

SMU Residence Hall Association
General Assembly Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2007

Call to

I. Order

Meeting
called to
order at
4:05 PM.

II. Attendance

Gwen Sullivan	
Crystal Adekunle	
Katie Schoebel	
Mike Zarcone	
Daisey Blower	P
Lindsay Graff	P
Dean Konenkamp	P
Cat Huang	P
Ellen Walker	P
Will Pahl	P
Chitresh Gupta	P
Elizabeth White	P
Grace Kelly	
Stuart Fisher	P
Janie Babcock	P
Lizzie Lindsay	P
Amanda Lipscomb	P
Caitlin Anthony	P
Riley Sexton	P
Steve Thompson	P
Alexis Bennett	P
Rob Farrell	P
Yana Smith	P
Lisa Collins	
Eric Johnson	P
Michael Meltzer	P
Jake Fields	P
Shelby Justl	P
Jason Ballmann	P
John Roth	P
Sylvia Bearden	P

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James Rodriguez	P	
Heather Gram p	P	
Ryan Meyer	P	
Christy Ara	P	
Aaron Cheatham	P	
Katrina	P	
Fasil	P	
Kelly Pearson	P	
Laura Bradley	P	
Ebonii Nelson	P	
Laneysa Walker	P	
Total:	Present:	
		Absent: Excused:

Last week's minutes: Christy moves, Amanda seconds.

Secretary Pearson: We have a new person laneysa walker!

Vice President Bradley:

Issues and Community Standards: We worked on looking over hall improvement proposals. Today we will be going over those.

Community Service: we have the clothing drive going on right now...everyone has it except for boaz. It goes ththrough the weekend. We will be picking it up on Monday.

Programming:

Conference: We have a video.

Video Shown.

Recognition: Tomorrow is the end of semester reception. Its from 5-7 in the ballrooms. Points Update! Keep sending points...go to programs ect.

President: Explanation of the voting process.

- I. Introduction of Item**
 - Representative of the Issues Committee:**

- i. Here's the Item (include amount of money)
- ii. Here's what the Issues Committee likes about it

- II. **2 Minute Proponent Speech**
 - Author or representative of the community has 2 minutes to state their claim and explain why they feel they should have said item.

- III. **2 Minute Question and Answer**
 - General Assembly has the chance to ask as many questions to the author(s)/representative as they can think of.

- IV. **2 Minute Debate**
 - Alternate Pro/Con (after 3 consecutive unheard cons I'll entertain a motion to vote)

- V. **Roll Call Vote, Yay nay vote.**

Improvements

- CM: \$794.98 for 2 Rocking Chairs
 - Daisey Blower

We approved this because it gets a lot of use.

=we have a lot of people that sit out on the porch it would promote people being together and build community

Question- Just two rocking chairs.

Answer- We already have two

Question-How does that reach 700 dollars

Answer- We were directed to a specific company and that is how much they cost.

Debate-

Pro- Really good use and build community. We have nice weather here

Con- A bench would be better

Pro- Good Social gathering, good way to build community

Con-A bench would technically bring people closer together, fit more people.

Pro- Benches are like 4000 dollars

Jenn- The money will go towards facilities it won't be lost.

Con-

Pro-People almost always people there, I feel like they are pretty used. That is the only place where you would like to sit and the gazebo is like smoking now. The wall is dirty. I like the chairs, it would help if there were more.

Con-

Pro-Sometimes it gives you somewhere nice to go and be alone

Con-
Ryan-I call the question
Ryan-I moe that we vote by acclimation
Point of Clarification-Dean-How does this work
Second-Christy
MOTION PASSES!

- **MM: \$400 for Printer(s)**
 - **LaNeysa Walker and Alexis Bennett**

The next thing we are voting on is a printer(s). we thought it was a good idea for everyone to have a printer to use.

Laneysa-We wanted something that everyone could use to print. Every now and then a situation arises that you cant go to the library for. Especially for females, the long walk to the library is a strain and a health risk. For all those students that cannot afford to have one it would help to make something so much nicer. Its also very convenient we wont be providing paper.

Question-How will you monitor this?

Answer-A lot of the other dorms have printers that are not regulated. Part of regulating it is if you have to provide your own paper you will not be printing out a bunch of nonsense. Because we want a laser printer it can handle a lot of work. We want students to use it.

