Student Government Association

Meeting #5 Minutes

September 26th, 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 September 26th, 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, Nathan McGlone, Victoria Pedigo, Cassandra Blackwell, Alyssa Fultz, Marissa Riley, Katelyn Sturgill, Kaitlynn Davis, Jacob Gilliam, Kaitlyn Owens, Alejandro Tremols, Morgan Cline, Luke Hurley, Matt Richardson, Josi Stidham, Charles Campbell, Maddie Stallard, Sharmae Stringfield, Sarah Douglass, Ryon Birtsch, Lyndra Frimpong, Alex Pilcher, and Pam Wright. Erica Gilliam was tardy.

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Campbell moved to approve the agenda for September 26th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Senator Stallard moved to approve the minutes from September 9th, 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 the Environmental Science Department will be presenting today. There is $6,625 left in General Allocations.

VII. Vice-President’s Report

Vice-President Jordan Viars reported that he has distributed an updated copy of the Committee list. He had a meeting with Joe Kiser regarding dining services and parking issues on campus. Brett Lawson contacted him requesting to meet with SGA once a month. The people meeting with him will be Senator Davis, Senator Cantrell, Historian Pilcher, and Treasurer Spivey. Several other Senators expressed interest in attending the meetings.

- Committee and Event Coordinator Reports
  - Adviser Worley reported that the Red and Grey 5K is ready, and SGA members need to be at the Convocation Center by 7AM on October 4th to help. There will be a sign-up sheet next week to assign jobs. Registration is from 7:30AM – 8:30PM. All of the proceeds for that event will go toward the Student Leader Scholarship.
  - Vice-President Viars asked all of the Senators to let the Executive Board know by 5PM on Wednesday if they cannot attend any of the Homecoming Events or preparation.
  - Senator Cantrell reported that Homecoming is next weekend. The Dance will be from 10PM – 2:00AM. Senators will be needed for table times. There will be one person at a table with the glasses and two people at a root beer float station. Decoration for the dance will begin on Friday at 7PM.
  - Senator Gilliam reported that there will be a bonfire for the students at Homecoming.
  - Historian Pilcher reported that today is photo day. If this meeting concludes before 1:45PM, we will take a photo at the University of Virginia’s College at Wise sign.
Senator Stallard reported that Student Affairs will meet biweekly at 6PM on Thursdays.
Secretary Sutherland reported that the Public Relations Committee will meet at 5:30PM in the SGA Office on Monday to discuss advertisement ideas for Homecoming.
Senator Davis reported that the Fall Events committee will be meeting at 5PM today in the Student Leadership Wing.

VIII. Executive Orders

• None

IX. Unfinished Business

• The Gathering
  o Requesting $1,000 for promotion and event materials such as t-shirts, posters, stickers, and pens
  o Formerly known as TUPOS
  o To advertise, they have been advertising by placing fliers in the RA’s mailboxes.
  o The organization’s name changed because there was confusion about what TUPOS meant and its pronunciation.
  o They currently have 15-20 members.
  o They plan to get 50 t-shirts, 125 stickers, 200 wristbands, a banner, and inflatables. The total cost will be $1,198.
  o Their recent fundraising event was not successful. They are planning more fundraising events.
  o Vice-President Viars reviewed the loan process in the SGA Policy Book. The Senate can vote to allow a specific amount of money for an organization to borrow as well as a date for the money to be repaid.
  o Senator Douglass suggested asking Stephanie Shell to send their fundraising ideas to the student body.
  o The Gathering’s giveback would be to show the students that they are there as a support system for them. They will set up tables on campus and be generally more visible on campus.
  o Senator Davis moved to allocate $200 and loan $200 to The Gathering.
  o Seconded by Senator Blackwell
The vote was 16/3/1
The motion passed.

X. **New Business**

- **Environmental Science Department – Request for Funds**
  - Requesting $575 for a trip to New Jersey be taken during Fall Break.
  - Ten students will be attending
  - The trip is a way to apply their education in a way that cannot be done in a classroom or a lab
  - The total cost of the trip is $1,250. The difference between the amount requested and the total cost is assumed to be covered by the department or by individual students.
  - The trip aligns with the Chancellor’s Envisioning 2020 Plan by implementing experiential learning.
  - Similar to the Funtasia Event funded by the SGA, this will be a chance to apply their knowledge.
  - Senator Davis suggested the club set up a table to present the things they learn as a give-back.
  - They will be examining fluorescent rocks that can only be found in New Jersey. They intend to bring some of the rocks back and present them to high school students in order to help increase interest in environmental science.
  - The motion was tabled until next week.

- **Kenago Club – Request to Charter**
  - The Kenago Club is a travel club whose purpose is to allow students to explore other cultures.
  - Their name is a play on “Can I Go?”
  - Students must pay $25 per year for membership
  - This is different from the Multicultural Alliance and other international clubs because they want to look at each country and culture individually
  - They currently do not have a trip planned, but they will begin by taking local trips.
  - They plan on taking at least one trip per semester.
  - They will host several fundraisers to help fund trips. They currently have several fundraising ideas, but they have not planned a specific fundraiser yet.
There are currently 10 members with approximately 20 students interested.
They will ask local businesses to help promote them.
Their advisor is Gretchen Martin
The motion was tabled until next week.

XI. Advisor’s Report

Advisor Jewell Worley thanked the SGA for cosponsoring the Student Leadership Retreat in Pigeon Forge last weekend. Homecoming is next week. She asked everyone to manage their time carefully next week. She also asked everyone to attend the events on Friday and Saturday.

XII. Announcements

- Next week is Homecoming. If you cannot participate, please see President Walker after the meeting.
- There will be 14 organizations participating in Silver Saber.
- President Walker announced that if SGA members are in another organization participating in Silver Saber, they can get credit for their organization by working the 5K for the SGA.
- Vice President Viars announced that SGA members need to be on the McCraray lawn on Friday at 4:30 for Silver Saber. On Saturday, SGA members will need to meet at the Convocation Center at 7AM. Finally, everyone is asked to stay after the dance to help with cleaning.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Tremols moved to adjourn the meeting with consent. The motion passed. President Shannon Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:40 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Student Government Association Senate on October 3rd, 2013.