Student Government Association

Meeting Minutes # 16

Friday, February 22, 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 1:04pm

Secretary Report - Kasey (in Alesha’s absence)

Roll Call

Members Present: Mike Mebrahtu, Travis Brannon, Meron Belachew, Bakarr Massaquoi, Elena Klinova, Chris Stout, Tim Matney, Cody Edwards, Micah Sheffey, Kasey Cantrell, Luke Parks, Fealita Prunty

Members Tardy: (none)

Members Absent: Jekeyma Robinson (excused), Alesha Allen (excused), Sean Murphy, Sean Sedberry (excused), Josh Vaughan, Steven Allen (excused), Ross Ashley

Minutes

*There is no quorum present, minutes will be postponed to next week*

Treasurer Report – Travis

Budget Update

Travis: There is $4,037.34 currently in the general funds. Approximately, there is $5,000 in the SGA reserved operational funds. Last week, there was a request for $750 given to the Miss UVa-Wise Pageant. $500 can come from the Winter Spirits committee and $250 can come from SGA general fund would be my recommendation.

Discussion:

Stephen’s Appointment

Tim: Motion to suspend the quorum.

*there is no second recorded*

Cody abstained from the vote.

Tim: “Motion” to amend the allotment to $500.
Sean M.: Seconds the “motion”.

Discussion:

Cody: Friendly Amendment> $250 would be allotted from SGA general funds.

Tim: *accepts friendly amendment*

*motion passes*

Vice President Report

Communications

Meron: We are working on the pageant communication with flyers. We need 3 weeks of notice for these advertisements in advance for events.

Open House

Bakarr: There were 5 members that came out. It had a good turn out.

Jam-4-Man

Cody: We’re on track. We have the contracts in. We’re finalizing a lot of stuff. Monster drinks will be coming in with donations and advertizing.

Spring Formal

Bakarr: We’re on our way. Spread the word about Spring Formal. We’re trying to get bids for the reservation.

Miss UVa-Wise Pageant

Kasey: There was an interest meeting held again. More girls did come out. Thanks for allocating the $500 from Winter Spirits and $250 from SGA general funds. Committee meetings are Wednesday at 6pm. If anyone wants to attend, please feel free to. Everything else is going well.

President Report – Mike (in Jekeyma’s absence)

Unfinished Business

Wellness Club

*no representatives present*
**Teammates-4-Life**

Jared Soles: This is a co-sponsored event with MCA. Meron will be the speaker. There’s going to be a Wii game set up. Rock Band and Guitar Hero will also be available on the 4th floor and a few other activities on the 1st floor. The event is from 2-5pm. We’re asking for $250 for the event. Some donations were given from restaurants.

Cody Edwards: Motion to allocate $250 to Teammates-4-Life

Tim: seconds the motion

*motion passes*

**Math Club**

Rex: The constitution doesn’t state the E-board. Everything else has been fixed.

Travis: Did you all get an advisor?

Rex: Yes.

Mike: It’s policy to table this for a week. We will vote on it next Friday.

**National Science Teachers Association (NSTA)**

Catharine and Ashley: This organization has been on campus for 3 years now. We’ve been doing some major work with the wetlands project. There’s a conference in Boston, MA from March 26th – 30th. Three people are going. *budget handed out* they are asking for $1,767.50 while $1,632 is considered 50% of the cost.

Tim: I recommended allotting $1,632 because the do work with the wetlands project.

Cody: What will the budget be if we allot this money?

Travis: We would have a little over $1,000.

Tim: This will help out the community and the school as a whole.

Luke: Have you all done any fundraising?

Catherine: Yes, we’ve sold donuts and candy.

Luke: Have you tried asking the individual science professors for donations?

Dr. Matt Maurer: Now, but it’s funded through Dean Amelia Harris. She has given us $1,000 for the conference.

Meron: Do you all pay chapter dues?
Dr. Maurer: Membership is too small to have dues.

Cody: We should cover a little bit of it and see how their fundraisers go.

Dr. Maurer: We’ve already paid for air fare and hotel. Money would be reimbursed for food.

*unknown*: Motion to move to table this discussion for a week.

**New Business**

**Soccer Club**

Representative: We are planning to get a team together and play with other colleges. We’ve gone through Chris Davis about the constitution to bring back the Wise Soccer Club.

Mike: It will be policy to review the constitution for one week.

**S.T.A.N.D.**

Emahunn: This organization is about saving lives. We’re trying to get a Darfur speaker. We’re asking for $750.

Discussion:

Bakarr: The speaker is charging? How long will it last?

Emahunn: It’s for transportation, hotel, and 2 speakers. They don’t have a specific time.

Tim: I support this as an International event.

Cody: When are the funds needed?

Emahunn: Not really sure, but it’s for raising awareness. It’s the best way.

Travis: We can table it since this is the first time presenting.

Luke: Look into professors to donate from, and check the community, too.

Mike: We’ll table this until next week. It’s in the SGA office for review.

**College Ambassadors**

*Cody Edwards stepped down as a senator*

Cody: We’ve done fundraising to purchase shirts. We’re asking for $300 to cover them.

Travis: We could give you the money if it’s our own responsibility, but if it's under Admissions....

Mike: It policy to wait a week. It will be in the office for review.
Open Forum

*nothing mentioned during open forum*

Announcements

Mike: CavTV is beginning February 27th. There’s a kick off party in the Jefferson Center Lounge of the Slemp Student Center. It starts at 9pm.

Travis: Last home basketball game is tomorrow. The girls start at 2pm and the boys begin at 4pm. It’s Senior Night, so come out and support them play. The team is Union from Kentucky.

Advisor Report

*there was no advisor’s report*

Tim: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sean M.: Seconds the motion.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:45pm.