

**Penn State University, Berks Campus**

**Student Government Association**

**Minutes February 1, 2017**

**Call to Order**

-12:15p.m.

**President/ VP Address**

(Anna takes the attendance).

Joey: Townhall. I spoke to Kathy Ashby in regards to the bathrooms. She is meeting with the Directors up at University Park sometime this week, to hopefully get it back to weekly again. Other than that, I feel like there were some great discussions. Moving forward, I hope that SGA will continue to do this Townhall meeting, maybe once every semester. I know that Teri is on board with this and it is a great way to voice concerns and comments. And if there are concerns that were not voiced at the Townhall, you guys can email me and I can forward them to Dr. Hillkirk.

**Approval of the Minutes**

- Kyle (Honors): approve the minutes

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Approval of the Agenda**

- Dylan (Ag Club): approve the agenda

- Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

**Old Business**

Joey: We will be putting a vote on the suggested allocation budget later during this meeting. Now without farther adieu, we have a gentleman up here. His name is Kim Barry.

Kim Berry: Hi, everybody. I'm Kim Berry. I'm the Chief Operating Officer for Penn State Berks. Thank you very much. Looking at your agenda, I'll keep this relatively short. I'm here to give you an update for the renovation and transformation of the BCC. As you know, the BCC is our athletic recreational and Kinesiology facility. It was built in 1980 when we had about 1,500 commuter students. We really didn't have what we have now, which is 3,000 students. A full blown Kinesiology major and an NCAA program. Your demands for wellness exceeds the demands 35 years ago. About a year and half ago, we pulled people together to look at what we really needed to support the programs in the BCC as well as where we were going with these

programs. We came up with a list of facilities and calculated a need of 40,000 square of space. The existing building is 28,000, so we need double the space. In dollars, that equates to about 31 million dollars. But we don't think it is appropriate to close the BCC, so we came up with a plan, with the help of an architect to do a project in three phases. The project is on a list of capital project that is being proposed to the Board of Trustees and my understanding is that will be presented in the February board meeting. Once the board approves the capital plan with the project, we still have to find money. But we have put together a series of drawings and that is what I am here to share with you.

(Kim Berry shows the video).

Chaz (Thon): Is this definitely going to happen? I know in my first year they were talking about building off the corn field across the street.

Kim Berry: I don't know if we planned to build during your years here, but the Master plans does include facilities to be built across the street. I can tell you that this project is going to the Board of Trustees for approval and once it gets approved, we will be gathering money and approach the Student Facilities Fees to get funding. We also looked into fundraising efforts and when everything is ensured, we then need to hired an architect. So if you're question is if this is going to be here next year or the year after, probably not.

Chaz (Thon): My question is if the Master plan will still be carried out?

Kim Berry: And in the future, that plan may still be around. But this is the main project on the Capital plan and I believe it will happen. But I'm not sure when it is going to happen. I'd be more than happy to inform you guys near the future.

Chaz (Thon): I figure it is not going to happen while I'm here.

Kyle (Honors): Is there a way for other students to see this?

Kim Berry: We're in the process of rolling this out on our webpage. But we figured you guys are the number one student group to get this in front of and with the help of your President, I was able to get permission to show this to you all. It hasn't even been shown to the committees, so we're just beginning to roll this out.

Ian (Outdoors): motion Blue Wave, Bowling, Blue and White, DECA to join the assembly

Kyle (Honors Club): second

Yes, discussions

Brian (Ski and Board): motion Communication Nations to join the assembly

Amanda (Collegiate FFA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Next, we have the VP position. We started a discussion about this, with Patrick being gone, there's an opening. And we made the proposal of appointing Ryan Morris, since he is the

Financial Manager, and both Anh and Anna declined the proposal, due to their heavy involvement on campus. Do we have further discussion about this?

Taion (Black Student Union): Who is going to take over Ryan's spot?

Joey: I actually know a student that is interested in this position. He will be going to Smeal after this semester, and he will be working closely with Ryan on the budgets.

Kyle (Honors): motion for Ryan Morris to be the VP

Austin (DECA): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: We haven't changed anything since the table, so you guys can vote on it today. As you can see, we have 31 club requests; which is a great sign. We see that there is a lot going on with clubs, so we're hoping to bring this up during the Student Activities Fee meeting to gain more funding.

Blue Wave Rep: I'm not on this list and we talked about this, but when will this get approved?

Ryan (Financial Manager): You guys will be on a separate budget that will get approved and voted on at a later date.

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion to approve the budget allocation

Dylan (Ag Club) second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: Clubs funding will not be available until Monday, just because Campus Life is dealing with a new transitioning. So please bear with them. Real quick, Blue Wave and Sustainability entered into the Assembly at a later date of when we closed the budget request. So as stated by the Constitution, they have at least two weeks to submit their budgets. This will be tabled until next week.

