



**STUDENT SENATE MEETING
BIG TWELVE ROOM
APRIL 30, 2009
7:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER

Speaker of the Student Senate Schultz called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Speaker Schultz led the pledge.

ROLL CALL

47 Senators and 00 Interns were present for roll.

OPEN PERIOD

1. Steven Miller – K-State Collegian- Farewell speech

Muir moved to include Miller's speech in minutes. Motion was seconded and passed.

I just have a few words for you tonight. As many of you know, I will be graduating in two weeks and moving from the K-state Collegian to the Manhattan Mercury. Hopefully, it will be a smooth transition. When I took this beat, initially, I was told two things: that the meetings would be long and that I'd never make the front page. This was true for my first meeting. For my second meeting, the K-state Marching Band showed up and I had my second front page article ever. Over the past six months I've had more interesting, front page stories than I could've ever hoped for and most of them were the direct result of my coverage right here in this room. It's truly remarkable what happens here every Thursday night and I wouldn't have traded it for any other beat on or off of campus. I've sat through the good times, the tough, unpopular times, and the painfully dull times, but the things I've learned as a journalist are incalculable, like knowing at what point to stop transcribing director's reports, or how to give context to a quote by senator Medovich. During the debates over Student Publications, I learned what it really meant to remain unbiased. There's a saying concerning ethics that goes "Would you be ashamed if it appeared on the front page of the paper?" I believe that particular debate brought tangibility to this saying, at least here on the senate floor. If I can offer one piece of advice it's this- don't worry about the front page of the newspaper, while it's my duty to report the events without bias, it's yours to engage without concern for bias or the biases of others.

Thomas Paine once said "These are the times that try men's souls," and I'd like to believe he meant all times, because the world is divided at heart and yet often mediocre in action and speech. Don't settle for being merely a politician with a political ideology, strive to be an activist with a passion, and furthermore don't get boxed in. George Orwell began his career as one of the great proponents of socialism and yet ended it with the novels *Animal Farm* and *1984*. Likewise, on Monday I stood out to protest the General Petraeus lecture, but do you think that will stop me from attending Warren Buffett's investors talk this weekend? The party-line is simply the deficit of small minds, and is something we should all actively resist. To end with the words of someone far more eloquent, Gandhi once said, "Honest disagreement is often a good sign of progress." So continue to disagree, senators, but remember to do so honestly.

Thank you for all of your time, thank you for the paychecks, and thank you, most importantly, for the front page.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Chair Harder moved to approve the minutes. Motion seconded and passed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Unexcused Absences:
 - Senator Kallumadi
 - Senator Mach
 - Senator M. Wagner
- Excused Absences:
 - Parliamentarian Sexton
 - Senator Scott
 - Senator Banion
 - Senator Sidlinger (half)
 - Senator Grice (half)
 - Senator Gouldie
 - Chair Schultz
 - Senator Lindemuth (half)
- Proxies
 - Haug for Scott
 - Wilcott for Banion
 - Blaes for Gouldie
- Announcements
 - None

COMMENDATIONS

Res 09/10/15 Commendation to the 2008-2009 Judicial Branch

Moved by Fangman. Introduced by Attorney General Tank. Norris moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent**

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Res 09/10/16 Approval of Assistant Attorney General

Moved by McGuire. Introduced by Chair Norris. Woods moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

Res 09/10/17 Approval of Judicial Branch Appointments

Moved by Sharp. Introduced by Chair Norris. Sharp moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

Res 09/10/18 Approval of Appointments to University-Wide Committees

Moved by Unruh. *Unruh moved for the author to summarize.* Introduced by Chair Norris. Unruh moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

Chair Unruh moved to move Resolution 09/10/19 and 09/10/20 to after Introduction of Legislation. Motion seconded and passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- College Council Allocations Chair White
 - Asked senators that are in College Council Allocations Committee that were not at last senate meeting to come see her to discuss meeting times.
- Governmental Relations Chair Unruh
 - Elected a Vice Chair- John Grice
 - Will be teaming up with Cabinet to check lighting issues in the city
 - Discussed State, local, and university response to Swine Flu outbreak
 - K-State has a very detailed plan if the outbreak reaches pandemic level

