

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes March 22, 2017

Call to Order

-12:15p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Kyle (Honors): motion for Accounting Club to join

Alysia (Cheerleading): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Ryan (VP): Joey couldn't be here today. He is kindly representing you folks in Harrisburg for Capital Day. The move behind Capital Day is the push to get more funding for Penn State, which ties with lowering tuition costs.

Approval of the Minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): approve the minutes

- Emily (Equestrian): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the agenda

- Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business:

Ryan (VP): The elections are done. Manpreet is the Financial Manager, Chaz is the Faculty Senate, Alex is the Vice President, and I am the President elect. So congratulations to everyone. With that being said, my focus is on you guys now. Joey gave me the permission to build a staff, and I'm ready to take any suggestions, concerns, or questions. Here is my contact information. It's on the SGA website, but I know some people likes to write it down. Moving onto staff committee. If you guys remembered, we broke into committees around the four corners, and now I am looking for any feedbacks. Looking forward for next year, I'm thinking about continuing with that. I really like the idea of having the GA voice concerns back to the chairs. So what are your feedbacks?

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): I think there should be more structure on what is to be discussed in the meetings.

Ethan (Blue Wave): To have more frequency of the meetings like twice a month to be with the committee.

Ryan (VP): If you have anything you'd like to voice to me after the meeting, please let me know.

Emily (Equestrian): motion for Berks Care to join

Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Ryan (VP): For community service, one of you guys asked to up the bags of hours and we hear you. Now it is one big brown bag of supplies equals two hours, and the maximum is four hours of community service.

New Business:

Ryan (VP): This weekend we went to CCSG and got to hear President Barron speak. Joey and I were able to meet with him one on one; and he had nothing, but good things to say about Berks. During council, he focused on access and affordability. The PASS program of helping students graduate on time, and he also mentioned that he wants to implement a program that provides money to students to attend the University based on high school performance. For the All In efforts, he explained where the "We Are" chant came from and it came from a sport by in the 70s. I believe a school in Florida wouldn't let them play because of having an African American on the team. So the quote that was said was "We play all. We play for none. We are Penn State." It's just a remainder of what is being implemented and where we are going from here. He also mentioned about the Pell Grant for a petition to increase it as well.

Zac Swope (Men's Rugby): motion for Outdoors to join

Ethan (Blue Wave): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Mike (IT Chair): I was in the Student Affairs committee meeting and we talked about forming a legislation to change the ID cards. If you look at the back of the cards, you see the PNC and other logos. So what they wanted to do was to replace those with emergency contact information on them. The original legislation was to put local numbers for each campus, but because the IDs are mass produced, they couldn't do it. I think it's a great idea, since we do carry the IDs a lot. Another idea was to put a sticker on the ID with the numbers on the front of the ID, but that would be done per campus. So if Ryan is interested in pushing for that or if you guys favor it, it's definitely something to look at.

Ryan (VP): I will say that under the Governmental, I am the proxy for Elina. They really want to push local and state representatives to our campus; which Elina is working on that as we speak. On top of that, we also have new representatives for CCSG. It's Zach and Hunter from Altoona.

Joey and I both voted on them because we felt that they represented what Berks stand for the best. I do have their information and platform up here if you guys want to take a look at it. One of the push was to have an endowment for all Commonwealth Campuses, so that it is free for staff to go up to CCSG; which was very appealing for a lot of the people up there.

Brandon (Financial Manager): Hi, everyone. I'm Brandon, and I'm the new Financial Manager for this semester. I just wanted to say that PSEA budget got their budget approved yesterday. It doesn't look like everything is there, but it is all there. It's a typo on my part.

Kyle (Honors): motion to approve PSEA budget

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Ryan (VP): Due to the snow, we pushed the budget deadline to next Monday, March 27th by 5:00pm, in either the Campus Life or the Admissions Office. There's no more exceptions, so please remember this time and date. Next we have the WEPA trial.

Mike (IT Chair): There is a new printing system in the library called the WEPA. I know everyone loves the Pharos system we have right now... so this is a 200 free trial for students. But if you guys are interested, you get a \$5.00 trial to use this system. It is an all in one system that required you to swipe your ID card. It's a big box in the corner of the library and I find it pretty nice. WEPAnow.com if you'd like to do the trial.

