Student Senate Report to the Board of Trustees

October, 2014 – David Earleywine, President

Good Morning,

First of all, on behalf of Student Senate and all the students at Carroll, I would like to thank you for taking the time to hear a student perspective of the current status of the University. Student Senate’s main task is to keep an ear to the ground and feel the pulse of the student body. With that said, I would like to share with you some topics that students have celebrated already this semester, along with some areas that have left students with concerns.

Areas Students are Celebrating:

**Over 50+ Student Orgs:** With the addition of five new organizations in the past academic year, Carroll University now has 52 student organizations to meet student’s needs and interests. Carroll University offers academic organizations, diversity organizations, special interest organizations, religious organizations, service organizations, and Greek Life. All of these organizations are tailored to meet student needs and are serving many students on campus.

**Student Senate CCE Scholarships:** This fall Student Senate was able to distribute $500 scholarships to four students, based on merit, for their CCE. Student Senate will offer six more scholarships in the spring semester and continually strives to support students in their many academic endeavors at Carroll.

**New furniture in the PIT:** Last year, Student Senate received many concerns (especially from commuter students) about the Pioneer Indoor Terrace not having any soft seating, such as lounge chairs and couches. Summer Senate, in conjunction with the Campus Services team, purchased new furniture for entryway into the Pioneer Indoor Terrace.

Areas Students would like Improvements:

**Policy Clarity and Access:** Student Senate has received multiple concerns already this semester about the lack of transparency, access and clarity of certain policies and guidelines. For example, students have been disheartened by the difficulty of finding policies online or via face to face conversations, specifically with the General Education program and some Public Safety Parking policies. If there is a way to make these policies more visible and accessible to students, I urge you to find a way to do so. We are excited to hopefully see a revamped version of the my.carrollu website. A more user-friendly and accessible interface will help students access policies and procedures in a much easier way. Student Senate hopes that a new website, along with continued communication from administration to students, will provide an easier mode of communication for everyone at the University. Any way for the University to continue to enhance communication to the students of policies, procedures, and current events effecting students will positively impact students and their contentment here at Carroll University.

Thank you all for your generosity and service to the Carroll community.
Respectfully submitted,

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