



DRAKE UNIVERSITY STUDENT SENATE
REPRESENTING THE STUDENTS OF DRAKE UNIVERSITY

AGENDA

For the 20th Meeting of the 24th Session
24 February 2011
Drake Room 9pm – Olmsted Center

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Approval of Minutes
- IV. Officer Reports
 - A. Student Body President – Samantha Haas
 - 1. Introduction of Guest and Proxies
 - 2. Discussion with Faculty Senate, Tuesday, March 1, 7pm, Olmsted 312-313
 - 3. RELAY FOR LIFE ☺
 - B. Vice President of Student Life – Byron Spears
 - 1. DrakeDirect
 - C. Vice President of Student Activities – Greg Larson
 - 1. Comedian Kira Soltanovich, Friday, 8pm
- V. Senator Reports
- VI. Administrative Report – Dean of Students Sentwali Bakari
- VII. Speakers
 - A. Candidate speeches: 2 minute maximum
- VIII. Unfinished Business
- VIII. New Business
 - A. MOTION SS [110224] – A; To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) Drake University Chapter – Senator Hutcheson
 - B. MOTION SS [110224] – B; South Asian Student Association Nachte Raho Funding Allocation – Treasurer Bleadorn
 - C. Resolution SR [110224] – A; Student Senate Student Activity Fee – Treasurer Bleadorn
 - D. MOTION SS [110224] – C; Student Senate Reserve Earmarking – Treasurer Bleadorn
- IX. Issues
- X. Announcements
- XI. Adjournment



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We, the members of the Drake University Student Senate, in accordance with our duties and bylaws, do hereby pledge our support for the organization To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) Drake University Chapter and grant them all the rights and privileges of a full University Organization.

In the Drake University Student Senate

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MOTION SS [110224] - A; To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) Drake University Chapter

1. *Whereas*, it is the duty of the Student Senate to confirm the approval of new organizations at Drake University,
2. *Whereas*, To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) Drake University Chapter has fulfilled all the necessary requirements to be an organization at Drake University,
3. *Whereas*, TWLOHA Drake University is affiliated with TWLOHA, Inc., a non-profit movement dedicated to presenting hope and finding help for people struggling with depression, addiction, self-injury, and suicide,
4. *Whereas*, the organization exists to encourage, inform, inspire and also invest directly into treatment and recovery,
5. *Whereas*, the organization is open to all students at Drake University,
6. *Whereas*, no such organization or opportunity currently exists on Drake's Campus,
7. *Whereas*, the organization has sustainability plans in place to pass along leadership at Drake University,

Now, therefore, be it

Moved. That To Write Love on Her Arms (TWLOHA) Drake University Chapter be recognized as a full and official organization of the Student Senate, with all the rights and privileges thereof.



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We, the members of Drake University Student Senate, in an effort to support programming that improves student life, to better the experience of Drake University students, and to provide a memorable experience to students, do hereby move that \$810.00 be allocated to SASA to cover transportation costs associated with Nachte Raho.

In the Drake University Student Senate

24 February 2011

MOTION SS [110224] – B; South Asian Student Association Nachte Raho Funding Allocation

To approve the recommendation made by the Student Fees Allocation Committee (SFAC), in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Drake University Student Senate.

1. *Whereas*, the mission of SASA is “to educate the Drake community about South Asia through planned events on campus and around the Des Moines area, in hopes of helping the community learn about and become involved with South Asian culture.”;
2. *Whereas*, Nachte Raho Dance Competition will occur on March 5th in Iowa City, Iowa;
3. *Whereas*, the event provides a unique cultural experience and features Indian dancing;
4. *Whereas*, SASA anticipates an attendance of more than thirty-five (35) Drake students;
5. *Whereas*, attendees will represent Drake University;
6. *Whereas*, providing transportation to the event will allow for students to attend with limited out-of-pocket expenses;
7. *Whereas*, Student Senate provided funding for this event last in 2010;

Now, therefore, be it

Moved. That, Drake University Student Senate allocates \$810.00 to SASA to cover transportation costs associated with Nachte Raho.



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We, the members of Drake University Student Senate, in an effort to support programming that improves student life, to better the experience of Drake University students, and to provide a memorable experience to students, do hereby resolve to recommend an increase in the Student Activity Fee before the end of the 24th session.

In the Drake University Student Senate

24 February 2011

Resolution SR [110224] - A; Student Senate Student Activity Fee

To approve the recommendation made by the Student Fees Allocation Committee (SFAC), in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Drake University Student Senate.

1. *Whereas*, it is the duty of Student Senate to ensure the Student Activity Fee adequately provides for the budgets of student organizations on campus;
2. *Whereas*, we believe the current level of the Student Activity Fee is unsustainable;
3. *Whereas*, in past years Student Fee overages have been applied to the Student Development Fund, and no overages are anticipated in upcoming years;
4. *Whereas*, Student Senate has drawn from the Senate Reserve to make up this difference;

Now, therefore, be it

Resolved. That, Drake University Student Senate will reevaluate the Student Activity before the conclusion of the 24th session.



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We, the members of Drake University Student Senate, in an effort to support programming that improves student life, to better the experience of Drake University students, and to provide a memorable experience to students, do hereby move that \$16,500.00 be earmarked from the Senate Reserve exclusively to offset the shortage in the FY2011-2012 budget for annually-funded organizations.

In the Drake University Student Senate
24 February 2011

MOTION SS [110224] – C; Student Senate Reserve Earmarking

To approve the recommendation made by the Student Fees Allocation Committee (SFAC), in accordance with the Rules and Regulations of the Drake University Student Senate.

1. *Whereas*, Senate should ensure that annually-funded organizations continue to receive the current gross level of financial support from the Student Activity Fee;
2. *Whereas*, Senate needs to earmark funds from the Senate Reserve to offset the shortage in the 2011-2012 budget for annually-funded organizations relative to the 2010-2011 budget;
3. *Whereas*, there are no student fee overages present from 2010-2011;
4. *Whereas*, the campus readership fee was \$10,000.00 higher than projected;
5. *Whereas*, this proposal demonstrates fiscal responsibility by using Senate Reserve monies that are currently idle;
6. *Whereas*, this proposal ensures that Senate uses Senate Reserve monies, which are composed of Student Activity Fees from past years, for student activities and campus programming;
7. *Whereas*, the Student Body Auditor assisted in the creation of and supports this proposal,

Now, therefore, be it

Moved. That, Drake University Student Senate earmarks \$16,500.00 from the Senate Reserve exclusively to offset the shortage in the FY2011-2012 budget for annually-funded organizations.



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SFAC Motions Cost Breakdown – 24 February 2011

1. South Asian Student Association (Nachte Raho)

| Item | Requested | Allocated |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| Transportation ¹ | \$1,150.00 | \$810.00 |
| Total cost | <u>\$1,150.00</u> | <u>\$810.00</u> |

¹SFAC felt it was appropriate to fund same-day transportation because the event concludes at a reasonable time, the bus quote was less expensive, and coming back that night eliminates out-of-pocket lodging costs.