

SAAC Minutes

October 21st, 2012

1.) Attendance Recorded.

2.) Treasury Report- The treasurer made a report of SAAC's current account status. SAAC is financially stable and able to meet the monetary demands for all of its future planned activities and projects.

3.) Faculty Luncheon Meeting- The faculty luncheon went well overall. All the items on the agenda were discussed and the officers were able to receive insight from the faculty as to how to further develop and expand on existing ideas and projects. Some of the more crucial issues where the faculty assisted was the peer support program. They suggested that we continue to develop a model and structure for its formation. This has been a project the council has been working on for close to two years and although there were several setbacks due to formalities, SAAC as well as the students should be pleased to know that significant progress has been made and it is scheduled to be fully implemented by Spring semester 2013. The faculty was also very impressed by SAAC's new website and they offered to help promote the website by making it more conspicuous and allowing easier access. SAAC has been inviting more non-officers to its weekly meetings and speaking to the teachers, encouraging them to award extra-credit to the students who visit. The faculty consented to the idea but also shared that student organization visits should continue to be a requirement in some classes versus extra-credit.

4.) Pilot Bill of Rights- During the faculty luncheon, Assistant Professor, Ernie Anderson did a presentation on a bill that was recently passed. One that should be welcoming news to aviators

and professionals in the aviation industry. On the August 3rd, 2012, President Obama signed the Pilot's Bill of Rights. According to the AOPA Government Advocacy page, "*The legislation guarantees pilots under investigation by the FAA expanded protection against enforcement actions via access to investigative reports, air traffic control and flight service recordings, and it also requires the FAA to provide the evidence being used as the basis of enforcement at least 30 days in advance of action.*"

As General Aviation continues to expand throughout the United States, the potential of GA pilots being at fault increases, so the introduction of this bill to aviation is very gratifying. More information can be found on the Pilot's Bill of Rights on the FAA's website.

<http://www.faa.gov/pilots/rights/>

Upcoming Events:

-Dean's Forum and State of Industry-November 6th, 2012

-Fall Safety Seminar- October 25th, 2012 at 7PM