I. **Call to order**

President Shannon Walker called to order the regular called meeting of the Student Government Association at 1:03 PM on September 5th, 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, Cassandra Blackwell, Alyssa Fultz, Marissa Riley, Kaitlynn Davis, Jacob Gilliam, Kaitlyn Owens, Alejandro Tremols, Charles Campbell, Maddie Stallard, Sarah Douglass, Ryon Birtsch, Lyndra Frimpong, Alex Pilcher, and Pam Wright.

III. **Approval of Agenda**

Senator Gilliam moved to approve the agenda for September 5th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

IV. **Approval of Minutes**

Senator Campbell moved to approve the amended minutes from August 29th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

V. **Secretary Report**

Secretary Sutherland reported that everyone is eligible to vote.
VI. Treasure’s Report

Treasurer Mychal Spivey reported that we are going to vote on the allocation to SVEA; if allocated in full, the General Allocations account will have $6,225. He has approved the Homecoming order for the Fall Events committee. The Gathering, formerly known as TUPOS will be presenting today.

VII. Vice-President’s Report

Vice-President Viars reported that the Meeting of the Chairs was Wednesday. The chairs are considering dissolving the Leadership Outreach Committee due to the fact that it only takes one person to plan that event, and the Senators placed on that committee can be of more help elsewhere.

- Senator Campbell suggested moving the committee to fall under Fall Events
  - Committee and Event Coordinator Reports
    - Elections Commissioner Frimpong reported that elections will start Monday. She asked everyone to sign up for a table time.
    - Senator Davis reported for Fall Events that she has approved $1000 for the Red & Grey 5K.
    - Senator Cantrell reported that cups for Homecoming have been ordered and she will order decorations next week.
    - Senator Stallard reminded everyone that Student Affairs will meet in the Honor Courtroom tonight at 8PM.
    - Senator McGlone asked the Academic Affairs Committee to check their emails.
    - Secretary Sutherland reported for the Public Relations Committee that the Commuter Lot bulletin board was updated by Alex Pilcher and asked the Senators to look at it if they have not yet seen it.

VIII. Executive Orders

- None
IX. Unfinished 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.
  - 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.
  - They plan to speak with area schools about the African culture.
  - For fundraising, they would like to offer dance classes or face painting events. They also plan to sell lollipops for their first fundraising idea.
  - Senator Davis moved to charter ACA as a campus organization.
  - Seconded by Senator Tremols.
  - The vote was 14/0/0.
  - The motion passed.
• SVEA
  o Requesting $1,275 for Funtasia
  o Funtasia is an annual campus event that provides Education majors with an opportunity to work with children and to introduce themselves to possible employers
  o Will be on September 27th from 12-4PM
  o Children typically come from Wise Primary, but they also come from Powell Valley, St. Paul, Norton Elementary, and other local schools.
  o Funtasia’s theme this year will be “Frozen.”
  o Their give-back event will be in Darden Hall lobby. They will present photos and experiences from the event.
  o The total cost of the event will be $2,635.
  o The money provided by SGA will pay for inflatables for children
  o The average number of participation ranges from 150 – 200 people each year
  o If the SGA does not fund the full requested amount, the SVEA will attempt to fundraise the rest of the amount.
  o If the full amount is funded by the SGA, there will be $6,225 left in the General Allocations account.
  o Last year, the SGA allocated $550 to SVEA for this event.
  o Vice-President Viars stated that this event is an opportunity for the SVEA to utilize the skills they learn in the classroom and display those skills to possible future employers
  o Senator Davis moved to allocate $875 to the SVEA.
  o Seconded by Senator Riley
  o The vote was 14/0/0
  o The motion passed

X. New Business

  o Junior Senator Appointment
    • Katelyn Sturgill, History Major, minor in English
      • Would like to assist with Commuter issues and help motivate the Junior class by advertising through social media and Walk to Campus
      • Attended leadership classes at Virginia Tech
      • Participated in Arbor Day by planting trees in Blacksburg, VA. She planted approximately 40 trees.
• Participated in the National Honor Society in High School which promotes community service
• The vote was tabled until next week.

  o The Gathering
    ▪ Requesting $1,000 for promotion and event materials such as t-shirts, posters, stickers, and pens
    ▪ Formerly known as TUPOS
    ▪ To advertise, they have been advertising by placing fliers in the RA’s mailboxes.
    ▪ The organization’s name changed because there was confusion about what TUPOS meant and its pronunciation.
    ▪ They currently have 15-20 members.
    ▪ They plan to get 50-60 t-shirts, but do not have a set number of pens, stickers, and other promotional materials
    ▪ They have a disk-golf event planned at Camp Bethel. A small registration fee would be charged as a fundraiser
    ▪ The vote was tabled until next week. President Walker asked them to return with a specific budget for the money they are requesting next week.

  o Town of Wise
    ▪ The Town of Wise and SGA will be co-sponsoring a Halloween movie for students
    ▪ The movie will be Hocus Pocus. Since it is a public event being sponsored by the town, the movie could not be rated PG-13 or R. It is still a college-focused event.
    ▪ The Alumni Association is donating food and drinks, so the entire event will be free.
    ▪ There will be a costume contest with local judges. The winner will receive $50.
    ▪ The brackets for the college banners have arrived. They expect them to be in place before the first home football game.

XI. Advisor’s Report

Advisor Jewell Worley announced that we will be accepting nominations for the Homecoming Court during elections. She also stated that we are still working on key-card access for Senators to the SGA office.
XII. Announcements

- Pictures for the SGA website will follow this meeting. She asked everyone to stay until the pictures are complete
- Installation of Senator-at-Large and Freshman Senators will be on Friday, September 12th
- The UVa-Wise 60th birthday celebration will be September 13th
- Silver Sabre packets are now available. The winning organization will receive $750, second place will receive $400, and third place will receive $200.
- Historian Pilcher announced that she is working on rescheduling SGA pictures for the PR Committee due to scheduling conflicts among Senators.
- Secretary Sutherland wished Historian Pilcher a happy birthday.
- Vice-President Viars announced that the college catalog for the spring semester has been released, and reminded everyone to speak with their advisers.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Tremols moved to adjourn the meeting with consent. The motion passed. President Shannon Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:33 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Student Government Association Senate on September 12th, 2013.