

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes January 11, 2017

Call to Order

-12:17p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Joey: First of all, welcome back! I hope you all had a great winter break. Crazy thing, it's January already. Obviously, you can see that Patrick isn't up here with us. Fortunately for Patrick, but unfortunately for us, Patrick has decided to change his major and is no longer here at Berks; due to the fact that we don't carry his intended major. We are truly happy for him as he pursues his career dreams, so we wish him the best. But that leaves the VP position open, which would normally go to the Chief of Staff and after that the Secretary. Both have declined due to heavy involvement in other activities, so I'll talk about that later in New Business. Just in case, if you see Patrick walking around, just wish him the best.

Approval of the Minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate Club): approve the minutes

- Chris (Men's Volleyball): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Chris (Men's Volleyball): motion Men's Rugby to join

Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Kyle (Honors): approve the agenda

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Budget timeline is unfrozen. Yay! That's all good for all of you guys! Also, for community service, I sent an email out to every Club in regards to community service under the 24-hour requirement. If you have any questions about that, please feel free to email Autumn. Her email is amr40@psu.edu. For Treats for Troops, thank you to all clubs that donated. We've successfully

sent that over to a unit that will be able to distribute the supplies; and that was used by the Beaver Community Endowment.

New Business

Joey: Suggested budget allocation. Ryan, will be coming up to talk about it.

Ryan (Financial Manager): First off, thank you to all the clubs. 31 clubs submitted the budget and 30 got some funds. The only exception is outdoors club, but I didn't hear anything from them. This week is the appeals week, which are due 5pm tonight in the Campus Life office. I already had two appeals and had reached out to both clubs, to meet and discuss about their concerns. I will explain some of the cuts that we had to make. A lot of it had to do with club spending. I went to Campus life to get the report and saw that some clubs weren't really spending the money. With that said, I decided to do a 25% decrease, after I threw the book at you, if you didn't spend the allocated money. Then I did a 10% increase if you did spend it. If you have any questions, I'll be more than happy to elaborate. Stand for State, Nicolette, we talked about that; so I added it on here instead of tabling. All the club budget is on this sheet and we're ready to vote on February 1st.

Joey: The \$110,000 is how much all clubs requested, which is a sign that you guys want to do a lot. However, SGA can't allocate that much due to SAF. To keep a small window for new clubs to come in, this is the number we'd show.

Ryan: That is also why I implemented the 25% decrease and 10% increase because even with the books, you guys were still over the amount.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Is Chamber Choir up there?

Joey: Yep, it's up there.

Ryan (Financial Manager): Like I said, if you have any questions, don't hesitate to come up to me.

Kyle (Honors): motion to second the Budget Request until February 1st

Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Moving on, VP position. So I mentioned, Patrick is no longer with us, due to his endeavor on pursuing another major. With that being said, both Anh and Anna have commitments in other obligations, regarding research and other organizations. Thus, if you look up the election code in the constitution, so I would like to propose an idea. I would like to appoint Ryan Morris to the VP position, pending a motion from the GA.

Kyle (Honors): Are we able to function without a VP?

Joey: In theory, yes.

Kyle (Honors): Okay. Can we table this for next time?

Joey: Yes, we can. So the next time we reconvene is February 1st.

Kyle (Honors): motion to table VP matter until February 1st

Alysia (Cheerleading): second

Joey: On January 25th, SGA will be held in the auditorium for the Townhall meeting. I encourage you to tell your club members to attend because this is the first time SGA is doing this. This is a chance to talk to Dr. Hillkirk, Dr. Esqueda, and Teri on any concerns and issues. It is during common hour on the 25th because Club Rush is next Wednesday; which Kelly Ann will discuss about later. But please tell your club members to come. There may be a chance to hear new information and we will be taking attendances. Teri will probably be sending out an email about this next week and there are flyers around the campus.

Open forum:

No comments.

Staff Reports:

Mike (IT Chair): One thing, your prints have been refreshed to 250. They don't carry over from the previous semester.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Why if we bought extra papers, they don't carry over the next semester?

Mike (IT Chair): I can talk to Lisa about that because that is something to discuss about.

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): A lot of our professors make us print out papers for class. Is there a way to let them know that we have a limit on printing?

Mike (IT Chair): Your professor should have already been notified of this, but I would say to have a conversation with your professor about this if it is an issue.

Joey: Is this specifically for science classes?

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Science, English; almost every class I am in.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Just a suggestion. It is a lot easier to print and write stuff down. There is the option of just bringing in a laptop and type notes right on the PowerPoints.

Joey: I'll definitely mention this to Teri and hopefully get something back.

Mike (IT Chair): There is a new login procedure for every campus. Instead of the normal psu login, it is now DCE login.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): I have a lot today. Jan 21st is the Reading Royals game. Tickets are \$15-\$22, depending on where you want to sit. You can go see Mikey/ Parker if you're interested. On the 23rd, we have the 46 minute dance marathon, the 29th is Polar Plunge, and then the crowning of Mr. and Mrs. Berks Benefitting THON on the 31st.

Jennifer (Dance Team): The Dance Team will also be performing at the THON Reading Royals, so please come out and support.

Tiffany (Baja): We have a fundraising event on the 25th. There will be flyers distributed out at Tully's.

Chaz (THON): I think you can give them your flyers and they'll leave them at the desk for you.

Ryan (CAB): Tonight we have a Comedian in the auditorium, tomorrow is Berks Movie Night, Friday we have Bingo night, and then next Friday, we have music after dark in the MPR. (Information about the Berks Movie Night is posted on the CAB Facebook page).

Campus Life Reports:

Kelly Ann: I was off for six months, and now I'm back. Big thank you to Habida for filling in for me so wonderfully. I am here now and I handle all things that she was handling with. If you have any questions about clubs, I am in Campus Life Room 19. I hope that your club presidents have received my email about Club Rush; which is a week from today, January 18th. I'll be ready for you at 11:45am, so if you're able to set up early that's great. If you can't because of classes, that's okay too. Just come as quickly as you can and we'll have the table ready for you. But you really should want to bring special items that lets people know what your club is really about. You can also advertise your club events. Also the same night, we have an Arts and Lectures Series happening. It is going to be a neat show and it is an FYS workshop credit. I hope to see you all out there. I'll be here after the meeting if you have any questions.

Adjournment

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Motion to adjourn.

-Dylan (Ag Club): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions