**Student Government Association

November 9, 2016

Meeting Minutes

1. Prayer by Michael Angiolelli
2. Roll Call and Announcements

All senators are here and accounted for except John Arcuri, Matt Slagle, Jen Piascik, Natalee Ross, Sam Stewart, Kelsey Smith, and Shania Kennedy.

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

President – Cory Hughes

* Titan
  + Company doesn’t want to charge for color change
  + Company can’t accommodate blue feather plume on helmet
  + Maybe we can use savings from above to pay extra for special blue plume
* Bylaw Revision
  + Small changes made after review by Dean Edman

Vice President – Channing Pifer

* No Report

Secretary – Regino Flores

* Senator Attendance
  + 39 Senators in attendance

Treasurer – David Jamieson

* $132.00 – Slate Crewneck Sweatshirts (PR)
* $905.62 – Chips and Drinks for SGA Day (PR)

Open Forum

Ronan Stark – President of Allies requested $2,100 to help fund guest Speaker Kat Blaque March 3rd to talk about rape, sexual assault, and transphobia to educate campus and support gender studies courses. Some funding is already provided by Allies and Diversity Services ($5,000 total cost)

Committee Meetings

Finance – Carl Carpenter

* Allies
  + Recommend discussion of the allocation before vote is conducted

Academics – Anna Daniels

* Committee Meetings
  + Religious Life Council
    - Discussed different loans/allocation granted to the chapel
    - One gift of $100,000 from a family
    - Another gift for $100,000 over 5 years for improvements or trips
    - New assistant fellow in Chapel office, Stephanie wanted to say if you want to go to Montreat you must apply by November 15th
  + Sustainability Committee
    - Talked about things done to improve efficiency
    - Talked about getting LED lights
  + Curriculum Committee
    - Meeting to bring full first year general education curriculum to light
  + (Other) Curriculum Committee
    - Approved classes for London
    - Decided to make medical terminology Spanish class
  + Student Publications Board
    - Met to approve bylaws
  + URAC Committee
    - Chose speaker for URAC
    - Dates for abstract and poster submission have been established

Diversity – Jordan Sherman

* Thank you to all who attended the Elizabeth Acevedo event
* SGA Diversity Week
  + November 14-18th
  + “Don’t Categorize, Individualize”
  + Tub sitting during the week, except Tuesday
* Safe Space Training
  + November 17th at 7 P.M. (Free training)
* “Tour the World” Trip
  + Saturday November 19th
  + Buses leave at 11:15
  + Tickets $5
  + Tour is 12:30-2, should return around 3:15

Special Events – Heaven Brown

* No Report

Service- Chloe Knappenberger

* Joy Week: Share Joy
  + Expressing gratitude is one of the most potent ways to achieve happiness
  + Write a letter to someone who has been influential in your life
  + Call them and read the letter to them
* Can-A-Van
  + Donation spots open
* Letters to the Troops
  + Writing letters to soldiers abroad for the holidays
* Love a Grandparent
  + Contact Chloe if you want to participate

Student Concerns – Chris Israel

* Washers/Dryers
  + College used to have the same amount of dryers with more enrollment
  + However, since it is a serious concern, they are looking into making more space for more machines
* Light Post
  + Will be constructed promptly
* Fireside Chat
  + Next Thursday, November 17th at 5 P.M. in Berlin Lounge
  + Panel of distinguished Westminster
* My face
  + Posters of Chris Israel (Student Concerns chair) will be hung up on campus to let students know who to contact for student concerns

Public Relations – Amelia Hartzell

* SGA Christmas Party
  + Friday, December 2nd from 7-9
  + Food and drink
  + Big Brothers Big Sisters
  + Games (eg. Minute to Win It)

1. Old Business
   1. Motion by Anthony Easley to reopen bylaw discussion, seconded by Jessica Garcia-Ramirez
      1. Mandatory aspect of the bylaw is deterrent
      2. Allows committee chairs the right to establish specific meeting time and date, enforceable
      3. Gives senators a way to hold committee chairs accountable for their platforms
      4. No mandatory time limit
      5. Offers more time for committees to bring creative and new ideas to the table
   2. Motion by Ian Ross to close discussion, seconded by Shane Wilson, voted by Senate
   3. Motion by Jessica Garcia-Ramirez to vote on bylaw revision, seconded by Emily Wright
      1. Motion passes in the Senate by a majority of raised hands.
2. New Business
   1. Motion by Nataleigh Kerr to open discussion on Allies allocation, seconded by Shane Wilson
      1. Lowest paid speaker at this school was $4,000.
      2. $5,000 for a nationally renowned diversity speaker is very affordable
      3. Compare to Mock Convention speakers, who cost around $20,000
      4. Senators should be in attendance
      5. Comes out of the about $14,000 remaining in the grant fund, that is designated to allocate to student organizations
      6. Have we seen fundraising efforts from Allies?
         1. They have tried, but with limited budget can’t raise much
         2. Showing initiative as an organization to do something for campus at large
      7. Attendance on a Friday is reasonable, especially when compared to attendance of around 50 at last Friday night event
      8. Possibly turn this event into a fundraiser?
      9. Money we don’t spend at the end of the year goes into rollover for next year.
      10. Organizations have 3 revenue sources:
          1. Dues
          2. SGA allocations
          3. Fundraising (fundraisers at this school usually raise around $50)
      11. Co-curricular designation could encourage attendance
      12. Educational opportunity for learning about a little-discussed topic
   2. Motion by Taylor Chock-Wong to end discussion, seconded by Shane Wilson, voted
   3. Motion by Taylor Chock-Wong to vote on allocation, seconded by Shane Wilson
      1. Motion is passed by a majority of the Senate with raising of hand
3. Open Floor
   1. Share posts related to SGA events
   2. CPC Freebie Friday this Friday – Free Mug at the CPC Office – 3rd floor of TUB
   3. Friday at 8 P.M. in the Berlin Lounge there is a singer, Olivia Millerschin
   4. Concert Choir having Fall performance at 3 P.M. Sunday
   5. Tomorrow night Ferg Open House at 7 in Ferg Lobby open to all independent women
   6. AGD is hosting Spoons game (similar to Assassins) sign up for $3 in TUB
   7. Info session for Male Greek life at 8:30 tonight
   8. Theater Westminster performing A Midsummer Night’s Dream November 17, 18th and 19th and Sunday the 20th at 2:30. Tickets are $15, but students get a free ticket with promo code from e-mail when purchasing ticket
   9. Final football game at Geneva this weekend
4. Adjournment
5. Motion to adjourn by Anthony Easley, seconded by Taylor Chock-Wong.