

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes August 31, 2016

Call to Order

-12:20p.m.

President/ VP Address

-Joey: There are a few business of orders to take care of today. First, all clubs that have a name plaque should be sitting down. These are the clubs that we know, to the best of our knowledge, are registered and are of active status. However, we know there are a lot new clubs developing. After the meeting we'll meet with you to address the issues and get that resolved. Second, this year we will be following a new policy for attendances. You're going have yourself (rep) and a proxy, so please figure that out and e-mail me with that information at jtc5323@psu.edu by Thursday.

-Patrick: If you have any questions, don't hesitant in coming me or Joey about your concerns; we're open to discussing about anything. Welcome back!

Approval of the Minutes

-Chelsea (ice hockey): approve the minutes

-Avery (B.S.C.C.): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

-Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

-Kiana (Berks Care): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

No old business today

New Business

-Joey: Last year, we had a fairly new budget process last year; and in order to be as transparent as possible, we're going to sit down with any clubs/ new clubs with the funding. We had a meeting this morning and decided on a budget timeline. The timeline is laid out based on the budget handbook. We decided that budgets will be due on September 12th by 5:00pm, to either Erin in student life or Paula in admissions. This applies to clubs that are new, don't have funding, or submitting their budget in late. This does not apply to those that already have funding approved. Next, budget review will be conducted between September 12th – September 15th.

-Lori (accounting): Fall of 2016 budget?

-Joey: Correct. The budget is only for this year because of how new the budget process is. An e-mail will be sent out by September 16th about your suggested allocations. On September 21st, we'll have a brief meeting due to Unity day. During that day, you can also appeal on how much you were awarded. No meeting on September 28th due to advising meeting. We will approve allocations on October 5th for new clubs/ late submitting clubs.

-Person in the back: pointed out a typo

-Joey: No that is a typo. Motion to correct the allocation dates.

-Lori (accounting): Motioned

-DECA: Second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Moving on to budget timeline

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Let's move onto committees! In past years, there were little emphasis on committees. But being on a committee can really help you make connections and experience networking. At the end of the meeting, committee sheets will be available for anyone who wants to sign up. This is especially important for the budget committee, due to the fact that we need members to help out with approving the budgets.

-Mike: Are SGA staffs able to sign up?

-Joey: You'll be leading the committees.

-Person A: Can we continue to be on the judicial oversight board (JOB), if we were on it the previous semester?

-Joey: No. Under the constitution, you can only be on that for one year.

-Person A: I was only on it for one semester.

-Joey: Then yes.

-Person B (did not disclose): Are we able to get a description of each committee?

-Joey: Yes. I'll get you that information.

Open forum:

-Joey: Since a lot of you are new here, I'll give you a brief overview. Open forum is a chance for you to voice your opinions to address anything that needs to be fixed, better the campus, and enrich student life. All comments matter. Ask anything.

-Kyle (honors): pointed out a typo on the agenda

- Joey: It's a typo. Unfortunately, we already approved the agenda; so we can go back.
- DECA: We are growing as a club, with about 40 people showing up so far. Is there a person we can contact if we need a larger room?
- Joey: You can get in touch with Erin at Student Life.
- Habida: If you go online, you can also register for the room you want for your meeting and we'll give you the key.
- Clara: Are we still taking attendances? And is the penalization for missing SGA meetings twice still in motion?
- Joey: Yes. Attendance will be taken next time. And the penalization is still in motion, but with the new system of having a rep and a proxy; I'm hoping that won't be an issue.
- Rachel: Information in regards in printing?
- Joey: Yes. Mike!
- Mike (IT chair): Each student gets 250 sheets per semester. It is a set rate for everyone, so I advise everyone to print double-sided. If you go over on black and white printing that is \$0.05, and for color it's \$0.15.
- Lori (accounting): How much is color?
- Mike (IT chair): \$0.15.
- Joey: Also, I met with Lisa Glass the director of IT, and she said that they are in the works of providing reimbursements to those that are student leaders on campus. Requiring an advisor or professor to sign off on the printing. I'll get back to you on that.
- Rachel: Multiple copies printed for the treasurer?
- Habida: Campus life can help you make copies.
- Joey: I just wanted to thank the student life because they do a lot for us on campus!

Club Events

- Joey: Any events happening?
- Chaz (THON): THON is having the first meeting tonight. September 15th we have our first fundraiser, which is a car wash at the Muhlenberg First National Bank.
- Kiana (Berks Care): This week we are doing "Random Act of Kindness". Tomorrow we have cookies from 12:00-2:00pm. We also have "Chain of Hope" 12:00-2:00p.m. on Friday, and on September 7th, we have a picnic.
- Joey: Where are the cookies?
- Kiana (Berks Care): In front of Tully's.

-Kaishla (CAB): Tomorrow is Cash CAB, and signups for the Point Pleasant trip is in Campus Life. \$10.00 fee.

-Habida: New clubs?

-Joey: Yes. It'll be taken care of after the meeting. Also during Unity Day, we'll have a table out for voter registration; so come out and register.

Campus Life Reports

-Teri: It's going to take us a while to sort things out with what clubs are active and what are not, but we'll get it done. Please continue to express your concerns and participate. I just wanted to introduce some of the Student Life staff. Habida is filling in for Kelly Ann. She is located in Campus Life and helps with the campus activities. Autumn is our new assistant commuter and development. She deals with community service, Stanford State, and Orientation. Jessica is our new student activities coordinator. She is located in the Gameroom. Lastly, on September 19th 1:30-2:15pm in the Penn State Room, Faculty Senates will be coming to listen to students that have any questions about the campus and University life. Please come out.

-Joey: Let's applaud for the Student Life staff once again.

-Autumn: I know on our CAB calendar there are a limited amount of community service, so if you want to meet and talk about alternatives, we can definitely do. Also, on October 5th, we have a Stanford State training. So contact me if you're interested.

Adjournment

-Kyle (honors): Motion to adjourn.

-Cheerleading: Second.