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Issue 1

Class Budgets Pass Almost Unanimously

Mackenzie Zientak

On October 2, the Student Senate approved class budgets for the Fall of 2001. The Freshman Class (2005) requested a total of \$4,509.13 and received \$1,500 to fund their activities. A majority of the money approved for the class will go toward a Valentine's Day Sophomore Freshman Formal, a Tropical Dance, and Spring Fling. While the Sophomore Class (2004) requested a total of \$12,176.90 from the Finance Committee, \$3,527.30 was approved for class spending. Most of the money approved will be spent on an Alumni Dinner, a Valentine's Day Sophomore Freshman Formal, and a Snowball Sophomore Formal. The Junior Class (2003) received funds for two activities: a Junior Class Day and a Formal with Sophomores. Out of a requested sum of \$8,450, an amount of \$1,558.70 was approved for Junior Class spending. Finally, the Senior Class (2002) was approved to spend \$15,200.25 out of a requested sum of \$23,829.15. The activity receiving the largest amount of funding is the Senior Formal, while the Champagne Toast and a Networking Party both received substantial funding as well. When asked for her opinion about the Senior Class budget for the Fall, Dawn Sticht (senior) remarked, "I think the funds our class received are generous and I am very excited about the upcoming Fall activities." An amount of approximately \$2300 remaining will be allocated during budget hearings on October 11.

Who Wants To Be On C.R.A.C.?

Daniel Stolkowski

Ian Walchesky will be chairing the Constitutional Redrafting and Adoption Committee (CRAC) Ad-Hoc committee. The goal of this committee is to write an entirely new constitution for the Student Senate. When asked why we need this Ad-Hoc, Walchesky said, "We need this committee because the constitution, as it exists, basically sets up no guidelines for the officers and members of the Student Senate. It has no effective foundation for student government on this campus."

To begin the writing process, the committee we will first examine constitutions of student governments at comparable schools in order to start brainstorming ideas. They will also be meeting with members of the Faculty and Administration, and hopefully surveying current and past members of the Senate to see how Senate can better serve the student body. By the end of next semester, they will introduce a new constitution to the Senate for debate, and suggestions. "We have a lot of work ahead of us, but I really think we can make some changes that would benefit the entire college, and make the transition from year to year much more smooth," said Walchesky.

If you are interested in giving suggestions to the C.R.A.C. committee, contact Nicole Ouellete, Jenny Wheeler, Paul Lancaster, Kate Klunk, Mike Grant, Mike Quatrini, Robert Shaw, Robin Workman, Lisa Bowman, or Mackenzie Zientak

Committee Updates

Town-Relations Committee

The Town-Relations Committee is a permanent (standing) committee of Student Senate. It was created two years ago by Brian McLoughlin, '02 in the spirit of improving the relationship between Dickinson and the Carlisle community. This year, the Committee's chair is Jessica Ellerman, '03, who already has plans in the works for a downtown discount program. She also meets monthly with Vice President Shunk's Campus Community Connections Committee to stay abreast of developments between the College and the town. If you have any comments or suggestions on town-relations, email Jessica at ellerman@dickinson.edu.

Organization and College Liaison Committee (OCL)

The Organization & Campus Liaison (OCL) serves on the Student Senate cabinet and runs a standing committee that helps campus organizations operate efficiently. One of the OCL's most important responsibilities is serving as chair of the Dickinson Activities Multi Organization Board (more affectionately known as DAMOB). The Board is responsible for coordinating events and allocating funds for CAB, Concert Committee, The Depot, Fallfest, Springfest, The Quarry, HUB All-Night, and the Travel-Leisure Program. This year, the OCL is being chaired by Dan Wiedemer '02. He reports that his committee is currently developing advertising strategies for events and drafting a survey to get student feedback on campus entertainment. If you have any questions about OCL, DAMOB, or student organizations in general, please contact Dan at wiedemer@dickinson.edu

Academic Standards

The Academic Standards committee has four major areas of work as the school year begins. The first is to take a look at the academic department honors. They will compare the different honors between all of the departments and decide how to or if they need modification. The next issue they will be addressing is the use of the pass/fail system and the credit/no credit option. They will look at who is using these options and how often they are being used. The third project the committee will be working along side of the

Registrars Office in establishing a concrete practice for the online course catalog. They will also address the fact that freshmen are not accessible to a hard copy of courses. Lastly they will look at the petitioning done when one wants to add a fifth course to ones schedule and whether or not there is a need for the petitioning.

Information Technology

The IT committee is now planning for the coming year. They are finalizing the proposals from the faculty concerning department grants for additional technology. Students will see increased technology in their classes in the near future. The committee is also working with the long term effects of accreditation and what this will do in the near future. They will be planning many more projects for the coming year as well.

Admissions and Financial Aid

The AFA, composed of four faculty or academic professionals, three students, the Dean of Admissions, and the Director of Financial Aid, reviews and makes recommendations to the administration concerning all policies on financial aid and admission. They have nothing to report for this issue of The Senatorial.

Academic Programming Committee

This APC studies and evaluates all matters associated with the academic programming of the college, and advises the Dean on the distribution of finances and personal resources. This Committee is composed of six faculty or academic professionals, three students, the Dean of the College, the associate Dean for academic programs, the Registrar, and the Librarian. They have nothing new to report to this issue.

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Some Committees did not report back to this issue of The Senatorial and their actions will be reported in upcoming editions. The next issue will be available on Monday, October 29th, 2001. The Senatorial will be issued bi-weekly during the remainder of the school year.