

**Penn State University, Berks Campus  
Student Government Association  
Minutes February 22, 2017**

**Call to Order**

-12:15p.m.

**President/ VP Address**

(Anna takes the attendance).

Ryan (VP): Joey couldn't attend today. He had an Academic obligation and school comes first.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): approve the minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Approval of the Agenda**

- Alysia (Cheerleading): approve the agenda

- Troy (Chamber Choir): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Old Business**

Ryan (VP): Sharon came in last week to talk about diversity and it was a very nice talk. I know this topic will continue to spread throughout campus. I will tell you that at CCSG, we talked about the All In and that connects with what Sharon talked about. For the Faculty Senate and Financial Manager debates, they both went very well. Voting on those positions will be coming up. Next, the community service at Glenside Elementary will be implemented. Keep in mind that one brown bag equivalent to one hour of community service hours. You can get up to four hours of community service.

**New Business**

Ryan (VP): Next up, we'll be going into the President and Vice President campaign platforms. Since Alex and I will be running for next year, we thought it would be good to give you guys a platform of what we want to do. We'll be posting this platform up on the SGA website, but this is just a summary of what we wanted to do. First, we wanted to do open mic and collaborate with the Penn State Theatre club, to hopefully get more involvements. We are primarily a commuter campus, so I wanted to change the statement that Berks has nothing to do. Another thing we wanted to do is to get more clubs to work together. I know DECA is partnering with PRSSA right now, and I want to continue on that; to try to make clubs create events together.

Alex (Public Relations Chair): Right now, I am working with Miss O on a campaign to try to bring diversity on this campus. A lot of you think that the campus isn't diverse enough, so we're going to make a video. It will have students talking about how they feel about diversity, and then we'll have discussion sessions to try to fix the issues. We'll also be figuring out why students are not getting involved, and other things includes: getting more hours at Tully's and get more common hours.

Ryan (VP): Like I said, we will be posting our platform on the website for your reviews. Stay tune for our full platform. Thank you.

Robert (Bowling Club): For the extra common hours, will that cut into classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays?

Ryan (VP): Yes, so with that proposal, the scheduling process will have to be changed. I know Joey has been working on this, so it is a rollover.

Mike (IT Chair): Would you be working with Dr. Bender on that?

Ryan (VP): Yes, so I'll be carrying over what Joey has right now. I know he has been working with different people on this, but I'll get back to you on the specifics. I know it's tough because the whole scheduling process conflicts and it's pretty stressful, but I'll try my best.

Elpidio (Sustainability Club): Alex, do you still need people for the diversity video?

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Ryan (VP): I plan to talk to Kathy Ashby about it and I'm also trying to get more food friendly products. I don't have specifics yet, but after talking to Kathy Ashby, I'll let you know. If you guys have any other questions let me know. Next, we have a new club. PSEA.

Kelsey (PSEA): Hello, I am the secretary for PSEA. It stands for Penn State Education Association. It is open for all majors. What we hope to do is to educate students and visit elementary schools to help educate them as well.

Ryan (VP): Before we open up for questions, we do have a new process. Instead of escorting her out, new clubs will be approved into the Assembly through Campus Life.

Elpidio (Sustainability Club): Are the subjects only on academics?

Kelsey (PSEA): No, it's not just on Math, English, etc. It's more of like the health aspects and real world aspects.

Troy (Chamber Choir): I have a questions for you guys. Why did that process change?

Kelly Ann: Actually, we voted on getting rid of that process back in 2014-2015. But somehow it came back while I was on maternity leave, so it is more of correcting what was incorrect. That's all.

Alex (Rainbow Alliance): Does your club include learning disabilities?

Kelsey (PSEA): Yes, it is open to all students.

Ryan (VP): Next, we will be breaking out into committees for 15 minutes breakout session. You guys can put your inputs, so feel free to speak up on your concerns to each of them.

Chris (Men's Volley Ball): motion for Ski and Board to join

Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Ryan (VP): There will be no SGA next week, and then the following week is Spring Break; so the next meeting will be on March 15<sup>th</sup>.

### **Open Forum:**

Anh (Chief of Staff): So as you guys know, Anna will be doing the end of the year slideshow for the banquet; and she needs your help in sending in club pictures. Any interactive pictures will be helpful. She's sending around a paper right now. If you could just put your email on it, that would be great.

Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): When do you need them by?

Anh (Chief of Staff): Preferably two weeks before the banquet, so Anna has time to work with it.

Mike (IT Chair): If anyone has trouble with box, please come see me.

Anh (Chief of Staff): Kelly Ann is leaving Penn State Berks, and there will be small gathering for her on Tuesday 3-5pm in the MPR. If you're free during that time, please come out.

Elpidio (Sustainability Club): We will be having our first meeting on March 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:00pm. If you want to help out, please come to the meeting.

### **Staff Reports:**

Mike (IT Chair): If anyone wants anything on the website before the end of the year, please let me know. I got you!

### **Club Announcements:**

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): So it is National FFA week and we are doing a donation. Tracker Supply are doing pet care donations.

Tiffany (SAE Baja): We're having a fundraising for our trip to Illinois and we also have a partnering event with SVC. I'll let you guys know the specifics soon.

Tyler (THON): I just wanted to thank all the clubs that came out for canning and canvassing; and we came in 3<sup>rd</sup> this year for the amount of money we raised. Overall, we raised more than \$10 million, so thank you!

Kiana (Berks Care): We will be holding a commuter's day in the library, so if you like bagels or hot chocolate; please come out.

Nate (Stand for State): We're holding a screening tomorrow and then meeting the director.

Ethan (Blue Wave): I actually have a question about the Elementary Community Service endeavor. What actually are the brown bags?

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Troy (Chamber Choir): Can we reevaluate the amount of hours for one brown bag of materials?

Ryan (VP): You make a valid point and I'll pass it on to Joey.

Djibril (Blue and White): Is this endeavor for school?

Ryan (VP): Yes, so the Glennside Elementary School is in short of school supplies, so Joey thought it would be nice to bring this to the campus community.

**Campus Life Reports:**

No reports.

**Adjournment**

-Troy (Chamber Choir): Motion to adjourn.

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions