

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes December 7, 2016

Call to Order

-12:18p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Kyle (Honors): motion for Penn State Theatre and Accounting Club to join the assembly.

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: I have a big update. I was sitting in the Enrollment Management this pass Friday, talking about LionPath, enrollments, and all that fun stuff. A big thing that will effective all of us as students is that now with the new system, LionPath, every student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 every Spring semester or you will lose your financial aid ability. They wanted me to broadcast that, and let you know that if you're are near that 2.0 window, they'll try to reach out to you. Just keep this in mind if they accidently missed you during the screening process. So every Spring Semester you need a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher to be eligible for financial aid. For the insurance, I mentioned that I'd give you guys an update after reading the report. Essentially, they looked at a bunch of Universities across the country, in hopes of standardizing and matching them. Other than that, everything I mentioned previously will only effect a few of you guys. So if you have insurance through your parents or your own insurance, as long as it is deemed adequate, you'll be fine. As Teri said before, just make sure you keep a look out on what is sent to you and make sure you fill out the form when it comes out. Also, this is the last SGA meeting of the semester. Everyone good luck on your finals. We're going to reconvene on January 18th, which is the second Wednesday of the Spring Semester, in this room.

Habida: January 18th is Club Rush.

Joey: Oh. Jess told me it was the 11th.

Habida: Okay. I'll double check.

Joey: Needless to say, we'll get back to you. If Club Rush isn't the first Wednesday when we come back, then we have SGA. We'll get back to you.

Patrick: So, the SFB, the Student Fee Board, we are meeting tomorrow. We took all the fees and mashed them together into one board now. Instead of having three separate ones, we figured one will be adequate enough. And I talked a little about it two meetings ago. So the meeting tomorrow will be discussing about SIFB, which is the Student Initiative Fee. If you guys have any concerns about that, please bring it up to me. I love to hear them.

Approval of the Minutes

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the minutes
- Nick (DECA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Kyle (Honors): approve the agenda
- Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Treats for Troops! Shout out to all those that donated. I know a lot of clubs have helped out. I see Accounting Club has some more bags. We'll help you arrange that and bring them to the SGA office. But thank you. Especially during the time of the holiday, it's definitely going to boost up the morale for our troops oversea. Sustainability Club, again welcome! Then the insurance topic, I already talked about. If you have any specific questions, you can email Gene K. His email is listed.

New Business

Joey: As of today, the SGA budget timeline has been unfrozen. Basically, the money gathered for clubs is through the Penn State Berks Activity Funds. SGA goes to it every year. Ryan will be meeting with his committee tonight to go through the in depth process. Stay tune for that.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Since this is the last meeting of the semester, once the budgets are done, are they going to be sent out to the clubs President? Is that going to be done before Spring Semester?

Joey: So what is happening, is it is going to be the same exact timeline. Ryan will be sending out an email with the figures on Friday to all clubs, based on the contact information we got. The suggested allocations will be included in those emails. Then following the appeal process, the forms are online, if you so happen to know that you want to appeal the allocations, you can. We'll be understanding of the timeline since everything got pushed. You'll be able to meet with Ryan, and if it is a valid appeal, you'll be granted with that appeal. At our first meeting, we will have the suggested allocations on the board. They'll be tabled for a week and then we will go into voting the next meeting after. Yes, you might be worried about the time and everything this year. But this new process is a lot better in retrospection of previous club budget request. It kind of stinks that we have to wait till next semester to vote on your allocations, but at the end of the day we're still ahead of the game.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Okay.

Joey: Next, community service. There are a lot of clubs that have not reached their community service hours through the list I received from Autumn; which is a requirement to receive SGA funds. I sent out an email around 10:00-10:30am to the President, rep, proxy, and Adviser; which is based upon the information I have from Habida. So sometimes the emails did not go through. If you have specific questions in regards to your club, you can come see me. Obviously, if you are a new club, we created a formula based upon that, so it is okay if you haven't received an email. Very briefly, there are two community service events that are available in very near and upcoming future. If you go on the community service tab on the SGA website, and scroll down to the bottom to Fall Semester. Kathy Hauser is arranging a First LEGO League competition, which is actually very cool. It's 24 different schools that come together to compete on January 21st. But she needs help with building Lego trophies, so it is a community service. If you and another member can donate your time, next week after finals or de-stress, you can get community service hours this way. All you have to do is reach out to Kathy Hauser. Also, on January 21st, as Troy mentioned we won't be receiving those funds until next semester; if you want to get a lot of community service hours, this is a great opportunity. The LEGO League is an all-day event, but you need to fill out the forms. Just to give you a sense of what this is about, here is a video. It's these kids that come together to build with Legos and robots. You'll be supporting these kids, which is pretty cool. So we are having this on campus and it is a community service opportunity.

