



Senate Minutes 10/27

- I. **Call to Order - Sam**
- II. **Roll Call - All in attendance**
- III. **Approve Minutes from last meeting - Approved**
- IV. **Old Business**
 - A. **Near Peer** - Sen. Burnside-Evans-Classes are moving online after Thanksgiving Break, so we won't have the opportunity to connect in the same way we would in face to face. Sen. Matheson-A lot of students are falling through the cracks due to the effects of the pandemic. Networking with peers is one of the most valuable skills from college. Nearpeer can resolve many issues due to the pandemic, networking, etc. Sen. BE-NeerPeer is a combination of tinder, t-bird connection, etc. NeerPeer is safe and effective for networking with your peers of the same major and grade level. Sen. BE-Unlike a dating app, NeerPeer connects people that have things in common. This algorithm has proven extremely successful. It's good for connecting students with friends, study groups, research groups, etc. It eliminates the number of GroupMe group chats with groups that students may not be actively involved in. Sen. Matheson-Looking at it from an administrator and professor viewpoint, information could be dispersed for specific groups (like online classes). It connects campus and connects the T-bird Nation. Admissions pays \$15,000 for first-years to have this app. It is proposed to have the entire campus incorporated into NeerPeer within two years.
 1. **Debate-**
 - a) Rep. Moore-is it just text based or are there video components? Sen. BE- it is purely text/chat based.
 - b) Sen. Walton-Can anyone send a mass message to the entire school? Sen. Matheson-Super Users (Heather Garcia and Eric Kirby, etc.) could send mass messages, but most users would not be able to.
 - c) Rep. Moore-Does the creation of every group need to be approved? Sen. Matheson-Yes, it would have to be approved.
 - d) Rep. Paz-Is there a way to make professors SuperUsers, so they can create a group for their classes when needed instead of needing approval from another SuperUser. Sen. Matheson-A lot of universities use it within their classes, so yes there could be a way so the professors could create their own groups for their specific classes.
 - e) Rep. Oschner- Will students from other schools be able to connect with SUU students? Will people who graduate still be able to access the app? Sen. BE- First question: no, they would have to go through SUU admissions to have access to the app. Second question: not 100% sure, but pretty sure that once your four years are up, you don't get access to the app anymore.
 - f) Sen. Cox-How expensive is it per user? Sen. Matheson-it costs \$15,000 per class.
 - g) SPB Pres. Kante-So admissions would be the people to add people to the app. What about transfer students who aren't freshman? Sen. BE-it doesn't matter what class you come in as, just that you go through the admissions process.
 - h) Rep. Partida-from SuperUsers, can there be an admin for a created group or is that strictly a SuperUser function? Sen. Matheson-Yes, once a group is created, a SuperUser can grant access to an admin who then takes control of that group.
 - i) **Motion to Close Debate**
- V. **New Business**
 - A. **Plan B in Health and Wellness Center** - (Refer to the document sent out) It is proposed for the Health and Wellness Center to offer Plan B ("the morning after pill"). Plan B would not be available for anyone to grab, it would be locked up and there would be a specific protocol to



follow and the Health and Wellness Center employees would be trained to handle the situation. The Health and Wellness Center gets its funding from the STIL office. It is recommended to put the Health and Wellness Center on the docket for student fees (\$1 or \$2) for additional fees to help cover additional costs as the center grows.

1. Debate -

- a) Sen. BE-What hours would the HWC be open for access to Plan B? Rep. Hawk-The normal hours that the center is usually open.
- b) Sen. Matheson-Would offering Plan B be counterintuitive to the other things the HWC offers (like condoms for safe sex)? Rep. Hawk-The side effects of Plan B are very intense, so Plan B is only for emergency use. No person with a uterus would want to use Plan B on a daily basis.
- c) Sen. BE- It is important to give options for those who need an emergency contraceptive. In cases on rape, this would be an important option.
- d) Sen. Cox-What is the cost of each dose of Plan B? Rep. Hawk-\$50
- e) Rep. Oschner-Veterans that go through the Veterans Office have expressed a need for additional school services just like what is proposed.
- f) Rep. Moore-There are students on campus who would disagree with this service and would disagree that their student fees would be going towards a service they don't agree with.
- g) **Motion to Table Discussion - Motion Passes**

VI. Close