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

- Vice President Stoskopf
 - Set times for Cabinet meetings-Sundays at 6:30 PM
 - Planning SGA retreat on September 3rd from 5-7 pm at Alumni Center
- President Henry
 - Reiterated what Chair Unruh said about the Swine Flu and reported that students will be notified if anything escalates.
 - Approved At-Large members and have spots open if anyone is interested.
 - Reported on what the new Kansas Governor said about the status of NBAF
 - Federal Stimulus money- finally seeing what Manhattan will be getting.
 - City of Manhattan received five buses
 - Received funding to make K-18 four lanes
 - Spoke about 2009-2010 tuition increases
- Residence Hall Liaison Klug
 - International Shopping Day was funded

FINAL ACTION

None

INTRODUCTION OF LEGISLATION

Res 09/10/21 Resolution Concerning the K-State 8 General Education Proposal

Moved by White. Speaker Schultz deferred to Speaker pro tem Oliver. Introduced by Speaker Schultz. *Chair White moved special orders for final action. Motion seconded and passed.*

Changes addressed by Speaker Schultz

Positive Debate: Speaker Schultz

Negative Debate: Whinert

Sidlinger moved to extend Whinert's question time. Motion seconded and failed.

Unruh moved to amend the legislation. It was seconded.

Positive Debate: Chair Unruh

Amendment passed with a majority vote.

Positive Debate on amended resolution: Chair White, Andre, Savoy

Ahlstrom moved to extend Chair White's question time. Motion seconded and failed.

Resolution passed with a roll call vote of 45-1-6

Bill 09/10/01 Re-Creation of the Special Committee to Review Expansion Plans for the Rec Complex

Moved by Chair Norris. Introduced by Speaker Schultz. *Norris moved special orders for final action. Motion seconded and passed.*

Changes addressed by Speaker Schultz

Positive Debate: Speaker Schultz.

Unruh moved to pass Bill 09/10/01 by unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed.

Bill 09/10/01 passed by unanimous consent.

Bill 09/10/02 Extension of the Special Committee to Study the Faculty Evaluation Process

Moved by Chair Unruh. Introduced by Speaker Schultz. *Unruh moved special orders for final action. Motion seconded and passed.*

Changes addressed by Speaker Schultz

Positive Debate: Speaker Schultz

Unruh moved to pass Bill 09/10/02 by unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed.

Bill 09/10/02 passed by unanimous consent.

Speaker pro tem Oliver deferred back to Speaker Schultz

Res 09/10/19 Approval of Appointments to the Special Committee to Review Expansion Plans for the Rec Complex

Moved by White. Introduced by Chair Norris. Kirkland moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

Res 09/10/20 Approval of Appointments to the Special Committee to Study the Faculty Evaluation Process

Moved by McGuire. Introduced by Norris. Harder moved unanimous consent. Motion seconded and passed. **Resolution passed by unanimous consent.**

OPEN PERIOD

- Sidlinger- Passed out Senator survey
- McGuire- April 29th- May 2nd Cherry Orchard will be in Nichols Theater at 7:30 pm
- Andre- College of Architecture Planning and Design- Crit Time
- Director Joerger- Will be searching for burned out street lights in Manhattan on Monday, May 4th at 8:45 PM, meet in Union Courtyard
- Senate sang Happy Birthday to President Henry
- Brinton- Thanked senators for coming to his recital
- Senator pro tem Oliver- Thanked everyone for their patience with her time spent at the front desk
 - Get sleep for finals, drink Amp
 - Watch out for Wildcat Flu, don't get caught up in the "Fan"demic
- Stoskopf- Presenting K-state 8 proposal to General Education Steering Committee
- Muir- Explained Senate Operations Committee's new responsibilities
 - Will be first to object to unanimous consent to Bills next semester
- Banion-Opening on Supreme Court
 - Have safe fun summer
- Unruh- Updated senators on Swine Flu
- Woods-K-state women marched for Take Back the Night
- Gauby- Works for USDA- Would like everyone to call it H1N1 Flu instead of Swine Flu

REFERENCE OF LEGISLATION

None

ANNOUNCEMENT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AND/OR BY-LAWS REVISIONS

None

ROLL CALL

49 Senators and 00 Interns were present for roll.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Fangman. Adjourned at 9:18 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by Sarah E. Works, Student Senate Secretary