Kyle (Honors): Did you leave a little wiggle room?

Ryan (Financial Manager): That already is factored because we anticipated new clubs.

Troy (Chamber Choir): Are those actually the dates that they requested the budgets?

Ryan (Financial Manager): That is a typo on my part and all budgets are time stamped, so I can update it for you.

## **New Business**

Joey: We have a new club. RHS club.

Dylan: Hi, my name is Dylan and I'm the VP of RHS club. RHS stands for Rehabilitation Human Services. Not a lot of people know about it, so we just want to bring awareness. We wanted to spread fundraising, volunteering, role playing, and other stuff. We have about 15

people and got approved at Campus Life. We have some ideas already and will be meeting every Tuesday in Perkins 20.

Manpreet: What does RHS stand for?

Dylan: It stands for Rehabilitation Human Society.

Troy (Chamber Choir): motion to let RHS join Assembly

Ian (Outdoors Club): second

No discussion/ opposed/ abstentions

Joey: We're in the election season now. Essentially, starting as of last week, you can start petitioning for the positions. The code of compliance is up on the website. If you're running for President, you need 300 signatures. If you're running with a VP, then you and your VP together needs 300 signatures. The position petitions are submitted in the Campus Life or Admissions by 5:00pm, next Wednesday.

### **Open forum:**

Troy (Chamber Choir): I brought this up a year ago. I have been approached by numerous students and professors to start a petition, to make a designated area for students to use in Luerssen. If you go into a room that is empty, you get kicked out. Are there suggestions that you could give me? I know they gave us two little tables, but there's only four computers and it is still hard to find space.

Joey: This was actually brought up at the Counsel meeting with Dr. Hillkirk and Dr. Esqueda. One of the professors in Luerssen actually photographed the exact issue. Dr. Hillkirk and Kim Berry does realize this issue and will be working on this issue. Give me two weeks and I'll check in with you.

Tiffany (Baja): We had to do our budget right away, is that the same for our Fall budget?

Ryan (Financial Manager): The date is on the SGA website.

Joey: Fall budgets are due the eleventh week of the Spring semester, so some time in March.

Chaz (Thon): People were handing out invitations to a Valentine party.

Teri: Every time an unknown flyer comes onto Campus, we always look into it for safety precautions. It does look like an advertisement of some sort.

Raymond (Faculty Senate): Is there an update about the couch?

Joey: No, but I'll reach out to John Shank. He doesn't know why it is there, and doesn't want to get rid of it if there is history involved. But I'll ask again.

Teri: We can definitely look into the situation with all the concerns you have on it

Anh Duong (Academic Co-Chair): I'm running for Faculty Senate and need 100 signatures, so please support me.

Manpreet: I'm also running for the Financial Manager position.

Ryan (Financial Manager): Since everyone is announcing, I will be running for President along with Alex, the VP for next Fall. And I will be on the Faculty Senate ballot too.

Joey: The reason for this is because the University Park contested to this.

### **Staff Reports:**

Michelle: There is a community service event this Saturday 2:30-4:30. It has been on the website. We had a pretty good turnout for the one last Saturday and it is up on the SGA website.

Joey: Make sure you guys are doing the verification for Community Service. The paperwork is online.

Anna (Secretary): I need your help with pictures! I really need pictures from you guys, so that I can start putting together a powerpoint for the SGA Banquet. Please send them to:

[akl5213@psu.edu](mailto:akl5213@psu.edu).

### **Club Announcements:**

Chaz (THON): We have Late Night Skate, Friday 5-7, Date Auction, Cuts for Kids, and Valentine's Day Dance coming up.

Rachel (YAMs): We have yoga on Tuesday in the Dance Studio and Meditation in Gaige 10.

### **Campus Life Reports:**

Teri: I sent out a message about an academic review of Dr. Hillkirk and Dr. Esqueda. It is an important piece of the UP operation and the way they evaluate the two. If you'd like to participate, please let Dr. Russell know. We may also be going into classrooms to ask group of students to participate. It is very important and make sure you guys are involved. It's due March 17<sup>th</sup>. Also, you may have seen a message from President Barron about the executive order from the White House. We are going to be hosting a series of talks and sessions about democracy and citizenship. With the society today, it is really hitting home with students and professors. If you are personally being affected emotionally, come to us and we will get the appropriate help.

### **Adjournment**

-Amanda (Collegiate FFA): Motion to adjourn.

-Troy (Chamber Choir): Second.

No discussions/ opposed/ abstentions