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Agenda: 3/30/2012

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Class Withdrawal Motion

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"Leaders need to be optimists. Their vision is beyond the present." ~Rudy Giuliani

Council Minutes 3/16/2012

1. Approval of Minutes

2. Reports

[Mod]: We may have to do recycling the week after March Intensive.

[Sec]: Junior alternate can vote.

[Treas]: Motion: I move to allocate \$133 to the Broadside.

[Ms. D'Amato]: We received a grant several years ago that has paid for many of our printing costs, we didn't realize that we received less money from Council last year. As a result, we need to pay off some outstanding printing costs.

Clarifying Questions:

How much money do we have?

We have \$950 in co-curricular account, \$3000 in the Council account.

Debate closes.

Motion passes.

[Admin]: We discussed the Test Preparation Motion with the faculty on Wednesday, we are also sending out a staff survey. We will be discussing this in Council after March Intensive.

[Curric]: We sent out a staff survey on the Class Drop Motion: 4 supported the motion, 24 opposed it. 15 teachers supported a potential pass/fail option, while 13 opposed the idea. The motion as it stands appears to have several issues with enrollment numbers, so we will recommend failing the original motion and we'll bring back a new pass/fail motion later.

[OEC]: Please submit any Council pictures you have for the kickoff video.

[SA]: We are discussing plans for the Winter Carnival pizza party for seniors.

[SL]: After MI we will look at the data for the Freshmen Off-Campus Motion so we can bring it back to Council. We'll also discuss the Delayed School Start Time Motion.

[Ms. Addante]: We had our organizational meeting, Carey Callaghan is the new chair, Kari Asmus is the vice-chair. The Code of Conduct will be presented to the Board at the end of this month, March 27th.

3. Broadside Money Allocation

Motion: I move to allocate \$1025 to the Broadside.

[Ms. D'Amato]: It's really difficult for us to raise money because of our core staff, when we do, it's not really worth it - a four-page issue costs \$325 to print, a eight-page issue costs \$375. The paper is really for the good of the community, and students like to read the paper copy, not online. This money would cover our minimal costs for the end of the year.

Clarifying Questions:

Have you looked into securing fundraising?

We were told we were not allowed to fundraise because the Broadside is free, so we try to avoid it. In addition, we don't really have time to do that at this point.

Have you looked at the number of copies you print?

We usually print about 300 copies. Unless we print over 700 copies, the price remains the same.

Motion: I move to table the motion until we transfer appropriate funds to the Co-Curricular account.

Debate closes.

Motion (to table) passes.

Motion: I move to move \$500 from the Council fund to the Co-Curricular fund.

Debate closes.

Motion (to move money) passes.

Clarifying Questions (continued from the original motion):

Does the administration has some funds that can be used for this? Maybe they could meet us halfway?

At the moment, it would be difficult to find funds for this.

Debate (on the original motion):

Since the Broadside will be run differently next year, and since the school benefits so much from the Broadside, we should give them the full amount that was requested.

In most schools, the school newspaper is funded by the school itself - it's a public service that's distributed throughout the community, it would be unwise to not fund this.

This benefits so many people, we should go ahead and support it.

Debate closes.

Motion (to allocate \$1025) passes.

4. Test Preparation Motion (coming next meeting)

5. Notes & New Business

Motion: I move to amend the Student Handbook to read "Students may drop the second semester of a full year course with no penalty. Students wishing to make such a change must first discuss the change with their guidance counselor, as well as with the teacher of the course that they are dropping."

[Melanie]: This was the original motion that was referred to us, we recommend failing it.

Clarifying Questions:

Was the staff surveyed at all?

Yes, Curric's earlier report summed that up.

Debate:

I don't think the staff survey represents the staff's ideas, but this is coming from the students - we don't need to like what the staff says.

The pass/fail motion addresses the issue better, let's fail this.

Meeting adjourns.