Lindsay (Student Life Chair): You only get \$5.00 to print or...?

Ryan (VP): Yes, which is equivalent to 100 pages.

Mike (IT Chair): If you are going to try it, please use this system; just so we don't waste the trial. There are also limited participants as well.

Ethan (Blue Wave): What else does it do?

Mike (IT Chair): You can upload it to the site if you log in. Other than that it is similar to what we have now, but I feel it is better than what we have. It works a little cleaner and is run through a third party, so hopefully it won't shut down. There is a good upside to it. If you have any other questions, just catch me outside.

Ryan (VP): I made a file with a list of staff positions that are open as of right now. This doesn't mean that you get the position or get an interview. It's just a way for me to see where the interests are, and I'd really appreciate it if the majority of you sign up for the chairs. I added two new chairs because I thought it'd be pretty efficient.

Mike (IT Chair): In the next week or so, these positions will be posted on the website for you to fill out, if you are interested.

Open Forum:

Ethan (Blue Wave): I know an email was sent out recently, but when is it the latest a club can submit an event?

Jess (CAB Coordinator): For club event requests, it's typically a two-week request prior to the event happening.

Dylan (RHS): Our SGA rep bailed on us, so as far as the attendance policy, could you refresh me on that?

Ryan (VP): Yes, I believe it's if you missed more than two meetings, your club will go inactive. Anna and Joey both has a record on that, and all clubs should have a proxy as well. But we can talk after the meeting.

Kelsey (PSEA): We have an education meeting next Wednesday, during SGA, is it okay if the VP or President of PSEA sit in for the meeting?

Ryan (VP): Yes, see me after the meeting as well and we can talk about it.

Ryan (VP): There's an event in the Lion's Den from 11-5pm. It's called the Peep Show and you can actually submit an artwork and win a prize.

Staff Reports:

Michelle (Community Service Chair): I have a whole bunch of community services set up for you guys. They're located in various places, and they'll be on the SGA website. Don't forget to sign up for them and hand in your request forms prior to coming.

Anna (Secretary): Hi guys! So a little update on the banquet. Chamber Choir will be the opening act again at this year's banquet. I still need pictures from a lot of your clubs, so please send them to me. I'll be working with Mike on the slideshow, so please help us out.

Club Announcements:

Amanda (Collegiate): We have been pairing up with. All professional clothing. There is a dropbox in Gaige and local communities.

SVC Rep: We will be holding the Annual Color Run on April 8th. It is free for students and is \$25 for non-students. You get a t-shirt, water bottle, and sunglasses. The rain date is April 30th.

Zach (Men's Rugby): This Saturday at 10am, the Rugby team is having a game at the field, so please come out and support.

Joe (Berks Care): We have a guest speaking coming in tomorrow from the Opportunity house, it does count as a community service. Then April 9th we have another event, and we're looking for club participants to join.

Campus Life Reports:

Jess: I sent out an email to ask for club events, to be put on the CAB calendar for next semester. And we really hope to fill the days up with activities for the incoming first year students to see. The deadline is April 10th by 5:00pm.

Autumn: Hi guys! If you guys didn't know already, Kelly Ann has left and so we have divided up what she used to do between Saundra, Jess, and myself. We just hope that you guys be patient with us because we do have a full- time job on top of working with what Kelly Ann was responsible for. So we just wanted to give a brief description of what we're going to be taking on I will be in charge of the larger events. If you guys have guest speakers and it's a fairly larger event, please come to me with the request two weeks in advance. Just because we need to get approved by UP and there are some other forms that need to be submitted for the event to happen.

Jess: I'll be taking over the smaller event request. I know Kelly Ann has been very efficient about this, but I haven't done this before; so please be thorough on those event requests. Even if they are big events, still submit the request form and I'll forward it to Autumn. Thank you!

Ryan (VP): Just again, I hope some of you are interested in joining SGA. You get polos and go out on bonding events, so I encourage you all to be involved. ☺

Adjournment

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Motion to adjourn.

-Kyle (Honors): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions