

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes October 12, 2016

Call to Order

-12:16p.m.

President/ VP Address

Joey: Hello, everyone! We have a lot of things to cover today, so bear with us. Before we start, Patrick, do you have anything to share?

Patrick: Hi, guys! I don't have a lot to share with you guys. Just that we are going to go over the President's meeting with you all, so please be attentive.

(Anna takes the attendance)

Approval of the Minutes

- Kyle (Honors Club): approve the minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

- Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Last week, we took a look at all the budget requests of all clubs, and tabled the budget for Berks Democrat Society. Please look over what I have up here right now; and if there aren't any discussions, we'll move forward to voting. Okay, seeing that there are no discussions, let's move on to approving the agenda.

Troy (Chamber Choir): approval of the budget

Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

New Business

-Joey: Next, we have the representative of the Accounting Club here with us today. The discussion revolves around voting them back into the General Assembly; due to the fact that they

have missed more than three meetings. Are there any discussions before we move forward to voting?

Troy (Chamber Choir): Why did you guys miss more than three meetings?

Aija (Accounting Club): I was actually recently appointed as the representative for the club, so I'm not sure as to what happened or the reasons behind the missing meetings.

Joey: I am aware that Lori use to be the representative for the Accounting Club, but I never received any emails as to why she has not attended the meetings. I know the Accounting Club has spoken to Habida about the issue, and sorted them out. But thank you, Troy for the concerns and questions.

Kyle (Honors): motion Accounting Club back into the General Assembly

Chris (Men's Volleyball): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Moving on, we have two new clubs to introduce today. Starting with Collegiate FFA; could you please introduce yourself and give a description of your club.

Person A (Collegiate FFA): Hello, everyone! So Collegiate FFA revolves around the agricultural aspects of everything. As a club, we would like to educate students on how to succeed in the agricultural sciences and hopefully, bring in hands on activities to the learning process.

Joey: How is Collegiate FFA different from Ag club?

Person A (Collegiate FFA): Yes, so Ag Club specifically focuses solely on educating about agriculture. What Collegiate FFA wants to do is to travel down a broader and bigger scope within agriculture. We want to access the internal and external aspects of agriculture and do more by interacting with the students on hand

(Mike (IT Chair) escort her out of the room.)

Dylan (Ag Club): motion for Collegiate FFA into General Assembly

Austin (DECA): second

Joey: Congratulations, Collegiate FFA! The next club we have is Theatre.

Amanda (Theatre Club): Hi, everyone! I'll be the President of Theatre club, and we would like to help students explore and build an artistic view. Also to get people involved with our shows on campus and to incorporate workshops to educate on how to develop skills.

(Mike (IT Chair) escort her out of the room.)

Alysia (Cheerleading): motion Theatre to join the club assembly

Kyle (Honors Club): second

Joey: Congratulations, Theatre Club! Next business on the agenda is the President's Meeting. So as Patrick mentioned in the beginning this is an important topic. It is stated in the constitution as to the importance of having a President's Council. To give you guys a brief overview of what it is, in the constitution it has down that the President can call upon the President's Council if he or she deems it necessary for the betterment of the campus. In order to call upon the President's Council, a two weeks' notice has to be announced. It is mandatory for all club Presidents to attend this meeting. If you do not attend, your club will be inactive, funds will be frozen, and you will not have voting rights in the general assembly. The meeting will be held in Gaige 121, October 26th at 9:00pm. Please let your club Presidents know because this is important.

Kyle (Honors): What if club presidents have night classes that conflicts with that time?

Joey: There should not be any classes that conflict with the time, but if there are conflicts, please shoot me an email by Friday.

Meghan (Equestrian Team): What if we have two Presidents?

Joey: If you have two Presidents, they are both more than welcome to come. But essentially, one President must attend from all clubs.

Ian (Outdoors): So just the Presidents?

Joey: Yes.

Marcquese (VIP): What about work conflicts?

Joey: That is a great question. Work conflicts is not covered in the constitution, but if there is a conflict with that; please come talk to me and we can work around it. If your club President can't not make it, then send the Vice President. Please email me to let me know ahead of time if that is the case.

Erik (Men's Lacrosse): What will be addressed in the meeting?

Joey: So, Ryan will be going over the step by step presentations on budgets. There were a lot of issues as to how to fill out the budget requests forms and what can actually be on the budget. This semester we were really lenient with accepting budget mistakes, but next semester we will not be doing that. So at this meeting, we will be going over how to request for a budget and help make this process more efficient. We will also be giving your club President important objectives, so they will be aware of what is happening during the General Assembly. Also, in terms of budgets. The official date for the submission of budget request for the Spring semester is October 31st at 5:00pm. Please get your advisors to sign your forms ahead of time. There are no exceptions next semester.

Ian (Outdoors Club): Can I get your email? And where do we submit the budgets?

Joey: Yes, my email is jtc5323@psu.edu. And please submit your budgets to either Campus Life (Erin) or Admissions (Miss Paula).

Kyle (Honors): This is for the Spring 2017, right?

Joey: Yes, that is correct.

Open forum:

Steve: I would like to pursue the position of Student Senator for the Class of 2020. (state senator)

Joey: Alright, you may ask Steve any questions, and then we'll be tabling the voting to next week.

