

## Minutes - Closed Senate

Wrapping up the semester's business

Jazmine: Have you been checking your suggestion boxes, and Shari have you received any suggestions?

Shari: Yes, from three people

Jazmine: Please email them to us at the earliest.

Jazmine: After today, we're going to establish concrete committees instead of forming committees.

Yik Yak Proposal

We are going to get into groups and we are going to come up with new ideas. We voted on altering the proposal to better fit our campus. The Yik Yak proposal committee/group will be on its own.

Current Proposal: we have asked administration to ban Yik Yak on the campus network. We are now going to work on revamping this proposal.

Ideas from Senate Board:

- We want to see the introduction of a Race-emphasis class in the core curriculum
- Want student representatives on the committee that will be formed after the Campus Climate Survey -- ideally want these students to be from EC/Senate Board/Senate
- Could change it from a ban of Yik Yak to asking the admin to thoroughly investigate when an altercation happens on Yik Yak
- Could have a day on campus dedicated to reducing racial tensions
- Do not want the network to be as overburdened as Mr. McQueen said it would be if Yik Yak does get banned.

Ideas from Madeleine, Aji, Deandra:

- Try and look into geofencing because we have minors on campus -- contacting Yik Yak

Ideas from Juanaysa, Theresa, Zorina:

- Also wanted to try geofencing
- Want the school to update the network so that it doesn't glitch

Ideas from Ban Yik Yak Committee (Layla, Tevanah, Laura, Khabirah):

- Geofencing because there are PEGs on campus

Amber: I think it would be appropriate to approach this as an altered proposal. We don't have to go into rewriting the entire proposal.

Juanaysa: How would we go into geofencing? Yik Yak says that you can only contact them through law enforcement.

Amber: President Fox would look into this and work with law enforcement on their behalf

Tevanah: Are they going to work on the network?

Jazmine: Mr. McQueen said it's not going to happen in the next year.

Amber: That is not the top priority right now because they're in the process of changing the student information system.

The two common ideas are geofencing and asking administration to more thoroughly investigate matters. By majority show of hands, we are voting on altering the proposal to include both of these components.

Layla Williams: motion to vote on the combined ideas going into the adjusted proposal  
Seconded.

Majority Vote -- passed.

Concrete groups to be established:

- Buildings (Chair: Sharanya)
  - Madeleine Stout
  - Juanaysa Singleton
  - Theresa Jones
- Senior Regalia (Chair: Jazmine)
  - Aji Gaye
- Diversity (Chair: Aji)
  - Khabirah Matthews
  - Layla Williams
  - Laura Harmon
  - Tevanah Charlemagne
- Greek Life (Chair: Aaleyah)
  - Zorina Morton
  - Deandra Wells

Theresa Jones: How do we get people to actually use the suggestion boxes?

Jazmine: We could possible hand out index cards during the hall meetings

Aaleyah: Are we going to switch our senate location?

Jazmine: The Nuthouse is already reserved for us. It might be inconvenient, though because the bookstore will be blocking us, it's a small space, etc. We can ask to shift our location to Hunt West.

Amber: Hunt West might be a good idea in terms of getting senate traffic.

Aaleyah: I want to hold every Open Senate in Hunt West

Jazmine: All those in favour of moving every Open Senate to Hunt West?

Vote was not a >50% majority, so let's talk about it.

Tevanah: What happens when we're talking about a serious issue and there's just people talking in line?

Aaleyah: I've had President's Society meetings there, and there have not been any problems.

Deandra: I think Francis is more professional.

Aji: I like the idea of having senate in Hunt West once a month not every week

Jazmine: All those in favour of having senate in Hunt West only once a month?

Majority vote.

Amber: My concern is that people are going to be very confused about where senate will be held.

Tevanah: Then that means the Publicity Team will have to know in advance

Jazmine: It will be a set week every month -- so every third week, for example.

Juanaysa: Flyers should be put on places that are more obvious.

Aji: We could also put it on the TV

Jazmine: Publicity Team will have to make sure that the flyers are out by the Friday before Senate.

Shari, Tevanah: concerns with BOLD 201.

Madeleine: You should all be getting information from Dr. Usher soon. She's working on fixing it.

Amber: College to Career initiative is part of the QEP

Madeleine: We could have Dr. Usher at one of the Open Forums and talk about this.

Announcements:

Tonight is BCM's Christmas party at 7:30 pm in Miller Chapel

If you are able to, please donate to the Black Baby Doll Day

BPB is having Midnight breakfast on Friday

Las Posadas is also on Friday at 7 pm -- it starts in PEG

RHA has Bingo on Saturday

LOE has a Zumba event in the PAC at 7 pm

Jazmine: These cultural events are great way to show our support.

Aaleyah: Can we donate three dolls from Senate?

Jazmine: Sure!

Motion to adjourn: Khabirah Matthews  
Seconded.