

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes April 12, 2017

Call to Order

-12:16p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Kyle (Honors): motion for accounting club to join.

Troy (Chamber Choir): second

Yes, discussion.

Kyle (Honors): amendment to motion Hotel and Restaurant to join.

Troy (Chamber Choir): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Hey, guys! Please send Anna the pictures for the SGA Banquet. The deadline is this Friday.

Ryan (VP): This is going to be different, but it is great honor to present you this award on behalf of CCSG.

Approval of the Minutes

- Kyle (Honors): approve the minutes

- Eric (LUC): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

- Dylan (Ag Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business:

Joey: Brandon has the budget, but he has the flu and isn't here today. But we will vote on this later. Lindsay mentioned the Summer Leadership Conference last week. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask Autumn about it.

New Business:

Joey: I'll bring up the budget and we can look at it.

Ryan (VP): If you have any specific questions about the cuts, you can speak to Brandon. He has all the reasons for the cuts.

Joey: The money will be available when you guys reconvene in August.

Kyle (Honors): motion to approve the budget.

Emily (Equestrian): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Ryan (VP): Just to add on the budget appeal, you can send them to Campus Life. It'll be me, Brandon, and one other person at Campus Life, who will look over them. I know one club member is doing this already, so if anyone else would like to; please send them to Campus Life.

Joey: Just a recap during Faculty Senate, they talked about SRTes...about what they are and what they are not. I'll show you guys the slides that was presented during the meeting. (Joey read off the slides). SRTes will not go away, so you guys should continue filling them out and continue using ratemyprofessor.com.

SVC Rep: Is there a way to make SRTes mandatory?

Joey: They used to hand the SRTes out during class, but they changed that to being filled out online; which is the best way to go about it. But I don't think they can make it mandatory. Another topic is academic integrity, and this is data from 2015-2016 of charges from people that were caught (2% of Academic charges).

Ryan (VP): This past weekend at CCSG, everyone from the Commonwealth Campuses got to nominate individuals for the technology position. I nominated Nicolette Herring for the position and she got the position, which is to represent all the campuses for technology related topics; so congratulate her when you see her. I sat in the governmental meeting and we passed two legislations (Drive to Strive and International). The international one is in regards to when international students get detained, the students may be sent back to their own country. So Penn State is for due process of International students when they get detained for something. This legislation will be presented to President Baron, meaning that this will or may not be signed.

Alex (Public Relations chair): For student affairs, we talked about changing the whole website for students, so that it can be easier to navigate.

SVC rep: Is there a way to lobby for the international legislation?

Joey: I imagine that the graduate programs (UPUA, etc) along with all the Commonwealth SGA and CCSG will fight for this legislation and fight for this to be signed; meaning President Baron will take into account of every campus' feelings towards these legislations. But if it gets rejected, I'm sure Ryan and the others will continue to fight for it to be passed. Another thing I wanted to add is that some of you guys registered classes through World Campuses and can't be registered

until the beginning of the semester. Well, two CCSGs ago, we looked into trying to expand the World Campus courses for you all.

Open Forum:

Alex (Public Relations): We made a Diversity video and we're currently in the process of editing everything. The showing of the video will be in the Auditorium, April 21st at 12:15pm. So come out and tell us what you think.

Elina (Governmental Chair): I'm a part of the Berks GOP and we're having an event at the Crowne Plaza today at 5:30; so come out if you'd like to speak to any of the local officials. Also, starting this coming fall, I will be the President of the Republican Club. If you're interested, please come see me.

Staff Reports:

Michelle (Community Service Chair): This Saturday we have a community service event at Country Meadows, 12-2pm. We'll be hiding eggs and just having fun with the residents.

Club Announcements:

Kelsey (PSEA): We will be painting rocks and flower pots in various spots around campus for the kids from Glenside Elementary school, so please look out for that.

Bowling Rep: On the 23rd of Sunday, we will be having the Bowling Club Championship. Right now we only have one club that signed up, so they're pretty much the running winners. All you need to do is registered with your club members and come bowl.

SVC Rep: We have a social event for those of you who are 21 and over. It's on April 20th 6:30-9pm. So come out if you want to talk to retired Veterans and hear their experience.

Campus Life Reports:

Autumn: So, I am asking that all Clubs reach out to me by today about any club events because I will be focusing what my job entails, which is Orientation. I also want to say that we will be having a Cherry Wine Programs this Friday during common hour with Chief Rudy.

Jess: Because our CAB rep isn't here today. We have our annual Carnival this coming Monday with food and games. Then we have Crazy Bob on Wednesday, a magician coming out on the same day, and then Friday is our semi-formal. Also Thursday, we have Berks Movie night. Lastly, just a personal announcement, I will be leaving Berks by the end of this semester because I got an offer elsewhere.

Adjournment

-Kyle (Honors): Motion to adjourn.

-Troy (Chamber Choir): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions