Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes November 9, 2016

Call to Order

-12:17p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance.)

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

Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Welcome back! Another week. Two weeks till Thanksgiving…thankfully! Real quick, for attendances. The following clubs (see Joey) have missed two meetings already, one more missing on the attendance will mean they will be inactive. I'll send out an email to all these clubs' President and Advisers.

Approval of the Minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): approve the minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the agenda

- Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Treats for Troops! Remember one brown bag is worth one hour of community service. All clubs can get up to four hours, please participate. December 7th is the deadline. Please mark this. It's going to be a nice gesture to all the veterans overseas and a big morale booster for the upcoming holiday.

Mike (IT Chair): The list of items is up on the SGA website, under the documents tab.

New Business

Joey: All club Presidents should have received an email about budgets. To give you all an update, SGA goes to SAF; but right now there's no adequate requested funding to give out to every club. Until then, the budget timeline will be frozen until that is resolved.

Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): How long that will take?

Joey: I'll be honest with you; we do not know.

Matt (CARP): Are we able to do resubmission of the budgets then?

Joey: No. The way we are recognizing budgets will be at a firm stance for the spring semester. Clubs that have submitted their budget requests on time will be the only ones that will get their funding; once funding is available. For new clubs, they can submit their budget requests within two weeks of being voted into the GA.

Open forum:

Victoria (ASME): The proposition for the three fees, student activities fee, and facility fees; have that been decided on yet?

Patrick: No, it has not. We're having our next meeting this Friday at CCSG. I have to go up two hours early to have this meeting, so we're going to see what is going to happen. There is still no verdict. We're just trying to get the legislation in place, to see if it can actually go through

Victoria (ASME): Is there any way can see that proposal?

Patrick: As of right now, everything is through the group. So I can only give you what I am able to right now. I tell you everything that I know. If a member in your club have distinct questions, please tell him or her to come talk to me. I can answer the questions or show them where in the document the answers are. But this is only in the working stages right now. We're trying to fix some of the issues.

Joey: But I will not vote on this unless I have the backing of the GA. If you guys feel that this isn't something you guys will agree on, Berks will not comply with it. We represent you guys.

Patrick: When we get everything into a draft, at that point, I will talk to Joey. And hopefully, we can do a presentation of it on that week, so you guys can vote on it.

Joey: Yes, so if any of you guys have any concerns about this, please let us know. We're here for you and represent for you, so let of know your concerns.

Tiffany (BAJA): Did you guys update your website yet? Because I haven't received any emails.

Joey: Okay, what happened was I used the previous list given to me. And I must have skipped you. I'm really sorry. After the meeting, can I have your email again?

Chris (Men's Volleyball): One thing that we've discussed about is volunteer hours. In the past, we had volunteer hours done for the fall and spring semester. Are we able to continue with this?

Joey: This is going to be a question for Autumn. Let me talk to her first, and get back to you next week. That way I'll have a more definite answer for you.

Staff Reports:

Clara (Community Service Chair): We have a community service this Friday 9-11, at the Country Meadows. It's with the Veterans staying there. So if you're interested please come out.

Joey: Thank you for bringing this up. This will definitely be a great experience. Even though some of them may not be able to share their stories, it is still a great way to show appreciation for them.

Michelle (Community Service Co- Chair): This coming Monday, during common hour, there will be a Sustainability event about recycling and other "green" information. A raffle drawing will be done towards the end as well.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): We have our 100 Days Till Thon, Pie in the Face tomorrow from 9am-8pm.

Rachel (YAMS): We are starting a fundraiser called "Feeding the Hunger." It's a food donation drive, so if you're interested.

Mikey (LA): Lion Ambassadors has a fundraising event at PJ's tonight, 5-10pm.

Sarah (Bowling): We will be having our last glow bowling event this Sunday 9-11pm. Don't forget to bring your PSU ID.

Joey: Last time, I got to a 160 and I want to try to beat that; but I don't think I will. Life goal!

Campus Life Reports:

Habida: A lot of clubs have been coming to me to ask if they can use SGA allocations for prizes, merchandises, and other off campus investments. If everyone can go back to your club President, and tell him or her to get better fundraising because the fundraising money that you guys raise can be used towards these expenses. So there isn't much restrictions.

Adjournment

-Kyle (Honors): Motion to adjourn.

-Austin (DECA): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions