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Agenda: 2/10/2012

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“We Athenians make decisions for ourselves, or at least participate in the full discussion of them: for we do not regard debate as a barrier to effective action, but as a necessary condition for acting wisely.” ~Pericles

Council Minutes 2/3/2012

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports

[Mod]: I'd like to welcome Chief Robinson today. We are looking for volunteers for open house next week.

[Treas]:

Motion: I move to allocate \$135 to Student Activities for Winter Carnival.

Debate closes.

Motion passes.

[DSB]: We met last Tuesday and passed the budget without the 1:1 initiative, but we'll be looking into that later.

[Sec]: Junior and Senior Alternates can vote.

[Admin]: We've been looking at the goals of the Test Returns Motion and we will bring an alternate motion today that attempts to accomplish the same goals.

[OEC]: We're working on putting together the Council video for elections. Please send in available pictures or interviews.

[SA]: Winter Carnival is next week [later postponed until 2/17]. Please volunteer to help.

[SL]: We're reviewing responses to the survey we sent out to freshmen parents. 56% of parents already had a child in HHS, 64% felt that they understood the open campus policies, 81% said they did not think their 9th grader had gone off campus yet this year, 43% did not know what 'academic schedule-up' meant, but 32% said that they would do it. 84% felt no pressure to give open campus privileges to their 9th grader when they became a sophomore. 60% thought giving open campus to freshmen might compromise their academic experience. 63% said they thought their freshmen would be better prepared for sophomore year with open campus, 55% would not give their freshmen open campus starting second semester.

[COI]: Course evaluations are being done but we'll discuss with Curric. We also discussed how March Intensive participation will be marked on a report card – SP, NP, or UP.

[Dmitry]: After talking with several people, I decided to remove the self-reporting piece from the motion and hopefully we can bring that as a separate motion in the future.

3. Test Returns Motion

Motion: I move to fail the original Test Returns Motion.

[Admin]: Some teachers did not like the idea, and felt this is not Council's jurisdiction and this would probably be vetoed anyways. Instead we endorse the Test Preparation Motion.

Clarifying questions:

Why would this not be in our jurisdiction?

This deals with the curriculum and hopefully the TPM would work more effectively.

How does this change things from the original motion?

This might prevent scheduling conflicts, and is still relatively forceful.

Have we gotten any student feedback on this issue.

No, just informally. But we've talked with students and most students support this motion and its goals.

Does this motion include final exams?

No.

Debate:

Motion: I move to table this motion.

[Rachel]: I think we need to discuss this more with the staff.

Debate closes.

Motion (to table) passes.

Let's fail this, the TPM is a better alternative for both parties. We can't give into a minority of teachers, but we have to be diplomatic with this as well.

Debate closes.

Motion (to fail the TRM) fails.

4. Test Preparation Motion

Moved to after agenda item #5.

5. Robert's Rules Modification Motion

Motion: I move to amend the bylaws to allow a speaker to speak and then close debate directly afterwards.

[Rachel]: This provides the speaker the ability to give background on why he/she wants to close debate.

Clarifying questions:

So you have to move to close debate and then you're able to speak?

No.

Debate:

If it is unclear why the speaker is closing debate, debate should not be closed at all. Also, this gives unfair weight to a single speaker's comments, especially if debate is closed immediately afterwards.

This would shut down even more discussion on 'no-brainers.'

Debate closes.

Motion fails.

Meeting adjourns.