

Penn State University, Berks Campus

Student Government Association

Minutes November 30, 2016

Call to Order

-12:17p.m.

President/ VP Address

(Anna takes the attendance).

Joey: Two clubs just walked in. Is there a motion for them to join?

Dylan (Ag Club): motion for Accounting and DECA to join the assembly.

Kyle (Honors): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Welcome back! I hope everyone had a nice break! I know it was a little too short. Just a couple things. I want to congratulate the Women's Soccer team. They had an impressive season. They made it to the Sweet Sixteen. Unfortunately, they lost to Trinity, 2-0. If you look at it, they have made a lot of progress through the four years. I am excited to see what is going to happen in the future years to come. One other thing, next semester...just a little info. We're going to redo the committees because we just added two new positions. We have Alex.

Alex (PR Chair): Hi, my name is Alex. I am a Sophomore and a biochemistry major. And I will be your public relations chair.

Joey: So Alex will be the PR chair. We also have Elina. She will be the Governmental Chair, but can't make it today because she has a mandatory Volleyball meeting. But they will be joining us and that is why we're going to redo the committees. It's going to be a little different. We're going to make the committees be more involved and it'll gear more towards your wants.

Approval of the Minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): approve the minutes

- Theodore (CAB): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Approval of the Agenda

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the agenda

- Kyle (Honors): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Old Business

Joey: Treats for Troops! Guys, next week is the last week to hand that in. I know Clara told me a club has supplies. I don't know who that club is, but please see me. A reminder that this gives clubs up to four hours of community service, depending on how much you donate. Considering the holidays coming, it's a nice little way to boost up the morale overseas. Next, CCSG updates. I'm going to go over an insurance topic when we get to the new business, and Blue Wave has officially joined the assembly. Sorry, I wasn't here the last meeting.

New Business

Joey: We have a new club to vote into the assembly. It is the sustainability club. Is the rep here for sustainability?

Elpidio (Sustainability Club): Hi, my name is Elpidio. Before sustainability was just an activity on campus, now we are trying to push for it to be a club because having a clean environment is important for people. We got a group of people that are interested in being in this club and we got approved by Campus Life. We want people to join us.

Joey: Awesome. That is great to hear especially because sustainability is very important right now. If you look at Gaige, it has the highest sustainability rating in PA, so yeah. Are there any questions for Elpidio?

Nick (DECA): Is the meeting next Monday for everyone who is interested?

Elpidio: Yes, you are more than welcomed. And if you would like to join, you just need to let us know.

Mike (IT Chair): What activities have you guys come up with so far?

Elpidio: So far we have films that provide very educational perspectives and we also did some activities in the Perkins Plaza already too. We have a lot more ideas coming up along those lines as well.

(Mike IT Chair escorts Sustainability Club members out).

(THON joins the assembly)

Joey: Do we have a motion for Sustainability Club to join?

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): motion for Sustainability Club to join.

Theodore (CAB): second.

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Next, student insurance. I actually got an email from Lindsay today about student insurance. It's a report and I'll be reading through this before relaying all the information to you guys. But I want to give you guys a brief overview, so you can go back to your clubs about this. So there was a task force that was assembled about student health insurance that was charged by

VP Jones up at University Park. Specifically, they were asked to explore the needs of this in regards to the student body. There is a proposal that I do think will be carried forth. The University are requiring students to have insurance either through your parents or yourself. If you do not have insurance, the University are going to bill you an insurance. This is to give students a safety net if anyone were to have an emergency. Right now the cost is still being talked. It is funny because the director said this insurance is actually better than the insurance that employees are getting here. I know you can also opt out of this insurance as long as you have a carrier 14 miles within this community. I think you just need to fill out a form. I don't want to give you guys too much stuff, so I'll give you more on the next meeting.

Mike (IT Chair): When will that be effective?

Joey: Right now, beginning next Fall.

Ryan (Financial Manager): The 14 miles, is that from the Penn State location?

Joey: Yes, from the campus you are at. So for example, World Campus aren't required. This is for full-time students as well. And say it is \$3,000, but you're graduating Fall semester, you'll only be billed for half the amount.

Ridhima (INK): Is this for all students including international students? Or can we use other insurances?

Joey: For international students, they will be required to sign up for this insurance policy. They are going with this standard because it is that beneficial. I want to provide you with a quick example. An international student at UP had major health complications and the insurance that this student has now did not cover the bill. This insurance that they are pushing for now does cover it.

Ridhima (INK): There is an insurance package that was mentioned to us that is very similar to the one you are offering. I wasn't sure if this is the one you are talking about.

Joey: It depends on the University's determination, whether it is adequate or not. When I find that out, I'll let you know.

Chris (Men's Volleyball): So this means that for anyone who has health insurance already can sign a form to not get this insurance?

Joey: I am going to direct that question to Teri.

Teri: This is an incidence that you need to follow directions via email. You will be receiving an email that asks you to sign off on a waiver. So if you have insurance, you need to follow instructions and opt out of this new insurance. Pay attention to the email you are getting, which will probably come out Spring/ early Summer.

Emily (Equestrian): Is this email coming from Berks?

Teri: No, it'll be coming from UP.

Ali (Rainbow Alliance): Will we have to waive it every year?

Teri: Yes, I think that is going to be how this work. Because that way everything will be up to date and accurate for students. I know you don't read emails, but you need to. If you don't opt out, it'll automatically be built on your account.

Blue Wave representative: Do you know when we will be expecting this email?

Teri: It should be in the spring or early summer. If I hear it is coming, I'll give a shout out.

Joey: And like I said, I'm going to read this 30 pages report. I'm also going to give this to Mike to put up on the website for you guys to read as well. So you have the information that I have. Also, if you have any specific questions... this contact information Gene K (gwk511@psu.edu). He sits on the committee and is part of the CCSG. Feel free to email him because I think he'll be more than happy to answer your questions.

Open forum:

Ariana (Communication Nations): I mentioned the aux cord in the studio a while ago. Now it doesn't even work.

Joey: Okay the aux cord. I'll take a look at that. I assumed they made the fix already, but I'll reach out to them. Is it the aux or the speaker?

Jennifer (Dance Team): It's everything. We bring our own speakers.

Joey: Alright. I'll look into this. It is definitely a necessity for you guys as a club to function. I did address the strobe light outside of Gaige. The maintenance and operations are aware of it, so hopefully they will take care of it. And last week, I had a meeting and J. Shank was there. I told him about the sofa and he said it's interesting. So, I am assuming he will address that in some way because I did express your concerns in regards to the conditions and situations. I don't know which way he will go, but if ladies, you guys are using it and nothing is being done; let me know.

Staff Reports:

Anh Duong (Academic Co- Chair): Just about SRTEs, I know the emails are sent out already. It is available right now from November 28th -December 11th.

Joey: I'll definitely preach and say SRTEs are not only used by the professors, but also the division heads. If there is a specific concern that you have, fill out the SRTEs to express your concerns. They are affective for teachers and professors, in order for them to help correct their method of teaching. If you ever have a concern about a professor, feel free to reach out to the head of the department.

Club Announcements:

Chaz (THON): We have a PJ's fundraising on Sunday, and Late Night Skate on December 9th, 9-11th. We also have Reading Royals tickets going on sale for January 23rd. If you have any questions, please go see Mikey.

Theodore (CAB): We are having our last Berks Movie Night on Thursday. The list of movies are posted on Facebook pages. And if you purchased tickets for the Broadway Show, it is this Saturday.

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): We will be collaborating with the UP Collegiate FFA to make blankets for local shelters, so if you're interested, please let us know.

Nick (DECA): We have a Panera fundraiser tonight. I'll pass out the flyers to everyone now, so please come support.

Sarah (Bowling Club): December 3rd is our last glow bowling.

Marcquese (VIP): On Friday in Franco 157, we have two alumni coming in to answer any questions in regards to the club topics and other topics. It's during common hour. And free hot chocolate in the library right now.

Campus Life Reports:

Teri: If you haven't registered for the Spring semester yet, please do so. Classes are filling up.

Adjournment

-Kyle (Honors): Motion to adjourn.

-Ian (Outdoors Club): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions