

Villanova University Senate Committee on Mission and Social Justice

Minutes: Third Meeting of the Committee on Mission and Social Justice, Wednesday, November 10, 2010 in the St. Augustine Center, Room 104

Agenda:

- I. Approve Minutes from October meeting
 - II. Review Parking Proposal for the Senate
 - III. Guest Speaker: Jenn Maez ('11) on Fair Trade
 - IV. Next Steps
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The Chair, Dr. Bernard Prusak, called the meeting to order by welcoming all members.

I. OCTOBER MINUTES

The Committee unanimously approved the minutes of the last meeting on October 6, 2010.

II. REVIEW PARKING PROPOSAL

Dr. Bernard Prusak reported the following:

- a. It has been suggested that we break the proposal into two parts: one focused on social justice regarding salary, and the other focused on environmental stewardship.
- b. Could we have everyone's parking fees raised \$5, and eliminate fees for those who make less than \$30,000?
- c. Objections to parking at the University Senate Meeting:
 - i. Numbers were outrageous.
 - ii. Parking is/should be "done." We should be spending our time on other issues.
- d. What's next? Does MSJ (a) step aside? or (b) send new version back up?
 - i. Parking on campus is going to be reviewed anyway. Perhaps we should draft a policy statement for the future.
 - ii. Who brought the issue up originally?
 1. There was an ad-hoc committee two years ago to examine the fee structure.
 - iii. We need to point out that the topic came from the Senate:
 1. We might draft a statement concerning our views.
 2. The statement should explain why this issue is important.
- e. Next steps:
 - i. Keep proposal on agenda.
 - ii. Prepare a statement in view of next year's plans for re-evaluating parking on campus.

III. GUEST SPEAKER: JENN MAEZ

Ms. Jennifer Maez '11 is a CRS ambassador on campus who is heavily involved with the Fair Trade movement.

- a. Dr. Prusak reviewed his conversation with Mr. Tim Dietzler, Director of Dining Services.
 - i. Mr. Dietzler explained that we have one line of Fair Trade-certified coffee.
 - ii. Our coffee supplier (Peet's Coffee) is currently under review.
 - iii. Some of Peet's Coffee is Fair Trade *obtained*, not Fair Trade *certified*.
 - iv. Mr. Dietzler invited us to welcome representatives from Peet's Coffee to a meeting.
- b. Ms. Jennifer Maez presented the following:
 - i. CRS Ambassadors are creating a big presence on campus: they recently held Fair Trade tastings on campus and obtained 200 signatures indicating students would like to see more Fair Trade on campus.
 - ii. Students wonder, if one line is Fair Trade, why can't all lines be Fair Trade?
 - iii. There is a possibility that we can eliminate the middle man and have a partnership with producers.
 - iv. MSJ can help determine what we can do about making all lines Fair Trade. We should look into switching to Pura Vida.
 - v. We need to advertise what we are doing on campus.
- c. What is the cost of Fair Trade?
 - i. Might be a bit more, but Fair Trade is about so much more than just wages; it's about the community's involvement! Communities that produce Fair Trade have better infrastructure, schools, etc.
 - ii. We need to decide if we should try to institutionalize Fair Trade or if we simply offer more opportunities and allow consumers to decide.

IV. NEXT STEPS

- a. Follow up with parking
 - i. Create a statement of interest, concern, and recommendations.
- b. Follow up with Fair Trade
 - i. Work closely with Dining Services and the CRS Ambassadors.
 - ii. Invite Peet's Coffee to present to MSJ.

Respectfully submitted,

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Friday, November 19, 2010