Alysia (Cheerleading): What is Student Senator?

Joey: Student Senators are individuals that have the opportunity to be the voice of the students. For Steve's case, he will be the Student Senator for the Class of 2020. He will have the rights to voting during the General Assembly, raise awareness or concerns, and be able to vote on the budget. He will also have to attend the meetings and abide by the Constitution.

Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): Do we have to vote every year?

Joey: No, if Steve continues to be the Student Senator up until 2020; the votes will automatically be carried over.

Patrick: Why are you passionate about being a Student Senator?

Steve: I always had the desire to pursue the betterment of the students. I believe in the motto of serving the community first before ones 'self.

Joey: Okay. Thank you so much. We'll be tabling the voting until next week.

Hannah (Ice Hockey): Our team will be playing against Pitt, and it'll be a home game at Body Zone. So please come out to support, Friday and Tuesday.

Joey: One quick note, I forgot to mention that we have a new member on our SGA staff.

Michelle (Community Service Co-Chair): Hi, everyone! I am the Community Service Co- Chair. I'll be helping Clara out with any volunteer activities.

Staff Reports:

Clara (Community Service Chair): Hello, everyone! My name is Clara. I'm going to talk to you guys about some community service events that are open to everyone. For starters we have "Treats for Troops". Operation Gratitude is an organization that makes care packages to soldiers oversea. They would like for us to donate candies or make cards, so that they can send them to the oversea troops. This will be considered volunteer hours if your clubs bring in candies to SGA. The second event is on October 23rd at Country Meadows. It is a retirement house and they would love it if we would come out to decorate the facility and hangout with the people there. All the events will be listed on the SGA website, so take a look at them. If you have any questions, please reach out to me.

Joey: For the volunteer hours, I still have to figure out how we will be implanting these services. Maybe for the Treats for Troops, we could weigh it depending on how much candies you bring

in for us to send overseas. And please consider getting any other nonperishable goods because I know the troops will appreciate those too. I am also hoping to reach out to SVC, to see if they have any inputs.

Kyle (Honors): What is Country Meadows again?

Clara (Community Service Chair): It is a retirement home for elders. They're really nice! Also, on November 11th, Country Meadows will be serving breakfast for the veterans.

Joey: Another event that we'll be starting around the first week of November is Toys 4 Tots. I would really like to bring this back and it is something that brings holiday spirits to children everywhere. We do want to incorporate a Pizza Party for the club that rounds up the most toys.

Mike (IT Chair): Really quick, everything will be updated on the website by the end of this week. And if you guys have any problems with the Wifi, please come to the IT Help Desk We got a new certificate, so come by and we'll help you out

Diana (Academic Affairs Chair): In terms of open classrooms, I'll be meeting with Miss Paula to see what classrooms are open in the Spring Semester. I'll also be talking to Dr. Esqueda about academics, so if you guys have any concerns, please reach out to me; so I can pass it on to him.

Joey: We're still looking into this, and we finally got somewhere. I know Diana and Anh Duong has been working really hard in finding us information. We do have to hold off on some topics until the Spring Semester, so please be patient with us.

Ryan (Financial Manager): Last week, I met with Megan the Dietician at University Park, to talk about the food allergies. It has been a huge problem here and at other campuses as well. There isn't much we can do about this other than bringing more awareness to the students through RAs and other students around campus.

Joey: On the note of food and allergies, I spoke to Tom from Tully's, and he said that he would try to get more Creamery products in for students. It is costly to serve Creamery products itself, but he did mention if you would like to share more insights, to please come out to the FAB meeting. Also, the toaster in Tully's is fixed!

Kyle (Honors Club): I signed up for a committee at the start of the semester and I was wondering if we were supposed to get informative emails?

Joey: Right, so essentially, the point of you signing up for the committee that you guys did was to bring in insights or concerns that can be discussed. Right now, we are all busy with other tasks, but I'll definitely look into maybe asking the Chairs to send out email updates. Moving on, Lindsay our Student Life Chair is not here today. But just an update, she spoke to John Shank in the library and he is currently figuring out the power situation. Lindsay is also reaching out to other departments to, hopefully, start SGA stories; which is a way for us to give you information and updates from SGA and the campus.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): Cuts for Kids is held today in the MPR! We also have our Canvassing and Canning weekend. If you have any questions, please talk to Mike Serago. Lastly, our Halloween dance in MPR is coming up as well. No mask please.

Joey: Clowns! Please do not dress up as clowns, make videos, or post about them on social media! It is a problem right now and we don't want to see you guys getting in trouble.

Kaishla (CAB): We have Asia Project coming in to speak to us today, and on Saturday we have our Pinterest night.

Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): For Premed Society, Saint Joesph's hospital will be coming to speak to us. And on the side note, if you guys would like to come help out or participate in the 5k at the Reading Road Run that would be awesome.

Karissa (CSF): We are holding our Fall retreat on Friday at 6:00. If you have any questions, please go talk to Patrick.

Campus Life Reports:

Jess: I will be putting together the Spring Semester 2017 calendar soon. So please email me the event request forms by October 31st at 5:00pm.

Adjournment

-Kyle (Honors): Motion to adjourn.

-Chris (Volleyball Club): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions