Student Government Association

Meeting #8 Minutes

October 24th, 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 October 24th, 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, 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, and Pam Wright. Alex Pilcher and Alyssa Fultz were absent.

III. Approval of Agenda

Senator Campbell moved to approve the agenda for October 24th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Senator Davis moved to approve the minutes from October 10th, 2014 with consent. The motion passed.
V. **Secretary Report**

Secretary Sutherland reported that beginning next week, Office Hours will be submitted online. A link to the form is available on all of the computers in the SGA Office. She asked Parliamentarian Birtsch to meet with her to discuss changes to the Policy Book regarding this matter. Everyone present is eligible to vote.

VI. **Treasure’s Report**

Treasurer Mychal Spivey reported that he has distributed an updated copy of the budget. There is $5,850 in General Allocations. The ACA and Black History Month committee will be presenting today.

VII. **Vice-President’s Report**

Vice-President Jordan Viars congratulated Senator Cantrell on the High School Leadership Retreat. We had record participation this year. The Committee Chairs met on Wednesday night. He will appoint new committee chairs for next semester.

- Committee and Event Coordinator Reports
  - Senator Gilliam reported that the Faculty and Staff Appreciation event has been moved to November 17th. They have a $500 budget, which they will use to purchase thank-you cards for Faculty and Staff, followed by a light reception.
  - Senator Cantrell thanked Advisor Worley, Stephanie Shell, and all SGA members for their help with the High School Leadership Retreat. She also thanked the participants from each of the following schools: Blue Ridge Job Corps Center, Central High School, Clintwood High School, Eastside High School, Holston High School, John Battle High School, and UVa-Wise Upward Bound. She asked the participants from the Retreat to stay briefly after the meeting.
  - Senator Stallard reported that Student Affairs did not meet this week. They will meet next Thursday at 6PM in the Leadership Wing.
Senator Douglass reported International Week will be the week of November 17th. There will be a variety show to showcase various aspects of different cultures. There will be new, international foods in the cafe that week. She will personally ask a large portion of the International students to participate, and she also plans to host a Study Abroad forum.

Secretary Sutherland reported that the Communications Committee will meet on Monday.

VIII. Executive Orders

- None

IX. Unfinished Business

- None

X. New Business

- Black History Month Committee – Request for Funds
  - Black History Month has been a series of events on campus for 19 years.
  - Last year, the SGA granted a funding request of $500 to help replace a deficit caused by a corporate sponsor’s inability to help with funding.
  - They are asking for $500 for this year’s Black History Month.
  - Senator Davis stated that the events she attended last year had an impact on her.
  - Senator Davis moved to suspend the rules and vote on the allocation today.
  - The vote was 18/1/0
  - The motion passed.
  - Senator Davis moved to allocate $500 to the Black History Month Committee
  - Seconded by Senator Stallard.
  - The vote was 19/0/0
  - The motion passed.

- African Cultural Association – Request for Funds
  - They are requesting $400 to promote their organization.
They plan to showcase their organization by hosting an event to display the African culture first-hand.

They plan to use the money to purchase decorations and food from Chartwells.

Any money not used for the event would be a startup fund for a Lollipop fundraiser.

Vice-President Viars stated that the Senate should be careful about funding a fundraiser.

President Walker stated that she would check on the regulations regarding funding fundraisers.

Their first fundraiser was the ACA Basketball Shootout. It raised $68. Subsequent fundraisers have been unsuccessful.

The vote was tabled until next week.

- Town Council Representative Report
  - Cyndi Smoot reminded everyone of the Halloween Movie Night, and asked all students to attend. There will be a $50 cash prize for the best costume. Organizations will be permitted to display their banners and letters at the event. Organizations must arrive by 5:30PM in order to set up their banners and letters, and they must be removed at the end of the event.
  - President Walker announced that the Town and Local Outreach Committee will be sponsoring a pizza party or ice cream party for the organization with the most participation. The SGA will also offer a $50 gift card to the bookstore for another costume.
  - She thanked the SGA for their help during the Fall Fling.

XI. Advisor’s Report

Advisor Jewell Worley reported that she attended Funtasia on campus, and that it was a wonderful event. She thanked Secretary Sutherland for her work on the new Office Hour form. She also thanked everyone who is in attendance for the High School Leadership Retreat, and for everyone’s work on the event.

XII. Announcements

- Thank you to Senator Cantrell for an excellent job with the High School Leadership Retreat.
• Remember to spread the word regarding College Night at the Big Glades on Halloween in order to promote the relationship with the town.
• Senator Cantrell announced that the High School students need to stay after the meeting for final words and reviews of the day.
• Vice-President Viars asked for a moment of silence for the events regarding Hannah Graham in Charlottesville.

XIII. Adjournment

Senator Gilliam moved to adjourn the meeting with consent. The motion passed. President Shannon Walker adjourned the meeting at 1:30 PM.

These minutes were approved by the Student Government Association Senate on October 31st, 2013.