

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes February 8, 2017

Call to Order

-12:15p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Joey: This past weekend we went up to CCSG and discussed about a couple of things. One of the topics was Capital Day, where SGA here and across the Penn State system will be going to Harrisburg to voice our concerns to legislatures for more funding. However, I don't believe that will happen, but that will take place March 22nd. Also, we talked about passing a legislation that is pretty impactful. They want to add an online syllabus system and embed it on Lionpath, so that you can search and know more about the class. If it does go through, implementation would be in one or two years.

Approval of the Minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society): approve the agenda

- Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: I hope you guys enjoyed the BCC video. Hopefully, we'll see it within the next five years, through the Phase One. Also, Ryan is now the VP based on the voting last week. In regards to the budget of 31 clubs here, we will be voting on the allocations later in the meeting. RHS is a new clubs and then the elections.

New Business

Ryan (VP): First off, I did correct the date and then today is the suggested allocation votes. Like I mentioned last week, Blue Wave and Sustainability got more time to submit theirs. They both had flawless budgets, which is why it's up there now.

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion to approve the two budget allocation

Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Blue Wave and Sustainability Club, just give Campus Life until next Monday, so they can get situated with it. And they are short staffed, so have patience with the Office. Be respectful when you go in and please let your club members know too. Next, Elections. They are due by 5pm either to Campus Life or to Admissions. I'm going to read off the packet. Next week, we'll They are short staffed, so please be mindful. Elections are due today by 5:00pm. Next week, we will have debate on the Financial Manager and Faculty Senate. The following week, President and Vice President. It will be held in here and then Election Day will begin on Monday, 8am to Wednesday, 5pm. We will be starting an Elections Committee that will consists of two members from the GA and two members from the SGA staff; and it will be led by our Chief of Staff, Anh Mai. Are there people that would like to volunteer themselves?

(Volunteered by Amanda, Kyle, Lindsey, and Mike)

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion to approve the members from GA and SGA staffs

Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Moving into budgets, someone asked about the due date for Fall budgets is the 11th week of the Spring Semester. That is March 20th, so please be mindful of that date. As I said before, we will not be accepting late budgets. We're going to be strict and will follow the guidelines more than last semester, and Ryan has a Powerpoint from the President's meeting. If you do need it, please ask Ryan. We are also in the midst of replacing Ryan with a new Financial Manager.

Open forum:

Chaz (Chamber Choir): I'd like to announce my candidacy for University Faculty Senate.

Ryan (VP): I withdraw from University Faculty Senate.

Kyle (Honors): Last year, we discussed about the credit limits. Honors Club raised the issue and I got to meet with Dr. Esqueda about it. If you have a significant reason, you can speak to Dr. Esqueda and he will evaluate your credit load. From there, he will approve or sign off on it. I trust him

Troy (Chamber Choir): Otherwise, you can still sign up for more, but just wait until the first week of the semester is over.

Hannah (Ice Hockey): Ice hockey will be hosting a benefit on Valentine's Day at Body Zone. Come ice skate.

Staff Reports:

Michelle (Community Service Chair): There will be a community service event at Country Meadows, every Saturday 2:30-4:30. The residence there made the comment that they wished for

people to come out every Saturday. There won't be one during the THON weekend though. Also, make sure you guys are registering online for the community service before the event. The second form has to be brought to the event, so that I can sign it off and that you would have to submit it to Autumn no later than 48 hours after the event.

(Michelle and Joey walk through how to register community service online)

Joey: Also, Alex and Lindsey both coordinated the new SGA stories. They are up here if you wish to read one. Please take them.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): Cuts for Kids in the MPR right now, next week we have our Karaoke night at 9pm, Lip Sync battle at 9pm, and then Dancer's send off.

Rep (LUC): We have a Movie night on Monday, location will be announced. Just check the social medias.

Austin (DECA): Selling Valentine's Day gift bag in Tully's.

Ryan (CAB): Tomorrow night is Movie Night, and Saturday is the bus trip to see the Flyers Game.

Joey: What if it snows tomorrow?

Kelly Ann: Typically, if the campus is closed, then all campus activities and club events will be canceled.

Robert (Bowling): Glow Bowling we be held the weekend after this weekend, on the 19th and the first 10 people will be getting wristbands.

Campus Life Reports:

Kelly Ann: Thank you for the community service process description. I haven't seen a ton of clubs coming in to sign up for events, so please don't forget. Because you do need to maintain your 24 hours of community service for the Spring Semester. You don't want frozen budgets in the Fall, especially for the new leaderships. Make sure you are aware of the opportunities offered to you. Just another club item, there is a lot of clubs traveling this semester. There is an itinerary roaster form online that needs to be filled out. It is required if you travel because that tells me your emergency contact and where you'd be.

Jon (Men's Lacrosse): How early would you like the itinerary forms?

Kelly Ann: Our Office closes at 5pm every day, so as long as I have it before you leave on your trip, you're good. We have an Arts and Lectures Series tonight. A Q&A about race and colorblind. It is actually created by a Professor, and collaborations are always welcomed. And it is tonight in the auditorium at 7pm. Also, I will be taking recommendations tonight of any Arts and Lectures series that you have in mind or if you're interested in giving a lecture, please let me know.

Adjournment

-Troy (Chamber Choir): Motion to adjourn.

-Kyle (Honors): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions