

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes November 2, 2016

Call to Order

-12:17p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance.)

Chaz (THON): motion for Outdoors Club to join the assembly.

Kyle (Honors): motion

Dylan (Ag club): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

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

Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Last Wednesday, we had the President's Meeting, and it went longer than expected. It was supposed to only be an hour, but it took an hour and 45 minutes. All the questions were great, but a lot of them could be answered simply through talking to other club members. So if you or your club President have questions, feel free to reach out to Campus Life and other club members. Also, a President's Facebook page was created for all club Presidents. So please talk to your club President and let them know about it. If they haven't been added, let me know and I'll add him or her. It is basically for them to express their concerns or shoot ideas; like an open forum. On another note, please relay all the information from the SGA meeting back to your club President. What we say here are important and can impact the student body as a whole, so take what you heard here back to your club. Moving forward, I spoke to Kathy from Tully's and she wanted me to relay this back to you guys. They are looking for student workers in Tully's. The salary is \$9.00 per hour, so that does exceed minimum wage. Kathy is also selling these plastic mugs in support of sustainability. It is \$0.99 cents, and if you use any refillable mugs; you can get \$0.25 cents off any beverage. If you have any questions, please contact her. Next, there is an initiate called "Lights, Camera, Action" from the Residence Hall. Teri.

Teri: It's not an advertisement, but a video to promote housing and the Residence Halls on Campus. We are reaching out to students that have experience. You may have heard that Brandywine and Abington are trying to promote their Residence Halls; and so we are trying that as well. We are looking for students with experience in the Residence Halls rather than the facility itself.

Joey: So, if you are interested, please reach out to Kathy. Her email is kla1@psu.edu. Moving on, some of you have asked about heating and airing in the Residence Hall; specifically, the Woods. Kathy said its on standby and to look out for it in probably the next few weeks coming. I also spoke to her about the vacuums. She said she will talk to the RAs and asked maintenance to just check to make sure the vacuums are disposed properly and clean. In terms of the microwave at the Cyber Café, Kathy said it is a good idea and is looking into that. Bagels, she has also been aware of that and is trying to find a way to fix it. Maybe to purchase some sort of bagel divided. We also talked about allergies, but I'll let Ryan tell you guys about it later.

Patrick: As I said before, I sit on the SIFB board for CCSG. This past Friday we talked about procedures and who will be sitting on the board. We've decided that UP will have their own board as well as all the commonwealth campuses. Our next meeting will be taken place on November 11th. We will be covering and discussing about SAF and SFF.

Approval of the Minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the minutes
- Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): approve the agenda
- Kyle (Honors): second

(Yes, discussion.)

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Last week, we welcomed Stand for State. We now have 50 active clubs, which shows the diversity on this campus; which is great! Very briefly, Treats for Troops. I sent out an email about what can be bought and sent out to the troops. The list is also on the President's Facebook page and the SGA website. As mentioned before, you will receive community service hours for how every many full bags you bring. One full brown bag is one-hour community service. You will only be awarded up to four hours of community service, so if you bring in five bags; that will still be four hours. And even if you don't need the community service hours, please participate in this as it is a good cause. From here up until December 7th, we will be collecting bags or any items during the meeting. December 7th is the last day that we will be collecting the bags; since we hope to send them over before the holidays, so that they can look forward to them.

New Business

Joey: Last year, when Patrick and I were running; we said that we wanted to go to every club and see what is happening and what is discussed during the meetings. So moving forward, we are

hoping to go down the list of clubs and ask you guys when and where your clubs meet. So, we'll just do this now.

(Anna runs down the list.)

Anna: Thank you! Just in case, I wrote your time and place wrong; if you could send Joey the information as well. That would be great.

Joey: Yes, please. The only reason we're doing this now is because last time we asked you guys to respond with email; not many of you do. Also, I saw club reps walking in at 12:25pm; which means that they are still in the 10 minutes' window. Is there a motion for LUC to join the assembly?

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion for the join.

Emily (Berks College Democrats): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Next item on the agenda is collecting photos for Anna.

Anna: I wanted to put together an end of the year slideshow for the SGA Banquet, so I would love it if you guys could start taking pictures of your club events, gatherings, etc. I don't have the specific date yet, probably closer towards the next semester. But I'll let you guys know.

