**Student Government Association

November 15, 2017

Meeting Minutes

1. Prayer by Vanessa Restifo
2. Roll Call and Announcements

All senators are here and accounted for except Danielle Grady.

1. Approval of Minutes
2. Motion to approve last week’s minutes by Adam Himmelman, seconded by Jessica Garcia Ramirez.
3. Executive Officers Report

President – Carl Carpenter

* GPA Revision
  + Looking to raise the required GPA to be a Senator from a 2.0 to a 2.5 in the Constitution
  + We can discuss this in New Business; this will be the time for questions and concerns
* Rollover Update
  + Those things voted on last week have been discussed, and are in the process of being ordered and priced out
* Pedestrian Bridge
  + School received a grant from the state to fund this project for Summer 2018
  + The bridge is located by the roundabout by Visitor parking for football

Vice President – Anna Daniels

* Slate Election Committee
  + If you have any comments or questions concerning the Slate election process, timelines, etc., please email Anna at **daniam22**

Secretary – Rachel Trauner

* There are 35 Senators in attendance
* Happy Birthday Keely and Sarah!

Treasurer – Nataleigh Kerr

* Golf Carts
  + $ 360.00 for SGA Day
  + $ ­­­260.00 for Lakeside Craft Fair
* Sodexo Catering
  + $ 1,024.87 for SGA Day

Open Forum

* Anna, the Secretary of Allies here to discuss their plans for their Diversity Week Plans
  + Thursday, November 16th at 7:30 PM in Berlin. There will be a reading of the play “Cake”

Committee Meetings

Finance – Tyler Sheets

* Finance Policy Changes
  + New written policy that allows an organization to apply for additional funding outside of the Allocation Process
  + New student organizations that get approved throughout the year are able to go through an allocation process that is outside of the normal Allocation process
    - This is a more informational process so that clubs are set up financially and also educationally on how to proceed with the Audit and Allocation process

Academics – Austin Arrigo

* No committees met this week
* Library Event last week
  + Event went very well
  + However, mugs were gone before the event technically started
  + This was experimental; Austin would like to do this again, but it is budget dependent

Diversity – Jordan Sherman

* The next Civil Dialogue will take place Tuesday, November 28th from 12:45 – 1:45 PM in Lakeview
  + The topic of the Dialogue is still being discussed, however instead of a set topic, the committee has decided to send out “Questions” ahead of time so that students have something to mull over and think about
* Please be mindful of the different Diversity events taking place on campus; all of the organizations on campus put effort and time into these events, so please show your support!

Special Events – Mackenzie Basalla

* New York City Updates:
  + The hotel has been booked
  + The bus company will be contacted and reserved by the end of this week

Service – Elizabeth Smith

* The Staff Breakfast is taking place November 28th from 7:30 – 10:00 AM
  + There is a sign-up sheet going around; please sign-up for a time to help
  + A Thank You card is coming around; this will at the Staff Appreciation Breakfast

Student Concerns – Tanner Easley

* Student Concerns
  + The TUB ran out of Bread bowls on the only day that they’ve ever had them
    - Tanner will be looking into the quality and quantity of the bread bowls for next time
* Times for the gyms on campus
  + The problem is that there are work study students running the gyms; SAC has been working on and looking into this issue
* The Fireside Chat is tomorrow, Thursday November 16th from 4:00 – 6:30 PM in Berlin
  + This is your chance to ask your questions to the key staff members of the College
  + We will need help rearranging Berlin prior to the event – please help if you are available
* FAC Report
  + Talked about the fruit in the grab and go section
    - Fruits have been divided into individual cups instead of full fruit salads
* Baked goods in Starbucks
  + The baker was not here, but he is back so options should be better
* Looking into sampling more gluten-free options
* Focus Groups
  + Gaged interest in updating:
  + the salad station
  + the Pizza station
  + the Main lunch and Dinner station (Charleston Market)
* Student Pantries
  + Met with Amanda Ries; we have decided to stock available cupboard space instead of initial pantry idea. We do still need to look into Eich because they do not have a kitchen area, but we are looking into doing something for that building
    - Would ask that Senators from each building check on the pantries to ensure food quality, amount, and that if anything was needed, SGA is notified
    - SGA would have to start the process by buying the food and different things that would be present in the pantry

Public Relations – Matt McDonald

* The SGA Christmas Party will take place Wednesday, November 29th directly after the SGA Meeting in Lakeview
  + The party will last until 10:00 PM
  + There will be:
    - Cookie decorating station
    - Photo backdrop
  + Theme – Ugly Christmas Sweater
  + Hot cocoa bar
  + Sodexo food catering/ Mocktails
  + Gingerbread house competition
  + Christmas Karaoke
* SGA Secret Santa
  + $5.00 – $10.00 limit between senators
  + Matt will be emailing the Senators their Secret Santa

1. Old Business
   1. No Old Business at this time
2. New Business
   1. Motion by Mathew Causer to discuss raising the GPA Requirement, seconded by Andrius Burnelis.
      1. What is the purpose of this Revision
         1. To uphold and increase the integrity of the SGA Senator position
      2. When is this going to be implemented
         1. Hopefully, for the next Slate and Senate
      3. Will this be changed in both the Constitution and By-laws?
         1. Yes, this will be changed in both documents
3. Open Floor
   1. Phi Mu throwback night is Friday November 17th from ­­­7:30 – 9:30 PM in Berlin Lounge
   2. Tri Beta are still selling fish in the TUB
   3. AGD is hosting a Flag football tournament this Sunday
      1. Starts at 1:00 PM
   4. Liz Smith’s chapel is Friday
   5. There is no meeting next week
   6. Fireside Chat is tomorrow in Berlin; please be there!
4. Adjournment
5. Motion to adjourn by Andrius Burnelis, seconded by Jacob Staub