Question- What about if you don't have paper

Answer- If there is a problem with paper...paper is pretty cheap for paper on a need to know basis. If anyone wants to volunteer basis. Paper isn't really an issue.

Question- How well do people treat your dorm?

Answer- People take care of it like it's a home.

Janie-I move to extend the time by two minutes

Dean Seconds

Question-Who is going to be changing the cartridges and how will they be providing the ink. We are buying an extra right now. ITS actually supports the comps and printers in the dorms.

Question-How will you know that it is out of ink.

Answer-ITS does regular checks. This is sort of a backup plan. Hopefully, you have your own printer but this is an alternative. I believe this printer lets you know when it is running low. Last year in vs we never had an issue. All of us are mildly responsible.

Debate-

Pro-I think the fact they are looking at such a high quality printer is good.

Con-

Pro-Printers always seem ot break at the worst possible time its good to have a backup

Con-

Pro-

Con-

Call the question-Dean

Seconds Ryan

Move to vote by acclimation-Ryan

Heather Seconds

All in favor

Opposed

Motion Passes

- Hawk: \$460 for Microwave (3) and Microwave Stand (2)
- William C. Davis

Hawk right now has one microwave. These are approved by SMU and they want one for each floor so everyone doesn't have to walk long distances with hot food.

Speaker- We have one microwave downstairs and for people who don't have one it's a long walk.

Question- Why are the stands needed?

Answer-They will be placed in the laundry rooms so there is no other place.

Debate-

Pro-A lot of those people have children so this is good!

Con-

Pro-They don't usually have meal plans. SO this will be inuse, allot of commuter students live there so they aren't there on the weekend.

Con=

Pro=

Con-

Rob calls the question

Ryan Seconds

Dean moves to vote by acclimation

Jason Seconds

All those that are in favor say aye

Opposed

Motion passes.

- Speaker: Paula Borrego
- Hawk: \$340 for Computer Monitor (2)
- Ron Andrews

The monitors now are loosing color and they are getting good quality ones.

Speaker- They are huge and the desktop is small. There is no room for anything else.

Question-

Debate-

Pro-It's a good investment and it will last especially if it is a good quality

Con-

Pro-Sounds like a steal

Con-

Pro-

Con-

**Christy Calls the second
Ryan Seconds
Lindsey moves to vote by acclamation
Dean Seconds.**

**All those in favor aye
Opposed**

Motion passes

- **Hawk/Martin: \$5000 for Picnic Table (2)**
 - **Victoria Lucas**

Out there right now they have one table and its used a lot. They are asking for more tables the tables are expensive.

Speaker- We don't have service in the building so a lot of people have to go outside and talk on the phone so this is where they are going to be sitting. Its also to provide a place for people to meet each other.

Question-Aree there picnic tables out there right now?

Answer-There is one

Ebonii-If you have questions ask them! We want you to understand fully what the money is going for. If you don't participate then you wont understand.

Question-

Pro-we don't have anywhere for people to sit and hang out outside. We don't have another area.

Point of clarification-Why do you need a picnic table?

Answer- We have nothing it is literally a step with a door.

Point of information-If you have one do you need two more?

Point of information-how much do they cost

Answer- 1500 dollars each and then landscaping.

Point of information- If they are going to pave an area you don't need an picnic table.

Point of information-Can we just change it to one.

Renee-Keep in mind that its families that live there. Its pretty valid for families.

Point of information-How many people will they fit.

Answer-Four, The school mandates this so its not their fault its so expensive.

Point of information-Doesn't this all fit in the budget?

Answer-The extra money will go back to the facilities, to be spent by others.

Point of Information-The lounges are tiny.

Point of Information-Is the current one crowded?

Answer-a lot of people spend a lot of time out there

Point of information-They are trying to build a community

Point of Information-How is the money spent if it doesn't go towards these items.

Answer-Susan Austin gets to decide with some influence by us. The facilities managers would come to her and ask for things. It could be used for anything. You know how budget works, if we have a big flood it could go to that.

Point of information-If this is passed there will be three tables.

Answer-Yes

Point of Information-would two tables work?

Anwer-Most of the cost is the stone slab and the landscaping so it wouldn't make much of a difference in price.

Point of information-Is two enough?

Answer-Three seems good to me (renee), they just redid the one that is out there.

Point of information-How many people live there?

