

**Penn State University, Berks Campus**

**Student Government Association**

**Minutes October 26, 2016**

**Call to Order**

-12:17p.m.

**President/ VP Address**

(Anna takes the attendance.)

Joey: Welcome back, everyone! Just a recap, we had a faculty senate meeting this week; and Dr. Hillkirk briefly mentioned our reliance on technologies. I thought it related to us a lot now, since the system is changing in terms of wifi connections and other aspects. Dr. Hillkirk expressed his concerns on how much we rely on technologies, so this is really just something to keep in mind. Also, I posted the open classrooms available on campus on Facebook; and it is on the SGA website as well. Please utilize these free spaces as finals are approaching; and if you see other open classrooms, feel free to use them.

Patrick: Hi, everyone. As some of you may know, I sit on the student initiative fee committee; and we'll be meeting this Friday. If I hear anything important, I will definitely let you guys know.

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion for INK to join the assembly.

Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the minutes

- Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Approval of the Agenda**

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

(Yes, discussion.)

-Kyle (Honors): I don't think "open forum" is listed on the agenda...

Joey: Opps. You're right. Let's get that fixed.

-Kyle (Honors): motion for edit

-Emily (Equestrian Club): second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Thank you, Patrick for fixing that. Let's now move onto the approval of the agenda.

Kyle (Honors): approve the agenda.

Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

### **Old Business**

Joey: As mentioned last time, President's meeting is tonight, in Gaige 121 at 9pm. This is very important because if your club President do not attend this meeting, the budget request that your club submits on October 31<sup>st</sup> at 5:00pm will not be accepted. There will be no reallocation, so please let your President know that they must attend this meeting. If your President can't attend, he or she should email me to let me know who is coming in place of him or her.

Amanda (Colligate FFA): Can you repeat where again?

Joey: In Gaige 121 at 9:00pm.

Marcquese (VIP): How long will it take?

Joey: Probably 30 minutes to an hour.

Alysia (Cheerleading): Can I ask what will be discussed?

Joey: It's going to be about the budget. Along the lines of how to fill out the request form and what can be allocated on the budget; due to the fact that we had a lot of questions and errors this semester. Ryan will be taking care of that. We will also be discussing about this what goes on during the SGA meetings. Totally anonymous, but we actually received an email from a club President, expressing concerns that the representative for that club has not been relaying information back correctly; so we are going to try to fix that communication issue.

Austin (DECA): motion Communication Nation Club to join the assembly

Kyle (Honors): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Marcquese (VIP): What if our President have personal reasons that keeps them from attending tonight?

Joey: Again, just tell him or her to shoot me an email of who will be coming in place of him or her. On another note, budgets are due October 31<sup>st</sup> to either Erin (Campus Life) or Paula (Admissions Office) by 5:00pm. They will be time stamped, so please don't miss the time slot.

Patrick: A quick note, we did receive a club budget already; but we will not be accepting anymore budgets until after the President's meeting.

Chris (Men's Volleyball): What if we receive funding from Athletics?

Joey: Yes, it is still a requirement to go because other topics will be discussed during the meeting. Moving on to Treats for Troops. I am waiting for SVC to get back to me with the lists of items that can be sent overseas to the troops. Again, this is considered community service; in that one full brown bag will equal one hour of community service. The maximum is four bags for four hours.

### **New Business**

Joey: We have a potentially new club joining us today, so I would like the representative to give her description and introduce herself.

Jackie (Stand for State): Hi, everyone. I am here to represent Stand for State. We would like to bring awareness of sexual harassment and other violence to campus by bringing in speakers, holding events, and other student activities. All students are welcomed to come out and participate in the training. Also, we hope to receive funding for all the events and activities.

Joey: Thank you, Jackie. Any questions for Jackie?

Marcquese (VIP): Is this only for women?

Jackie (Stand for State): No, it's open to everyone. We are just teaming up with Berks Women for Crisis because they kind of have the same outlooks as us.

Diana (Academic Chair): And just to clarify, Berks Women of Crisis is not only for women, but for guys too. I know the name kind of gives that vibe, but everyone is welcomed.

Joey: Okay, thank you everyone. Do we have any more questions?

(Mike, IT Chair to escort Jackie out).

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion for Stand for State to join the assembly

Dylan (Ag Club): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Congratulations, Jackie! You are now officially active on campus. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

### **Open forum:**

Rachel (YAMS): Could you do something about the bagel arrangement in Tully's? The blueberry raisin always touches the onions, and makes it taste really bad.

Joey: Another bagels incident! I'll definitely tell Tully's and see what they can do about it.

Alysia (Cheerleading): Breakfast serves until 10:30am, but sometimes they stop beforehand and don't make the food for students that were already in line. I feel like that isn't right. And do you know what they do with the food? Because it's a lot of leftovers.

Joey: Okay, yes. I'm not really sure what they do with the leftovers, but I'll ask and get that information for you guys. It might be nice for them to donate the food if they don't do anything with them. We also would like to try and get some of the staff and faculty members to come talk to you guys. So that you guys can ask them questions personally.

Nadia (Berks Chemical Society): Could you ask them to separate the turkey bacon and the pork bacon? The reason is because I can't eat pork.

Joey: Okay, yes. I can look into that for you.

Austin (DECA): Can I make a suggestion for housing? They only clean once every two weeks, and sometimes the bathroom gets really dirty before that time. Can they somehow leave the cleaning supplies in the bathroom for us? Also, the vacuum isn't in great shape. There's a lot of stuff inside.

Joey: Definitely, I'll ask Residence Hall for you.

