

**Penn State University, Berks Campus**

**Student Government Association**

**Minutes March 29, 2017**

**Call to Order**

-12:15p.m.

**President/ VP Address**

(Anna takes the attendance).

Alysia (Cheerleading): motion for BSU Club to join

Troy (Chamber Choir): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Sorry guys, I haven't been here in a while. Crazy to think that this is my first SGA meeting since a month. Last week, I was up at Capital Day to represent you guys. I met with some of the House Reps and Senators. We had a discussion about bringing new majors to campuses and whether or not the University should. It came down to it being cost effective and needing to do studies in regards to that. Basically, Madeline Hanes and Nick Jones as well as the Chancellor will get together to make a decision on that. There have been some talks of bringing the nursing degree here, so look forward to that for the first years here. Ryan will keep you posted.

Ryan (VP): Thank you for putting up with me the past couple of meetings.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Kyle (Honors): approve the minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Approval of the Agenda**

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

- Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Old Business:**

Joey: Ryan talked about President Barron's initiative during CCSG. The university is taking a new direction on making courses less pricey such as free online textbooks. I know President Barron pushed for this for a while now and I know he is working progressively on this as the years continue. The budgets were due on Monday by 5:00pm, we're currently in review of that. Brandon and Ryan will be working on that to get the email out to clubs about the suggested

allocations. Then we'll show it to the GA and then vote on the following week. The new WEPA, a new system, so please try it out. And then some of you may be interested in SGA, if so definitely apply for the positions. At the end of the day, the interview process is a great learning experience. Also a networking opportunity.

### **New Business:**

Joey: We got some bags in the SGA office for Glenside Elementary. Just a reminded, I spoke with Autumn about the community service hours. One brown bag of supplies equals two hours of community service. A maximum of 4 hours and those are due next Wednesday. This is an opportunity for you to get community service hours and to help the less fortunate. Those of you who made nominations or have been nominated will be getting an email, so look out for that. One important thing, Vice Provost Jones will be here on Friday in the Penn State Room. I encourage all of you to attend and feel free to tell your friends. From those of you who went to the Chancellor Townhall, it's similar to that just a little smaller. You can come speak your opinion or just boast about yourself and the campus.

### **Open Forum:**

Kyle (Honors): Do we have a list of people to talk to about having new majors here on campus and the financial feasibility?

Joey: That comes more from University Park, but Chancellor Hillkirk and Dr. Esqueda would be the two people to talk to about all of that.

Ag Club Rep: For fund retribution, is that still a problem or has that been fixed?

Ryan (VP): Since Kelly Ann has left, that duty has been distributed between Autumn, Jess, Sandy, and Saundra. The news from last time was to be announced...

Autumn: There is a lot happening in the office right now, so we're still looking into it.

Joey: You have to take into account that Kelly Ann and Erin has ran this whole SGA fund distribution, so just be patient with this. I am sure next semester coming, they will have everything sorted out. I'm sorry we don't have a direct answer for you, but if you do have any issues feel free to come talk to us after the meeting.

### **Staff Reports:**

Alex (Public Relations Chair): Through Miss O, she has collaborated with other campuses and there will be three guest speakers coming to RACC in April to talk about diversity, and transportation will be provided. Another thing is I mentioned a diversity video a while back, I will be starting it tomorrow; so if anyone is interested in being in the video, please come see me.

Michelle (Community Service Chair): All community service events are updated on the website. We do have an event coming up this weekend, so please fill out the forms if you do decide to come out.

### **Club Announcements:**

Amanda (Collegiate): We have an event going on, in conjunction with Ag Club. There are bins located in buildings where you can donate used or new clothing for people that may need them and this will be going on until April 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Ryan (CAB): Today, we have an event in Tully's. Tomorrow, we have Berks Movie night and the movies are posted on the CAB page. And then Saturday we will be hosting a free movie night in the MPR.

Rachel (YAMs): We have a fundraiser tonight at Friendly's.

Glow Bowling: Next month, April 23<sup>rd</sup> we are hosting a Club Championship. We're going to take two people from each club to bowl and go against each other. The winner will get a free pizza party for their club. Registration is April 16<sup>th</sup>. [Jps5777@psu.edu](mailto:Jps5777@psu.edu)

SVC Rep: We will be holding the Annual Color Run on April 8<sup>th</sup>. 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 30<sup>th</sup>. There will be food after in the Alumni Pavilion, so if you want to help out let us know.

### **Campus Life Reports:**

Autumn: Please just be patient with us. I was sick this past week, so I will get back to emailing those of you who emailed me.

### **Adjournment**

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Motion to adjourn.

-Troy (Chamber Choir): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions