Student Government Association

Meeting #1 Minutes

August 22nd, 2014

I. Call to order

President Shannon Walker called to order the regular called meeting of the Student Government Association at 1:00 PM on August 22, 2014 in the Slemp Student Center.

II. Roll Call

Secretary Katie Sutherland conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Shannon Walker, Jordan Viars, Mychal Spivey, Katie Sutherland, Katelyn Cantrell, Erica Gilliam, Nathan McGlone, Victoria Pedigo, Marissa Riley, Kaitlynn Davis, Jacob Gilliam, Kaitlyn Owens, Alejandro Tremols, Charles Campbell, and Maddie Stallard. Jewell Worley was absent; Stephanie Shell attended the meeting as the Advisor’s designee.

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Gilliam moved to approve the agenda for August 22nd, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Senator McGlone moved to approve the minutes from May 2nd, 2013 with consent. The motion passed.

V. Secretary Report

Secretary Sutherland welcomed everyone back. She informed the Senate that she did not count office hours this week; however, they will be counted next week.
More information about office hours, attendance, and reviewing requests will be presented at SGA training on Sunday. She will not be in attendance at training due to work.

VI. **Treasure’s Report**

Treasurer Mychal Spivey asked the Event Coordinators to speak with their Committee Chairs when they need something purchased. The Committee Chair will communicate those requests through Vice-President Viars, who will inform Treasurer Spivey of requests.

VII. **Vice-President’s Report**

Vice-President Viars stated that the committee directory will be provided at training. He asked if there are any concerns regarding committees and opened the floor for committee updates

- Committee and Event Coordinator Reports
  - Senator Stallard asked the student affairs committee to keep an eye on their emails for a Doodle in order to schedule their meeting time.
  - Senator Cantrell reported that Homecoming will be on October 4th. The Homecoming theme is “Through the Ages” due to the college’s 60th anniversary. The Homecoming dance will be a 1950s theme. The DJ has been booked, glasses have been chosen but are missing artwork, and supplies will be ordered.
  - Senator Davis reported for the Fall Events committee that the three major fall events are Homecoming, Faculty and Staff Appreciation, and the Lighting of Crockett. The Event Coordinator position for the Lighting of Crockett is currently vacant. She is waiting for other positions on SGA to be filled before selecting the Event Coordinator. She will be sending a Doodle to select a meeting time.
  - Sophomore Senator Gilliam reported that we will be hosting a car wash for Faculty and Staff Appreciation, as well as placing lottery tickets in their campus mailboxes.
  - Vice-President Viars announced that there will no longer be a Hollyball at UVa-Wise. The resources used for Hollyball will now
be used for the Lighting of Crockett and the late night breakfast. He also reported that each committee should meet once per week. Attendance will be recorded at the meetings. He asked the Committee Chairs to bring their schedules to training in order to schedule a meeting with him.

VIII. Executive Orders

- None

IX. Unfinished Business

- None

X. New Business

- Town of Wise Representative
  - The Wise Business Association wants to plan an event for students at Halloween at the Big Glades in town. A representative attended the meeting to check for possible conflicts with college events, as well as see if the SGA would like to partner with the Town of Wise on this event.
  - A possible idea would be hosting a movie at the Big Glades.
  - Vice-President Viars stated that he is the SGA’s liaison with the Town of Wise, and this event is to help target the problem of student apathy.
  - President Walker agreed to support the planning stages for this event.

- International Senator Appointment
  - Sarah Douglass, 4th year student at UVA-Wise
    - Works with Dr. Wolny in the International Office and contacts the international students before they arrive in order to help them feel welcomed.
    - Plans to organize trips to Walmart for exchange students.
    - There are currently five exchange students on campus, as well as an entire community of international students who are here on their own. She wishes to bridge the gap between local students and the international students.
    - The vote was tabled until next week.
• Junior Senator Appointments
  o Alyssa Fultz, 3rd year at UVa-Wise. Nursing major.
    ▪ Decided to get involved in last year and has joined several organizations.
    ▪ Was a member of Honor Court last year and was an Expedition Leader for this year’s incoming freshmen.
    ▪ Currently is the Philanthropy Chair of Alpha Sigma Tau, member of NSLS, and is a freshman mentor
    ▪ Wants to represent the student body as a whole.
    ▪ The vote was tabled until next week.
  o Cassandra Blackwell, 3rd year, Biology major
    ▪ Was an Expedition Leader for this year’s incoming freshmen.
    ▪ Wants to become more involved on campus.
    ▪ Currently a member of NSLS.
    ▪ Wants to get a first-hand view of what students are passionate about, and see how we can foster those interests.
    ▪ The vote was tabled until next week.
  o President Walker announced that if Alyssa Fultz and Cassandra Blackwell are confirmed next week, there will still be one open Junior Senator position. She asked the Senate to look for and speak with Juniors who may be interested and ask them to send President Walker a cover letter and resume.

• Cabinet Appointments
  o Historian
    ▪ Alex Pilcher
      ▪ Was a sophomore senator two years ago. Chaired the Hollyball committee.
      ▪ Wants to help promote the SGA and clarify to the students what the SGA does.
      ▪ Would like to work with the Public Relations Officer to video the SGA and interview the Senators.
      ▪ Senator Campbell moved to approve Alex Pilcher as Historian.
      ▪ Seconded by Senator Cantrell.
      ▪ The vote was 11/0/0.
      ▪ The motion passed.
  o Public Relations Officer
    ▪ Pam Wright, 4th year, Business major
• 3rd year RA
• Would like to give away prizes on social media to get more people involved.
• Wants to bridge the gap between commuter students and residential students by bringing them together during events.
• Senator Davis moved to approve Pam Wright as Public Relations Officer.
• Seconded by Senator Campbell.
• The vote was 11/0/0.
• The motion passed.

○ Parliamentarian
  - Ryon Birtsch, 4th year.
    • Learned the rules of Parliamentary Procedure from last year’s Parliamentarian and Senior Senator Brett Hall.
    • Wants the meetings to run smoothly.
    • Senator Davis spoke in favor of Ryon Birtsch as Parliamentarian.
    • Senior Senator Gilliam moved to approve Ryon Birtsch as Parliamentarian.
    • Seconded by Senator Tremols.
    • The vote was 11/0/0.
    • The motion passed.

○ Elections Commissioner
  - Lyndra Frimpong, Biology major.
    • Was a representative on the Honor Court last year.
    • Currently Public Relations Chair and the Community Service Coordinator of the Multicultural Alliance, Secretary of the African Cultural Association, and is an RA.
    • Senator McGlone moved to approve Lyndra Frimpong as Elections Commissioner.
    • Seconded by Senator Stallard.
    • The vote was 11/0/0.
    • The motion passed.
XI. Advisor’s Report

Advisor Designee Shell brought copies of the student handbook to the SGA. They will be distributed after the meeting. Also organizations can send Highland Happenings events and updates to highlandhappening@uvawise.edu.

XII. Announcements

- SGA Training will be this Sunday, August 24th from 3PM to 7PM. Planners will be distributed.
- The UVa-Wise 60th birthday celebration will be on September 13th, 2014.
- Senator-at-Large and Freshman Senator petitions are currently available and will be due on Monday, August 25th by 4:30 PM.
- Vice-President Viars asked the new Senators to get to know Stephanie Shell.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting with consent. The motion passed. President Shannon Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:34 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Student Government Association Senate on August 29th, 2013.