Joey: Please be mindful of this. Last year, it was nice to have a little slideshow; but this year we really want to revamped it and put every club into the slideshow.

Troy (Chamber Choir): What is your email?

Joey: I was going to write it. ☺ Yes, it is akl5213@psu.edu.

Open forum:

Joey: Any concerns, suggestions, ideas... the floor is yours.

Robyn (Communication Nation Club): The speakers in the gym are still not working well?

Joey: They are aware of it. I am assuming they are waiting for people to come in and take a look at them, but I know they are aware of the issues. But yes, we'll get back to you about that. Also, really quick. We are getting close to the end of the semester and some clubs already missed two absences. I'll send out a list to the club President, advisor, and rep by the end of this week; that way you guys are aware of that.

Troy (Chamber Choir): You can only miss two meetings per semester right?

Joey: Yes, only two meetings every semester.

Katherine (Entrepreneurship Club): When is the deadline for the Treats for Troops?

Joey: December 7th.

Matt (CARP): On the SGA stories, for the career section, it should be 3pm right?

Joey: Yes, that should be 9am-3pm. I apologize for that. Thank you for pointing that out.

Emily (Berks College Democrats): People came told me that when they log onto their webmail, they need to call or text to actually log in.

Joey: Teri, the issue is that some students are having issues of logging into their webmail because they are asked to type in a security code. The code that are given to you and other faculties when they want to log into the system.

Teri: I don't have an answer for that.

Joey: I would suggest to go to the IT department.

Teri: Is this something new?

Emily (Berks College Democrats): Yeah.

Manpreet (Pre-med Society): I know during the summer my mentors or anyone that worked on campus had that issue.

Joey: Yeah. I know I had that issue as well, but then it went away. So I would suggest to go to the IT desk for help and see if they can resolve the issue.

Staff Reports:

Lindsay (Student Life): I just have one for Sandra. She wanted me to share that if you are interested in becoming a mentor or any of that sort, to please register for the CNED class. Or is you know anyone that would be good for this, please just spread the word.

Clara (Community Service): There will be a community service event next Friday, but I still need to get the information. I'll let you know when I hear back from the people.

Ryan (Financial Manager): I had a good meeting with Kathy and Joey. As far as what we can do about food allergies, she said to go talk to her about it. Because she won't know unless you tell her. I will also be meeting with Betsy to talk about the program of educating the RAs in the Residence Hall. I'll keep you guys updated.

Diana (Academic Chair): Just a reminder that Anh and I will be meeting with Dr. Esqueda, Wednesday, November 9th; so if any of you guys have concerns or suggestions please email me.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): We have our Art Showcase in Janssen today. Next Tuesday, we have a fundraiser again, and then on Thursday we have our "100 days till Thon". Next weekend, we have canvassing week. It is considered a community service. I know Men's Rugby came out last weekend for canning, so please if you want to help out email Mike Serago: mds5530@psu.edu.

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): On November 15th were going to UP, to work along with the Collegiate FFA up there, to make gift wrapping for children for Christmas.

Mikey (Lion Ambassadors): Next Wednesday, November 9th, we have a PJ fundraising at 5-10pm. Just mention you're there for Lion Ambassadors.

Theo (CAB): We have the Berks Movie Night tomorrow. Next Tuesday, we have our music after dark at 9pm.

Marcquese (VIP): On Monday, we are having our last showcase. On Thursday November 17th, we have an event 8-10pm; and on December 2nd, we have an open forum with two Penn State Alumni coming to speak and answer any questions.

Anh Duong (Academic Co- Chair): On November 4th, in G121; we will be talking and filming for the Waste Reduction Campaign.

Emily (Berks College Democrats): This coming Tuesday is Election day, everyone should go and vote. If you registered on campus, I believe you go to Janssen. If you're a commuter, you can go to iwillvote.com to find out where your polling place is. The deadline to vote by balance is November 4th.

Joey: Get out and vote! It is important.

Campus Life Reports:

Autumn: Hi, I am Autumn; the person that you submit your community service hours to. I wanted to remind you to hand it in two weeks in advance. I've been getting a lot the day of or after. This semester I'm very nice and lenient about it. Next semester, please do the full two weeks. Also, in addition to filling out the forms online and you have to go to Campus Life to register as well. If you have any questions, please email me.

Adjournment

-Kyle (Ag Club): Motion to adjourn.

-Ian (Outdoors Club): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions