

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes September 14, 2016

Call to Order

-12:17p.m.

President/ VP Address

-Joey: Welcome, everyone! We'll start this meeting off with Anna taking the attendance. Please state your name and club, when Anna runs down the list.

(Anna runs through the list for attendance)

-Joey: Real quick! Attendance is very crucial. All clubs are only allowed to miss two meetings; missing of both will result in the inability to attend future meetings and loss of voting rights. I'll be sending a sheet around with a list of clubs that did not email me with their representative and proxy. So if your club is on the list, please fill the sheet out. Thank you. Now, I would like to welcome the following clubs (ran through the list), as they have now joined the assembly!

-Patrick: I just want to say that for the open forum, please speak up about any topics. We're here to listen, so anything that you would like to talk about is welcomed. Thank you so much!

Approval of the Minutes

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the minutes

- Austin (DECA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Troy (Chamber Choir): approve the agenda

- Alysia (Cheerleading): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

-Joey: I would just like to recap on the Roberts' Rule and how SGA meeting is set up. So we want to make sure that everyone is here on time; and if under some circumstances, a club is late, we need to apply the Roberts' Rule. Also, when you're seated, if you could please turn your sign around. This will help us with attendance and making sure that we acknowledge your presence. Does anyone have any questions about the old business?

New Business

-Joey: We have a budget committee, which is set up to accompany the Financial Chair in reviewing the budgets of each club. In order for people to join, we need you guys to vote them in. So before we vote, does anyone want to join the budget committee?

Mikey (Lion Ambassadors) and Ridhima (International Klub) would like to join

-Kyle (Honors): motion for them to join

-Austin (DECA): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Next, JOB is a board set up for students that have interest in addressing issues on campus. I would like to have a board of students now, so that no issues will develop later on. The person in charge of this board is the committee chair person himself. In order to have this board, we need five students. Is anyone interested?

Kyle (Honors), Manpreet (Berks Chemical Society), Nathan (Ski and Board)

-Joey: For anyone else who would like to join, please feel free to let me know and I'll sign your name up. Okay. I see that we have a motion, so do we have a motion to allow Communication Nation Club to join in the assembly?

-Stephanie (Biology/ biochemistry club): motion to join

-Sarah (Bowling Club): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Next on the agenda is the voting and welcoming of two new clubs. As of right now, we have 47 active clubs on campus. I would like to take a moment for these two new clubs to introduce themselves and give us a brief description before we head to voting. You can also ask them questions if you have any.

Emily Walker (Berks College Democrat) presented a description about the club; the focus is on principles and ideals of voting and politics

Mike Serago escorts Emily out.

-SVC: motion for Berks College Democrat to join

-Sarah (Bowling Club): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Next, we have Build-On Club.

Anyank Brinkley (Build- On Club) presented a description about the club; the focus is to raise awareness and money for students to go to school

-Joey: Is Build-On Clubs registered at other campuses?

-Anyank (Build-On Club): Yes! Many other institutions have this clubs; as well as University Park. So it really is a worldwide club.

Mike Serago escorts Emily out.

-Marcquese (VIP): motion for Build-On Club to join

-Shateva (Step Team): second

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions

-Joey: Congratulations of the two clubs! Okay. Next, potential SGA topics. This connects to open forum a little, but we would like to know what you guys want from SGA? By that I mean, any ideas or concerns you have; that we can potentially help fix.

-Kyle (Honors): I know we talked about his before, but do you think we can have an extension to how much we can print?

-Joey: As of right now, the printing limit is pretty much put in place. But I can talk to Lisa Glass and get you an answer.

-Teri: Although there are exceptions to the limit. I have more information on printing, which I can share with you.

-SVC: We have been trying to set up a minor for student veterans for a while now; and we would like to know if SGA would be able to help us move the process along?

-Joey: Of course! That is definitely something that our Academic Affairs chair can help with, so we can set up a meeting to talk about it soon.

-Brandon (Entrepreneurship Club): Do you know how we can move everything from our club folder in Angel to Canvas?

-Mike (IT Chair): Canvas won't allow students to create a folder, so I know many clubs have been using Box as a substitute. It is very quick and easy to use.

-Brandon (Entrepreneurship Club): Do you think our club advisors can create the folder for us?

-Habida: Yes. If your club advisor is also a faculty, they have the ability to create it for you.

-Emily (Equestrian Club): There is a limited amount of plugs for devices, and when you do use the plugs, it's very difficult to move around them. Do you think we can improve the power sources in the collaboration commons area? Or even switching back to the regular tables from the past, can help with the situation.

-Joey: I know that area is hard to implement heavy wiring, but I'll definitely talk to the library to see if we can do something about the situation. Maybe getting more power sources.

-Ian (Outdoors Club): Is there a way to put air conditioning in the gym?

-Teri: We are in talks of implementing a big project, which includes implementing new air conditioning in the BCC. Because this is a large three phase renovation project, it will take longer for everything to be put together. Right now, it would cost too much to just implement the air conditioning and then later have them remove for the project. But eventually, you will get a brand new BCC.

-Alyssa (Dance Team): For that project, is there a way to expand the dance studio and implement floor length mirrors?

-Teri: Yes, we have talked about that too and they are implementing them. Hopefully, we'll see the project put into action soon.

-Austin (DECA): Just a business opportunity. The Creamery at UP is very popular, so I would like to know if we could possibly bring the Creamery down at Berks? Or possibly getting more coffee and milk at the Cyber Café.

-Joey: That's a really cool idea. I'll definitely ask food and service about that.

-Marcquese (VIP): I normally toast my bagels up at Tully's in the morning, but the toaster is really bad. Do you think we could get a new one?

-Joey: Yes! I understand where you are coming from...

-Teri: I know we have a lot of concerns about food and services right now, so I just wanted to point out that we do have a Food Advisory Board for those of you interested in expressing concerns.

-Kyle (Honors): Last year, we talked about opening up more studying space for students within classrooms. Is it still open? And is it still just Gaige?

-Joey: I'm actually not sure about that. But I know that students are more than welcome to walk into any empty classrooms to study. I know I have done that personally. But I can definitely check up on that and get back to you.

-Nathan (Ski and Board): I know some classrooms in Luerseen is empty for students, and I just go into study.

-SVC: We are setting up a room in Gaige for adult veterans, and wanted to see if we can get help from other clubs, for community service hours?

-Teri: That may be a risk management issue for students, but we can take a look into it.

-Joey: On the note of community service, canning will be permitted for community service credits; but you cannot double dip.

-Mike (IT Chair): If you guys are interested; I am the Director of Canning, so feel free to come talk to me.

Open Forum

-Joey: Moving on to open forum. Do you guys have any concerns or ideas that you would like to share today?

-Alysia (Cheerleading): I am a mentor for FYS, and would like to know if clubs can send me a description?

-Habida: Yes, I can send you the description.

-Braydon (CSF): Do professors know that they have to switch over to Canvas at the end of Fall Semester?

-Teri: Yes, they should be notified about that.

-Kyle (Honors): Do you know how we can find the Schedule of Courses? Because I know I schedule in October.

-Joey: I can ask Dr. Bender about that. Lionpath...got to love it.

-Alysia (Cheerleading): I know you have to use Firefox for Lionpath, but do you think in the future we can use different search sites?

-Teri: We all know Lionpath is very hard to use. The administrations are aware of that and are prioritizing all the issues. So that is one on the radar and we are hoping that adjustments will be made.

-Joey: Also, please be patient with those that help you with Lionpath. They are trying their best to work things out, and it is still a learning process for them as well. Okay. Anything else for open forum?

Club Announcements:

-Chaz (THON): First National Bank, car wash this coming Friday. It is \$3 for cars and \$5 for trucks. We also have the Dodgeball Tournament, so please email Bernadette if you are interested. We also have a Sweet Frog, Blood Drive, and Canning Weekend coming up soon.

-Austin (DECA): We will be fundraising for a New York trip this week and will be selling boxes of Krispy Kreme donuts. For all you Donut Lovers!

-Alyssa (Dance): We also have a car wash at the First National Bank and it is by donations.

-Sarah (Bowling): We are setting up free Glow Bowling this Sunday.

-SVC: We have a social event at Berks Lane on September 24th at 3.

-Tiffany (BAJA): We will be setting up our first car show, so please come support.

-Kaishla (CAB): We have the Berks movie night this Thursday and Bingo in the MPR on Friday.

-Joey: SGA will also be setting up Voter registration on Unity day and during Homecoming too. We will also be holding a brief meeting about budgets on Unity Day, so please don't forget.

Campus Life Reports:

-Autumn: Today, we have the Berks Care Walk; so please go out there and participate if you can. Also, for community service. I know there are forms online, but before you start, you need to register your service and then fill the forms out. I can also help any clubs that need a community service tab uploaded onto their website.

-Habida: We have an Arts and Lecture Series tonight about Body Image, so if you need an FYS credit; this is an opportunity for you. Also, homecoming is coming up and I know many of you are doing a float. A document will be sent out, just let me know what you need and we can start supplying everything together.

-Teri: On Monday, September 19th, Faculty Senate from University Park will be down here. It is open for students at 1:30; so if you have anything concerns; this is an opportunity for you guys.

-Habdida: Also, if you want to advertise for club events, please notify me a week before and before 5 on Wednesday.

Adjournment

-Ian Outdoors (Equestrian club): Motion to adjourn.

-Dylan (Ag Club): Second.