Open forum:

Joey: Really quick, before I hand it over to all of you guys. I want to welcome Elina to SGA. She is our new Governmental Affairs Chair.

Elina (Governmental Affairs Chair): Hi guys. I'm Elina and I'm on the Volleyball Team at Berks. I'm a Freshmen and I live like right down the road.

Joey: What have you done in regards to governmental affairs? Side life?

Elina: Well, in high school, I was very involved in sports. But then I decided to get involved with local politics, and so I volunteer with the Berks POB. I met the Chairwomen last year and did a lot of volunteering with this past Election.

Joey: Moving forward, Elina will be having a by-partisan position. She definitely is a huge asset, since she does have relations with Berks politicians and politics.

Patrick: Something that is going on next Spring semester is, you all know we have Alternative Spring Break here, but we also have other options as well. The CSF does host a Spring Break trip as well and you can get up to 40 hours total of community service hours. You just need two people to go, but there is a price. But you'll also be helping out the community in Washington D.C. So you'll get to walk around and see monuments. Everything is paid for once you put down your deposit (housing, food, etc.) What we will be doing is going to food pantries, opportunity houses, and different religious sites in the area to help them revamp. With two people going from your club, you'd be getting 80 hours of community service.

Chaz (THON): Does that count as community service hours for CSF?

Patrick: No.

Chaz (THON): If THON did it, the hours will be for THON? Or if a general member of CSF does it, does it count for CSF or for others?

Patrick: General service member of CSF, yes. If they are a member of CSF, it counts towards CSF. Unless they have another club member coming.

Chaz (THON): I'll just talked to you later.

Marcquese (VIP): How much is it?

Patrick: Right now it is sitting at \$200 for a week with everything included. In reality, with everything included, it should be \$500 per person, but CSF will be paying for it.

Marcquese (VIP): When is it due by?

Patrick: The second week we come back. Thursday.

Anh Duong (Academic Co- Chair): Can we have our club budget pay for it?

Patrick: No, it is a community service event. Unless it is from your club fundraising account.

Staff Reports:

No staff reports. Staff is chill.

Club Announcements:

Troy (Chamber Choir): This Saturday at 6pm in the Auditorium, is the Chamber Choir Winter Concert. If you want a break from finals, come on down.

Joey: Are you playing the piano?

Troy (Chamber Choir): I am.

Joey: He's really good at playing the piano, let me tell you. My boy Troy.

Chaz (THON): We have our THONvelop Party tonight and then Late Night ice skating on December 9th from 10-12am. We also have Reading Royals tickets going on sale for January 23rd. If you have any questions, please go see Mikey.

SVC: For those of you who are 21 and over, we are having a drinking event on Thursday the 15th. It is an all- day event and come by the Brewers to help donate to the student veterans of American.

Joey: Really quick, on January 25th there will be a brief SGA meeting in the Auditorium, followed by the Townhall with the campus officials there to answer any questions. It is going to publicized across campus. We're going to reach out to the Residence Halls, so tell your friends to come out if they have any questions for the Chancellor or anything at all. It's something new. A way for us to tell the administrative what we want and how we work as a SGA. Again, there will be an SGA meeting prior to that.

Campus Life Reports:

Habida: January 18th is Club Rush. And for next semester, if any clubs have diversity ideas/ programs, please come see me or Sandra; to talk about putting them on the mentor lists for mentors to attend. And then Joey talked about the LEGOS League, please come out and volunteer.

Joey: Okay, so with the new information that Habida gave us, we will be meeting on January 11th in this room.

Adjournment

-Nick (DECA): Motion to adjourn.

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions