Student Government Association

Meeting #2 Minutes

August 29th, 2014

I. Call to order

President Shannon Walker called to order the regular called meeting of the Student Government Association at 1:01 PM on August 29th, 2014 in the Slemp Student Center.

II. Roll Call

Secretary Katie Sutherland conducted a roll call. The following persons were present: Jewell Worley, 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, Maddie Stallard, Ryon Birtsch, Lyndra Frimpong, Alex Pilcher, and Pam Wright.

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Gilliam moved to approve the agenda for August 29th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Senator Campbell moved to approve the amended minutes from August 22nd, 2013 with consent. The motion passed.

V. Secretary Report

Secretary Sutherland apologized to Senator Campbell and Senator Stallard for leaving them off of the roll call last week; the error has been corrected and their
attendance has been recorded. She also apologized to Historian Pilcher for forgetting her table tent; it will be printed next week. She reminded everyone that attendance is required at committee meetings and asked the Committee Chairs to record attendance and send it to her after their meetings. She also reminded everyone that committee meetings can count for up to one office hour per week. Senator Tremols is ineligible to vote today.

VI. Treasure’s Report

Treasurer Mychal Spivey reported that a copy of the budget has been provided. Polos were purchased from the Expense Account. The SVEA will be asking for $1,275. If granted in full, the General Allocations account will have $6,225.

VII. Vice-President’s Report

Vice-President Viars reported that he attended the Wise Town Council meeting. The town voted to have a movie night on October 31st for college students; however, it will be open to all residents of Wise. They will also have a rock band event on September 6th. The brackets for the banners in town have been ordered by the Development Office, and the banners will be in place in Wise by Homecoming. The Committee Chairs will meet every other Wednesday Night at 8PM in the Honor Courtroom; however, the meeting location may need to change at a later time. The meetings are open to only the Committee Chairs, the President, and Vice President.

• Committee and Event Coordinator Reports
  o Secretary Sutherland reported that the Public Relations Committee will be meeting at 5:30 PM on Mondays in the SGA Office. The committee members are required to attend, but everyone is welcome.
  o Senator Cantrell reported that the High School Leadership Retreat will be Friday, October 24th. The theme will be “Leadership under Construction.” Letters have been sent to 33 local schools.
  o Historian Pilcher stated that her plans for advertising the SGA include photos of Senators. She plans to take the photos on September 12th, and she will send Doodle to everyone to plan around schedules.
Adviser Worley reported that the Red & Gray 5K will be Saturday, October 4th. Registration is 7:30 AM – 8:30 AM at the Convocation Center. Race will begin on the football field at 9:00 AM. Julie Scott and Sarah Smith are helping coordinate the event. The SGA will be required to perform various jobs such as distributing water to runners and recording finish times. The money earned from the 5K will go to the SGA Student Leader Scholarship.

President Walker reported that there is currently $9,083 in the Scholarship fund.

Vice-President Viars reported that all SGA members are required to attend and assist with Homecoming events. Homecoming is October 4th. He asked those who cannot attend to inform the Executive Board as soon as possible; otherwise, an absence will be considered unexcused.

VIII. Executive Orders

- None

IX. Unfinished Business

- International Senator Appointment
  - Sarah Douglass, 4th year student at UVa-Wise
  - Works with Dr. Witold 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.
  - Treasurer Spivey stated that he believes Sarah is perfect for the position due to her dedication to the International Community.
  - Senator Campbell moved to approve Sarah Douglass as International Senator
  - Seconded by Senator McGlone
  - The vote was 10/0/1
The motion passed

- Junior Senator Appointments
  - 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.
    - Will encourage the Junior class to get involved as a way to alleviate apathy within the Junior class.
    - Senator Campbell moved to approve Alyssa Fultz as Junior Senator.
    - Seconded by Senator Cantrell.
    - The vote was 10/0/1
    - The motion passed.
  - 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.
    - Will make Juniors aware of their options for involvement on campus.
    - Senator Gilliam moved to approve Cassandra Blackwell as Junior Senator
    - Seconded by Senator Stallard.
    - The vote was 10/0/1
    - The motion passed.
  - President Walker installed Alyssa Fultz and Cassandra Blackwell as Junior Senators and Sarah Douglass as International Senator.

X. New Business

- African Cultural Association
  - Requesting approval as a campus organization.
  - Mission is to educate the UVa-Wise community about issues and concerns specific and unique to African students
- Adviser is Christopher Achua
- Extension of the African Student Association present at other universities.
- Will inform and assist others concerning past and current events in Africa and the culture.
- Will travel to other universities and high schools to bring awareness to issues specific to African students and promote UVa-Wise.
- By participating in the organization, members will gain leadership and organizational skills.
- Would like to host guest speakers and cultural events.
- Will host fundraisers to raise money for scholarships.
- Anyone is welcome to join regardless of African citizenship or descent.
- Vice President Viars expressed concern regarding the SGA Representative position in the ACA Constitution
  - The position will be a designated member to attend meetings on Fridays and present to the SGA. The member will not be an active member on the SGA.
- The ACA will better the campus community by hosting events on campus for students and by working with the African Students Association at other universities to help make the UVa-Wise name known.
- Their first event is called ACA Come Out in order to bring awareness to the new organization and invite others to join.
- They have already been invited to Radford University to present.
- They are different from the MCA because they will focus specifically on African culture.
- There are currently approximately 21 members with interest from many others.
- The vote was tabled until next week.

- SVEA
  - Requesting $1,275 for Funtasia
  - Funtasia is an annual campus event that provides Education majors with an opportunity to work with children and to introduce themselves to possible employers
  - Children typically come from Wise Primary, but they also come from Powell Valley, St. Paul, Norton Elementary, and other local schools.
  - Funtasia’s theme this year will be “Frozen.”
Their give-back event will be in Darden Hall lobby. They will present photos and experiences from the event.

- The total cost of the event will be $2,635.
- The money provided by SGA will pay for inflatables for children.
- The average number of participation ranges from 150 – 2?? people each year.
- If the SGA does not fund the full requested amount, the SVEA will attempt to fundraise the rest of the amount.
- If the full amount is funded by the SGA, there will be $6,225 left in the General Allocations account.
- The vote was tabled until next week.

XI. **Advisor’s Report**

Advisor Jewell Worley congratulated the newly appointed Senators. She thanked Stephanie Shell for serving as her designee last week. Elections will be September 8th through 11th. Nominations will also be taken for Homecoming Court at this time, and there will be a second round of elections to select the Homecoming King and Queen.

XII. **Announcements**

- The RTE 23 Music Festival will be on August 30th.
- Voting will begin for Freshman Senators and Senator at Large on September 8th. Five Freshman petitions and five Senator at Large petitions were submitted.
- The UVa-Wise 60th Birthday Celebration will be on September 13th.
- The Silver Sabre packets will be available to organizations on Monday or Tuesday.
- Senator Davis announced that RHA is having their roommate game on September 2nd at 7PM in Culbertson Classroom.
- Vice-President Viars announced that SGA headshots for the website have been delayed until next week.
XIII. **Adjournment**

Senator Campbell moved to adjourn the meeting with consent. The motion passed. President Shannon Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:48 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Student Government Association Senate on September 5\textsuperscript{th}, 2013.