Answer- at least 48 in each building.

Pro-
Con-
Pro-
Con-
Pro-
Con-

Ryan I call the question

Will seconds

Christy I move to vote by acclimation

Dean seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes

- **Martin: \$648 for Television – 32" LCD HDTV**
- **Laura Browning**
- **Speaker: Laura Browning**

The tv barely works and that is the only tv in a common area.

Speaker- The tv was bought in 99 and it is the only tv in the building with cable. We have a lot of international students and that is how they get info

Question-Isnt it the size of a broom closet

Answer-Nope

Pro-Sounds like a good idea
Con-
Pro-Cable is pretty awesome and I feel bad that they cant get it anywhere else
Con-
Pro-
Con-

Ryan-I call the question

Will seconds

Ryan moves to vote by acclimation

Christy seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes.

- **Moore: \$775 for Couch**
 - **Krishan Sultania**
 - **Speaker: Ellen Walker**

The couch they have now is not good. It matches the chairs they have. It's a really nice couch.

Speaker- Right now we have some really ugly couches and no one sits on them. We are reorganized the lounge and this will help as well as provide some needed extra seating.

Questions

Debate-

Pro-They smell badly

Con-

Pro-If its like our couch it would be amazing

Con-

Pro-our couches hold up well

Con-

Pro

Will calls the question

Dean Seconds

Eric moves to vote by acclimation

Rob seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion Passes

- **Smith: \$150 for Magazine Subscription**
 - **Amber Kosik**
 - **Speaker: Yana Smith**

Smith is the wellness hall and all the magazines are similar to wellness

Speaker-All of the magazines are out of date and ripped up.

Questions-

Question-How many is it for?

Answer-Eight

Debate

Pro-Someone could let us in

Con-I don't think cosmo or people are health related

Pro-Its good to have a diverse selection

Con-I don't think its necessary for the school to buy magazines for people.

Pro-Its better outlet for people to do than bad things

Con-

Pro-Shuttles had magazines and it was so nice to sit with friends and read and its good to look at.

Con-

Pro-I also think this is one of their only proposals.

Con-

Pro-

Ryan calls the question

Amanda seconds

Rob moves to vote by acclimation

Rylie seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes.

- Perkins: \$18 for Universal Remote

- Lisa Collins

They don't have a remote.

Speaker- We cant change the channel or volume.

Questions-

Question-Will this work for both the TV and the DVD player.

Answer-Its universal so yes.

Question-Couldn't you just use your Hall council budget?

Answer-Our budget is a lot smaller than RHA

Debate

Pro-They need a remote control

Con-

Pro-Its only \$18

Con-

Pro-

Con-

Rob calls the question

Amanda seconds

Lindsey moves to vote by acclimation

Jason Seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes

- **MCH: \$1000 for TV and DVD Player**
 - **Christy Ara**

We are just voting on a separate tv and dvd player

Speaker-Our main thing is sit around and watch tv. Its our main community gathering. The current tv is broken and it doesn't have a tv turner. We don't have a dvd player of our own.

Questions-

Debate-

Pro-I have been ot the MCH and they deserve it!

Con-

Pro-The community aspect really focuses around the common room with a tv.

Con-

Pro-Tvs are fun

Con-

Pro-Its sad that they have to use the house moms dvd player

Christy calls the question

Ryan Seconds

Heather moves to vote by acclimation

Fasil seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion Passes.

- **MCH: \$570 for Foosball Table**
 - **Christy Ara**

They don't have a pool table like a lot of the other dorms.

Speaker-The house used to have a pool table now its non existant. There is a space crying for it. We are social so we would definately use it.

Questions-

Debate-

Pro-Foosball is fun

Con-

Pro-Community Aspect.

Con-

Pro- Its entertaining

Con-

Rob calls the question

Christy seconds

Eric moves to vote by acclimation

Seconded by steve

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion Passes.

- **VS: \$1200 for Computers in Media Center**
 - **Sam Murphy**

Speaker-The VS comp lab is currently in disrepair. We have several residents without computers and if we have computers that would work these students could get a lot of their work done. These comps would go in the study lounges.

Questions-

Question-How many do you have that work?

Answer-None

Debate-

Pro-It's a great deal

Con-

Pro-They need computers

Con-

Pro-They will last for a while

Con-

Pro-They are educational

Rob calls the question

Amanda seconds

Riley moves to vote by acclimation

Dean seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes.