Kyle (Honors Club): This is probably more towards Patrick. You mentioned that you meet with CCSG, how often do they meet?

Joey: Yes, not only do Patrick and I meet at CCSG, but the whole SGA staff does as well. We, typically, meet every month. We actually have one coming up soon, and I don't know the topics yet; but when I do I will definitely let you guys know. Since Berks is a growing campus, we have a big voice up at CCSG.

Patrick: Do you have any specific questions?

Kyle (Honors): The smoking and tobacco policy has been a discussion for us a lot lately. I just wanted to know if you guys received information on that yet?

Patrick: We didn't receive any new information yet. They will probably be sending out an email prior to the next CCSG meeting. But in the looks of it, the policy will probably take action within five years and then span across. But if we get more information, I'll let you guys know.

Joey: We are trying to hold off on this topic only because we want to get all the facts before relaying it back to everyone. Anything else for open forum? Okay, moving on to...

(Singing Happy Birthday to Anh Mai).

### **Staff Reports:**

Diana (Academic Chair): Hi everyone, it's me again! Just wanted to let everyone know that I am going to have a meeting with Dr. Esqueda, Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>; so if any of you guys have concerns or suggestions please email me.

Anh Duong (Academic Co-Chair): Just putting this out there, there is a program called Childcare Sympathy. It's to raise awareness and bring higher quality education for students. If you need help filling out the form or just want more information, please email me.

Joey: Thank you, Anh D. This is a pretty important program that everyone should be involved in, since receiving that partial funding can be very helpful to some students out there.

Lindsay (Student Life): Just a few things. If you happen to come across the SGA website, please check out the SGA stories for the month of October. Also, I sit on the Student Life committee, and on November 7<sup>th</sup> we will be having a meeting. If you guys have any concerns or questions that you would like me to bring up during the meeting, please send me an email.

Joey: Going along with the SGA stories, please take a look at them. We were all very excited to introduce this layout, and so we hope you guys will take the advantage of reading them.

Mike (IT Chair): Last meeting, I mentioned the app, Mobile. There is one thing that I forgot to mention, which is the login screen. Once you fill in all the information, all you need to do is click the option at the corner, and you'll be able to login whenever.

Emily (Equestrian Club): The website didn't work for me...

(Mike, the IT Chair, goes up to try the website).

Mike (IT Chair): So here is the layout when you do login. There are options that you can play around with, but all you do is upload and click print. If you want to check how much paper counts you have left, you can go to [works.psu.edu](http://works.psu.edu). You can also find printing information on there as well.

Joey: If I were to print black and white, but the printer prints my paper out in color; will I get charged?

Mike (IT Chair): No, you will only be charged with what you choose on the printing default. It isn't your fault if the printer mistaken the option you choose. And one more thing, the classrooms opened for studying purposes are also up on the SGA website.

Ryan (Financial Manager): I would like everyone to send a reminder back to your club President, to please bring a notepad and print out the Budget Handbook before coming to the meeting tonight.

Joey: If you need any paper or have any issues of printing, please go to campus life for assistance.

Habida: If you guys need paper, just come to me; and I'll provide club Presidents more.

Mike (IT Chair): The Budget Handbook can be found under the SGA tab as well.

Joey: Handbook not the handbook.

Amanda (Colligate FFA): Just to clarify, we have to print out the handbook right?

Joey: Yes. Please make sure it's the Budget Handbook because there are other handbooks listed under the SGA tabs.

Patrick: I'll make a copy of the handbook, so if you guys don't want to print from your personal account, just come to the Admissions Office. Every club should have a copy code, so bring it along when you do come to Admissions.

Joey: If you guys don't know your club copy code; you can ask Paula Adams. The Admissions Office closes at 5:00pm, so try to get it done beforehand.

Atiyah (Build On): Instead of printing, can we look at it on our laptop?

Joey: Yes, by all means, if you have your laptop or tablet handy; please use it. We can save better then. ☺

Ryan (Financial Manager): I just have a question for Build-On. Did you get my email?

Atiyah(Build On): Yes, I did. Thank you.

### **Club Announcements:**

Chaz (THON): Our canning weekend starts this week, so if you're interested please contact Mike. Next week, we have an art showcase at the Janssen building at 6pm. On November 8<sup>th</sup>, we're going to have another fundraiser, and then for the 100 days till Thon; we have the pie in the face. If you would like to sign up, please come see us.

Joey: Also, to go along with Chaz, canning is considered community service hours. All clubs need 24 hours of community service per semester to stay active, so please keep that in mind.

Mike (IT Chair): If any of you guys are interested, I'll be here in the back with my laptop.

Ian (Outdoors): Tonight we have Carine McCandless coming in to share her story in the Auditorium. Also, in collaboration with YAMS we have our first yoga session, Friday 12:15-1:15 in Franco.

Kaishla (CAB): On Friday, we have a Magician coming in at 9pm. This weekend we have the Halloween carnival, and then on Monday, we have the Broadway trip signup in the MPR.

Ridhima (International Klub): We have an event coming up in November and hope everyone can come out to support.

Brian (Ski and Board): Our club is doing a fundraiser tonight, for our trip to Canada.

Zach (Men's Rugby): We have a game this Saturday at 1pm; so please come and support us.

### **Campus Life Reports:**

Jess: One really quick reminder, I'll be printing out new calendars and would really love it if all the clubs can send me their events for next semester. Please send them to me by Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, by 5:00pm.

Habida: For the lectures series tonight with Carine McCandless, she will also be doing book signing; so please come out.

## **Adjournment**

-Dylan (Ag Club): Motion to adjourn.

-Kyle (Honors Club): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions