

Meeting Called to Order at 1:01pm

Members Present: Jekeyma Robinson, Travis Brannon, Alesha Allen, Meron Belachew, Bakarr Massaquoi, Elena Klinova, Chris Stout, Tim Matney, Sean Murphy, Sean Sedberry, Kasey Cantrell, Steven Allen, Fealita Prunty, Josh Vaughan, Ross Ashley, Cody Edwards

Members Absent: Micah Sheffey, Luke Parks (excused)

Members Tardy: Mike Mebrahtu

Secretary Report - Alesha

Agenda

Before every meeting, we are supposed to approve the agenda. We haven't been doing so, but we're going to start now.

Tim: motion to approve today's agenda

Sean M.: seconds the motion

motion passes

Minutes

I've lost my jump drive which contain all of the past minutes. However, I retyped all of the minutes last night. I don't have them for you yet because there are still a few attendance discrepancies. When this meeting minutes is given out, I will send all of the rest of minutes to the senate. Sorry for the delay

Laptop

I would like to order an SGA laptop through the school. It'll be an estimated cost of \$1200, but that will come out of the SGA expenses. Check the review folder next week for prices and figures.

Pictures

If you want to get an SGA picture from the Hollyball, let me know after the meeting. They will be ordered next week.

T-shirts and Nametags

Unfortunately, the T-shirts and nametags will not be available in time for Open House. There was never a motion for them.

Jekeyma: We don't need to motion for the T-shirts since they are coming out of SGA expenses.

Vacant Position

We still have a vacant spot for the Senior Senator position. The Executive Board would like to appoint Stephen Orange for the position. I am waiting on a written statement that will be in the review folder for the senators. We will vote on it when Jewell returns next week.

Office Hours

There are still a few senators that did not fully sign up on the office hour schedule. Please do so before the end of this meeting. Thanks.

Communication

The communication committee falls under my duties in the constitution. They have been doing a great job. They would like to let you know that they need at least 3 weeks in advance in order to properly advertise for all events. Please attend their meetings if you want something particular on your advertisement. If you do not give them the proper time, they do reserve the right to not make flyers for your event.

Jekeyma: The brochures won't send online because of the size. If you'll see me, then we can get you a copy.

Treasurer Report – Travis

Budget Update

We have a lot of large allocations that have been requested for today. The allocations for Jam-4-Man and Spring Formal are a little high. I'd also like to increase the funds for the Miss UVa-Wise pageant. A proposal of lowering the Jam-4-Man budget to \$11,000 and the Spring Formal budget \$4,000 has been made (loss of \$2,000) for each. Also, the Winter Spirits would be cut in half (\$1000 to \$500) and give that half to pageant to make that \$1000. There is \$8,251.24 currently. All of the allocations today were given in the full amount that would be nearly \$6,000 just leaving \$2,000 for our general funds budget.

Jekeyma: I would need someone to make that friendly amendment.

Alesha: How about we only take away \$1,000 from each event instead of \$2,000?

Travis: It may not be too much of a stretch. It's all to make the budget better.

Cody: Last year's Jam-4-Man only had from Jan.-May to put everything together. We've had an entire year. It's alright to cut out of Jam-4-Man's budget, but please do it last. There's a lot planned out, and there's a president's meeting next week Wednesday @ 8pm. A lot of extra curricular activities will be plotted. Maybe we should table this withdrawal for next week.

Sean S.: Last year's Jam-4-Man was budgeted for \$11,000.

Elena: We can just do the transfer to help out the Miss UVa-Wise pageant. We'll leave the other ones for later. Plus, if we take the money out and realize we need to pay more, then it will come out of SGA money.

Cody: It's hard to plan and go over the budget without knowing it. Money can get tied up.

Elena: It's easier to plan if you think you have less than you do.

Travis: There is a lot of discussion. Let's go ahead and switch the Miss UVA-Wise pageant and Winter Spirit budget. We'll keep the other two as is for now. I'll need a detailed layout for the other two events so I'm not left in the dark of what's going on.

Mike: Winter Spirits is co-sponsoring with SAB for the Valentine's Day dance.

Jekeyma: I need a call to discussion.

Elena: motion to allocate \$500 from Winter Spirits to give to the Miss UVA-Wise pageant.

Bakarr: seconds the motion

motion passes

Vice President Report – Mike

Open House Committee

Bakarr: Everything should go well. We need more participants to answer questions.

Mike: How many are there now?

Bakarr: About 4 total.

Mike: Please stay after if you want to participate.

Bakarr: We'll need pens, candy, cups and other things from the bookstore.

Mike: Open house is on Feb. 16th so be there around 8am.

Jam-4-Man

Cody: We're ahead of schedule. There's a good committee of 6 people.

Contracts are due next week. If you want to come out and help, let me know.

Meetings are held on Wednesdays at 8pm.

Spring Formal

Bakarr: Everything is looking good. There's publicity on Facebook and we have about 125 members as of now. Items are being checked online for bargaining, but they will be under the school stipulations.

Mike: Are you going to purchase the cloth-like drapes?

Bakarr: The drapes are supposed to be Mardi Gras colored. We've got over a month, so pass the word about it.

Miss UVA-Wise

Kasey: Thanks for the increase in budget. We put \$500 last time towards the scholarship and that's all we were allotted this year. The interest meeting on Thursday had 9 girls present. We're trying to recruit some more. There are only 3 people on the committee right now. Please join. Our meetings are Wednesdays at 6pm.

Communications Committee

We are working on advertizing for the pageant and walkway. More brochures will be printed out. Our meetings are Wednesdays at 1pm.

President Report - Jekeyma

Unfinished Business

MCA

Meron stepped down as a senator for the presentation

Meron: I want to remind you that we are here to request funds for our conference next month. A two minute presentation was shown. \$2,000 was the previous request, but now it's reduced to the halfway total cost being \$1,525.

Elena: motion to allocate \$1,525 to the MCA

Fealita: seconds the motion

-opposed: Tim and Sean M.

-abstained: Cody and Sean S.

motion passes

Chris Davis – Flag Football

A PowerPoint presentation documented the purpose of the Flag Football trips over the past years. UVa-Wise has placed 4th and 5th while being the smallest school in participation. There has been a constant increase in student participants, but they are going through a rebuilding time. We are only asking for \$2,300.

Tim: How about we allocate \$1,800. Is that safe, Travis?

Travis: I can't throw out any potential figures.

Bakarr: This is still without the cuts from the groups (Spring Formal and Jam-4-Man). We need to get our students out there.

Bakarr: motion to reimburse \$2,300 to the National Flag Football trip

Fealita: seconds the motion

Josh: friendly amendment to change amount to \$1,800

Bakarr: does not accept the friendly amendment. This is giving out to the students.

Cody: It's only a \$500 difference.

Alesha: In that case, we can allocate \$2,300. We'll take \$2,000 from the Spring Formal budget and \$300 from the SGA general funds.

Bakarr: Accepts new friendly amendment

motion passes

Alpha Sigma Tau

Ashley: We are asking for \$878 for our June national Alpha Sigma Tau conference. We're asking for so much because we are having some financial difficulty.

Alesha: Was this problem pre-chapter dues or post-chapter dues?

Ashley: Pre-chapter dues. We're working on collecting those right now.

Josh: Given their situation, they desperately need this money. It will really help them out a lot.

Sean S.: motion to allot \$878 to AST

Cody: seconds the motion

Jekeyma: is there discussion?

Steven: What will you do with the information that you acquire from this conference?

Ashley: It will help us build community and bring community ideas to others.

Fealita: What other fundraisers have you all done thus far?

Ashley: We haven't done any yet, but we are implementing candle sales, carwashes, working in the Bristol race. It's all whatever we can get our hands on.

Motion is still on the table:

Final vote count:

Yes - 8

No - 3

Abstain - 2

Nancy: This is our first year out here. We're new. Give us a chance to do well and get recognition.

Tim: Why is it so much?

Ashley: Registration alone is \$450 per person

motion passes

Mathfanatics

- no representatives were present

Pi Lambda Phi

Sutton Polly: Once again, we are here to ask you for \$363 to go on our conference at CNU.

Sean S.: motion to approve the allocation of \$363

Josh: seconds the motion

Discussion:

Mike: Where does most of your fundraising money go?

Sutton: To our philanthropy, the March of Dimes. Otherwise, it goes into pocket.

motion passes - abstain: Ross

New Business

Environmental Club

Alesha: There is currently an Environmental Club on campus. A group of students would like to revitalize that club and change the name and constitution. They just wanted to give you a head's up. The paperwork needs to be turned into Chris Davis.

Pi Kappa Phi

Josh Vaughan stepped down as a senator to give a presentation

Pi Kappa Phi is looking for reimbursement money for their Jell-O Wrestling philanthropy, a cookout, and a paintball event. \$147.90 is half of the amount.

Jekeyma: This will have to be tabled for a week.

Julie Scott

The SGA has sponsored equipment to the Fitness Center in the past. There was supposed to be nearly \$100,000 worth of equipment in there. The request is for \$4,460. The students who work out will be able to choose what type of equipment they want (treadmills, body strider, and dumbbells). A proposal form was passed out.

Julie: By the way, I have red and black 10' drapes available.

Mike: Do you have the banner for the Miss UVa-Wise pageant?

Julie: It's in the SGA storage room.

Open Forum

There is no Open Forum due to time restrictions

Announcements

There were no announcements due to time restrictions

Advisor Report - Jewell

There was no advisor report. The advisor is out of town

Sean M.: motion to adjourn the meeting

Kasey: seconds the motion

motion passes

Meeting adjourned at 2:01 pm