- **VS: \$1000 for TV and DVD Player**
 - **Jennie Rhodes and Beverly Ince**

Speaker-We have a tv that is like thirty years old. It doesn't turn on. We have a tv but it is in a study room. We just really need a tv.

Questions-

Question-Why is your tv and dvd player cost more than the other locations proposal.

Answer-IT depends on the size. This is the general price for everyone else.

Question-Why don't they move the tv.

Answer-The tv is needed for classes.

Debate-

Pro-Anything to support the community

Con-

Pro-Community

Con-
Pro-they need a new tv anyways

Con-
Pro-

Eric I call the question

Christy seconds

Eric moves to vote by acclimation

Dean seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes.

- **North area (VS): \$950 for Grill**
 - **Micah Nerio**

In the south area they have a grill and they use it a lot, They are going to put it behind the health center.

Speaker-The south area has one. We are asking for a much smaller one. Many of the RAs have expressed a need for something outside.

Questions-

Question-What type of grill will it be?

Answer-The kind at the park

Question-Who will be responsible for charcoal?

Answer-It will be like the south area.

Debate-

Pro-People use the one in the south quad

Con-Fire hazard

Pro-People have programs on the north area of campus

Con-

Pro-Being able to grill out and cook will be nice

Con-

Pro- Rob

Con-

Rob calls the question

Ryan Seconds

Chirsty moves that we vote by acclimation

All those in favor

Opposed

The motion passes

- **SMUSH: \$2100 for Kitchen Utensils, tables, chairs, tv and surge protector**
 - **Michael Meltzer, Jake Fields, Jaipreet Suri**
 - **Speaker: Michael Meltzer**

They only get cable in the common area. The tv is second hand. We watch tv together all the time. People study and they need more places to study. A lot of people don't have meal plans we have a kitchen and we need all of those things so that we can cook.

Speaker-we need all of these items because our kitchen is lacking. A lot of our people don't have meal plans so they cook in the kitchen for all of their meals and this way they can make the food that is necessary for them to live.

Questions-

Question-Will they be available for use at all times?

Answer-Yes. Our kitchen is like a home kitchen.

Debate-

Pro-Smush does really cook a lot

Con-

Pro-Obvious that they did a bunch of research

Con-

Pro-If they don't have meal plans they need it

Con-

Pro-Good deal-

Con-

Pro-It will be used.

Christy calls the question

Rob seconds

Dean moves to vote by acclimation

Ryan seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes.

- Shuttles: \$1000 for TV

- Jason Ballmann

Asking for a second tv.

Speaker-We have viewing parties and some shows are on at the same time.

Questions-

Question-Is it only a tv?

Answer-Yes. It's a big tv.

Debate-

Pro-Since it's the newly renovated hall when it comes to improving the hall they aren't going to get anything for a while so this tv will match.

Con-

Pro- They need at least one really good one

**Con-
Pro-
Con-**

Christy calls the question

Rob seconds

Rob moves to vote by acclimation

Christy seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion passes

- **Shuttles: \$130 for Magazine Rack**
- **Shelby Justl**

Speaker-We have a bunch of magazines and they aren't out so no one is using it. We want a nice wooden one.

Questions-

Debate-

Pro-They need one

Con-

Pro-Quality is high

Con-

Pro-Sounds good

Con-

Rob calls the question

Christy Seconds

Amanda moves to vote by acclimation

Fasil Seconds

All those in favor

Opposed

Motion Passes

Baller Basket- McElvany they are doing a great job

Kudos!

To The people who went to SWACURH from lauren welte.

Christy ara

Aaron

Sylvia

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Daisy

Lindsey

Dean

Swacurh People

Recongnition Committee

Dress up for tomorrow

Its from 5-7 in the ballrooms.

Open Forum

Christy-The MCDH is having a tree decorating program and we will be having a dec the halls program dec 2 after the lights thing.

Next Tuesday momc is having pajama jam. 10pm.

Sat. Dec 1st. Boaz. Going to DFW to meet soldiers who are coming home.

Michael-Smush is still accepting applications.

McElvany-is selling candy grams.

Shuttles –Dec holiday party-9PM.

Adjourn

Janie Moves 6:00

Ryan Seconds.