He is already ordering them, so we just send them their money.**
 - a. I don't know if he has already ordering them. If we don't fund this, then they will still have to eventually buy one.
3. **Why is the department covering this?**

Two points of clarification here

 - a. The IT always purchases a certain amount of these devices. A certain amount of laptop, TVs and monitors. If they share this need they already have it here, they just purchase it FROM IT.
 - b. Every department has a small equipment budget. But once it is spent, then they have no more money. One reason they are asking this from Senate is they might have already spent it.
4. **Clarification, just one single TV?**
 - a. Yes
5. **At this point, we haven't spent any of our project money.**
 - a. We just approved \$1,000, but we have \$17,00 left. We should spend as much as we can cover to help the students this first semester.
 - i. But then what would be have left for the second semester?
 - b. Vice President : I would rather have more proposals this semester and move forward with them, than wait for the second semester.

Motion : Discussion is over and we are tabling it for next meeting.

In favor : 18

Opposed : 7

Motion is passed. Tabled for next we meeting.

We motion again for saving the "Bike Racks for Upper Stateside" proposal for next week

In favor: 25

Opposed: 0

VIII. Announcements

- a. Words from the Parliamentarian:
 - i. Please send proposal forms to her through Teams, but place in the folder under files tab for future reference.
 - ii. When you send a powerpoint, please do send in pptx format and not a link
- b. Constituent Emails
 - i. We wanted to get their attention, but we have to make sure the content is appropriate and not creating false rumors. Some do have concerns and we would love to listen to them. There were still very much engaging!
- c. New task force!
 - i. A Thank-a-thon where we are thanking our donors. We need four senators to volunteer
- d. Evaluation forms

- i. Fill in the first and second page. Complete and Submit any time during Jeni's office hours by Monday 10-12pm and 5-7pm
- e. Next meeting Andrew and Andie will be bringing 3 constituents!
- f. Jacket fitting!
- g. November 1st we need 10 volunteers to collect offering for university church
- h. Please pray for our senators!
 - i. Valerie will have surgery as well as Priscille who is not feeling well
- i. Make sure constituent emails include Club Appropriation PowerPoint, Senate minutes, and LAC night.