



# Albion College Student Senate

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General Senate Meeting  
Monday, October 21st, 9:18pm  
KC 4th Floor

1. Call to Order at 9:18pm
2. Roll Call
3. Approval and Review of Last Week's minutes
4. Officer Reports
  - a. President
    - i. Special Guest - President Ditzler
      1. Important time for college, especially as Liberal Arts
      2. Being LA is our competitive advantage
      3. Albion has chosen to focus on working class
      4. Declining numbers for colleges, Albion is positioning ourselves to do well
      5. Albion is moving forward bc there is a good alignment within branches of the institution
      6. Focuses for us to survive:
        - a. Dramatically residential experiences
          - i. Professors are accessible, live close to campus
          - ii. People you live with are different from you, you have the potential to learn from each other
      7. Mauricio- What would you say to students who have concerns about Oaklawn in terms of affordability, as well as other general concerns?
        - a. Large concern for healthcare in government
        - b. Albion had hospital before, once it closed down the college provided basic care
        - c. Final say is by the Board of Trustees
          - i. Albion College is not a healthcare provider
          - ii. Concerns for liabilities to college
          - iii. Oaklawn stepped forward to open up
        - d. Administration is working on it



- e. Cheryl Krause is working to transition
- 8. Mauricio - What are future investments in the town of Albion?
  - a. College is investing in downtown
  - b. Helped provide mortgage for Hotel
  - c. Assistance coming from alumni
  - d. Albion Reinvestment Corp. put together by Alumni
    - i. Charity working on development
    - ii. Working to renovate all vacant buildings downtown
  - e. Angel Investment
    - i. Working with alumni
  - f. Albion Impact Group
    - i. Working to implement ideas for new businesses
  - g. New tax law favors investment in Albion
  - h. Long term plans for college housing in downtown
  - i. College needs to grow to support itself and the college
- 9. Peach - what are the current policies regarding reporting sexual assault, and how Campus Safety responds to them
  - a. Asked Academic Development office
  - b. Refer to deans of students
  - c. Dean Wright - will assess Campus Safety's responses
    - i. Met with them in August to discuss issues
    - ii. Working in reassessing strengths and values
- 10. Peach - why is there still a coach on campus who has clearly violated Albion's values on sexual assault
  - a. Cannot comment on specific personnel issues
  - b. Will look into it
- 11. Jasmine - How would the college respond to having push pads in the KC and Olin
  - a. We can look into making it happen
  - b. Some buildings are entirely inaccessible, some need major



- remodification, others take more work
12. Jasmine - how would you respond to the creation of a student institutional research team
    - a. Sounds like an interesting proposal
  13. Marley - tuition is a rising cost, some colleges have tuition locks, could Albion look into that in the future?
    - a. Tradition of charging seniors more than incoming class because of federal loans, job opportunities, commitment to graduation
    - b. Incoming class pays the same amount with scholarships as they have for past 20-30 yrs
    - c. Freeze would have to be higher for first year than what would be expected for future years
    - d. Options are being discussed
  14. Alex - any plans to make Albion College more environmentally friendly through renewable energy sources and other ways
    - a. First looking at largest consumers of energy
    - b. Would have to sell equipment to energy providers for more efficiency
    - c. Business Office is involved in various projects, some to be rolled out in the next few years
  15. Alex- why are we not asking for sustainability donors
    - a. We are working on it, there are various such projects
    - b. Donors are more controlling of use for gifts
    - c. Gift coming soon for providing support for students at risk
    - d. Need to find donor who will get excited about environmental issues
    - e. You can help by providing a paragraph with your opinion to give to donors
  16. Alex- how can students feel that their recycling efforts are being followed through
    - a. Will look into it
  17. Alex - how as a college are we holding Bon Apetit accountable for sustainability



- a. Provide us with list of issues to be included in the next negotiation
  18. Alex - how can we feel confident that our ideas are being supported?
    - a. Visited many alumni
    - b. Met one who had a goal to develop community relations as Senate President 35 years ago
    - c. It will take a concerted effort
    - d. Something that is Senate's highest priority will have greater credibility
  19. Alex - concerns about recycling not being placed in large recycling containers by staff members
    - a. We will need to work on it
  20. Dr. Ditzler - understands frustration about incident this morning
    - a. We live in an imperfect world with imperfect people
    - b. Suggestions from students several years ago
      - i. Work with FYE - did not solve problem but made it better
    - c. Would love to hear specific plans to implement change
    - d. Change will take some time
  21. Isaac - has heard a lot as Umbrella president
    - a. There is something that needs to change
    - b. The system allows for bad actors to continue, something needs to change
    - c. Umbrella sees decrease every spring
    - d. We as a student body need to change
  22. Dr. Ditzler - it is an important issue, senate has been a good partner, hears student concern, problem will not be solved by my generation or your generation, but I will do what I can to help, we all need to work together
    - a. Albion College is working to look more like America, creates problems, but we are all working on it
  23. Best memories at Albion are students coming in to solve issues on campus, create a lost and continue your good work
- ii. EMS Club Approval
    1. Revolves around CPR and EMT services



2. Opportunity to involve students in the community
3. Currently Interest Group, voting on being recognized as an organization
  - a. Fiona - great club
  - b. Kym - How many students?
    - i. 50-60 students
  - c. Chris - offers good competitive edge, many people excited
  - d. Jose - great work, any concerns regarding space or equipment
    - i. Main part would be equipment such as mannequins
  - e. Latrell - How is the Wilson Institute supporting EMS Club? What are things you might want to allocate funding for?
    - i. Wilson is helping with advertisement and cover price of book for EMT Class, reviving KCLS program, plans to work closely in the future
  - f. Emily - will students be able to actually get certified for CPR with Red Cross?
    - i. Right now, focusing on educating people on CPR for free
    - ii. Planning to budget for certification in the future
  - g. Unanimously approved by roll call
- iii. TurboVote Update
  1. Nothing major, talk to Jim if you have questions
- iv. Club Name Changes
  1. Karate Club wants to change to Mixed Martial Arts
  2. Hip Hop Dance wants to change to Divine Dance Crew
  3. Student Alumni Association wants to change to Briton Traditions
- v. 5 Minute Recess
- vi. Bylaw Amendment for Subcommittee on Accessibility
  - a. See changes on Bylaws





1. Senate co-sponsorship \$75 for food at Dinner
  - c. Dria - Spring event called Men in Mental Health, about childhood influences and improvements for future
  - d. Isaac - Umbrella events coming up, contact Isaac, Umbrella will likely do an event on Friday around 1 pm to show support for today's incidents
6. Adjourn 11:16pm