

ASSEMBLY AGENDA
Sunday, November 18, 2011

- I. Report on the Minutes of September 11
- II. Committee Reports: Committee reports have been sent out through the Bulletin Board and will **not** be presented orally. Please read them prior to the meeting. Questions for committees are welcome.
 - APC
 - Administrative Committee
 - Admission Committee
 - Financial Aid Policy Committee
 - Grievance, Appeals, and Judicial Committee
 - QLC
- III. Administrative Reports: (Requested by the Agenda Committee)
 - Mary Pat Barbarie (Development): 5 min
 - B David Galt (Presidential Search): 5 min
 - B David Galt (Student Life Reorganization): 15 min
- IV. Tabled Item from 9/11: 15 min
 - Motion: that Shimer College elect a student in the spring of each calendar year to be designated as Student Representative to Outside Organizations. (Motivated by Erik Boneff)
 - Note: If this motion passes, the Assembly will promptly hold this election.
- V. Elections: 15 min
 - Financial Aid Policy Committee (3 day students, 1 weekend student, two faculty, 1 at-large)
 - Student Replacement for the QLC
- VI. Dean Barbara Stone's Report on the Academic State of the College: 30 min
- VII. Proposed Amendments to the Assembly Constitution:
 - ***For discussion only*** to be voted on at the first Assembly of 2012. **SEE BELOW.**
 - (1)*Transparency* (motivated by Eileen Buchanan); (2) *Authority* (Motivated by Albert Fernandez); (3)*Committee reports* (motivated by Eileen Buchanan)
- VIII. Adjournment

Proposed Amendments to the Assembly Constitution

(1) and (2) Motivated by Eileen Buchanan

(Proposed additions in blue)

(1)

Preamble (Paragraph 6)

The Assembly is a participatory democracy in which members attend and vote as individuals and not as representatives of any group. The members of specific bodies such as the faculty, the students, the staff, or the trustees do not participate as representatives of those groups.

Prior to appearing before the assembly, committee chairs will submit a substantial written report to the community so that Assembly members can arrive with meaningful questions.

(2)

(Paragraph 7)

The Assembly expects all officers and committees of the College to seek guidance from the Assembly whenever the particulars of their duties raise questions of basic policy or principle. Seeking the general will of the Assembly shall be standard procedure whenever it appears that issues being decided or discussed in committees or by officers of the College are not regular matters of administration or execution of responsibility, but involve the basic values of the College as a whole.

Transparency is expected of all reports to the Assembly. Except where legal requirements demand confidentiality, all matters pertaining to the ethos of the college shall be put to the Assembly.

(3) Motivated by Albert Fernandez
(Deletions in red, additions in blue)

(3)

Preamble (Paragraphs 3-5)

Current wording:

The Assembly recognizes the Board of Trustees as the ultimate legal authority of the College. Should there arise a conflict between any section of the Assembly Constitution and the By-laws of the Board of Trustees, the By-laws will take precedence.

The Assembly recognizes the President as the chief executive administrator of the College.

The Assembly recognizes that the College Faculty is authorized to maintain, develop and revise the instructional program of the College. This authorization includes responsibility for curriculum content, degree requirements, recommendation of graduates, college examinations, and academic lectures and convocations.

Amendment:

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The Assembly recognizes the President as the chief executive administrator of the College.

The Assembly recognizes ~~that~~ the ~~College~~ Faculty ~~is as the academic authority authorized of the College.~~ ~~to~~ **The Faculty** maintains, develops, and revises the instructional program of the College. ~~This authorization~~ **Its authority** includes responsibility for curriculum content, degree requirements, recommendation of graduates, ~~College~~ examinations, and academic lectures and convocations.

Amended:

The Assembly recognizes the Board of Trustees as the legal authority of the College.

The Assembly recognizes the President as the chief executive administrator of the College.

The Assembly recognizes the Faculty as the academic authority of the College. The Faculty maintains, develops, and revises the instructional program of the College. Its authority includes responsibility for curriculum content, degree requirements, recommendation of graduates, College examinations, and academic lectures and convocations.