Meeting Called to Order at 1:04pm

Roll Call

Members Present: Jekeyma Robinson, Mike Mebrahtu, Alesha Allen, Travis Brannon, Meron Belachew, Bakarr Massaquoi, Elena Klinova, Micah Sheffey, Sean Sedberry, Cody Edwards, Kasey Cantrell, Josh Vaugahan, Steven Allen Fealita Prunty, Ross Ashley

Members Tardy: (none)

Members Absent: Sean Murphy (excused), Stephen Orange (excused), Tim Matney (excused), Chris Stout (unexcused), Luke Parks (excused)

Minutes

Alesha: The previous minutes were sent out last weekend.

Josh: Motion to approve the minutes.

Steven: Seconds the motion.

*motion passes*

*Cody Edwards abstains*

Communications

Elena: We’ve had less than 24 hours lately to work on projects. Please get all of the information to them next week. A least a 5 day notice is necessary.

Mike: The banner is spectacular. The only thing is that there needs to be more advertisements. We need to have more people come out to events.

Elena: We are trying to work with Stephanie Shell to get a professional banner made. The quality of the advertisements will be better with more time given to work on them.

Mike: Be sure to use CavTV and the newspaper for more advertisements links. CavTV meets in Zehmer 104.
Treasurer's Report – Travis

Budget Update
Travis: There is $2,582.34 in the budget and $1,552.72 in the SGA expenses. There are 4 meetings left so that’s pretty good. We’re not stressed about the budget. We don’t know of the amounts for all of the current allocations, but there shouldn’t be any large ones. There is an updated budget online. Send me an e-mail if you have any more questions.

Vice President’s Report – Mike

Mike: Thanks to the community service committee for going to the program last night. There were numerous organizations present. Stay after the meeting once again.

Open House
Bakarr: We’re trying to get more T-shirts. If organizations have received any give-a-ways from conferences, please donate them. We are going to get more candy. People are from these events are planning on coming here next year.

Jam-4-man
Cody: Things are on schedule. It’s going to be a success. The band work is going really well.

Mike: What is some of the info from the last meeting you had?
Cody: We finalized our budgets, bands, and extra curricular activities. We will be under the budget.

Josh: When are we going to find out the bands?
Cody: It will be in the school newspaper next week.

Spring Formal
Bakarr: Thanks to the SGA for letting Meron and I become the co-chairs for this event. The changing of the locations and finding a good price number has been a little difficult.

- 550 glasses ordered
- Holiday Inn will serve: meatballs, Mexican mix, fruits, veggies, chips, dip, etc.
- An extra storage room downstairs for other activities.
- $1,674 is the cost for the Holiday Inn
We are planning ordering a bog moon for display, and that will be $900 with give-a-ways. We’re asking for $1,000 to make sure that our budget won’t go over. The crown for the king and queen has also been ordered as well.

Sean S.: It sounds like you’re ordering more things, but you’re under $1,000.

Bakarr: Our budget started with $6,000, but then that was given to Chris Davis and the Intramural Department.

Jekeyma: That means that we’re over already.

Josh: When you have a budget, you can’t purchase things without funds that don’t technically exist. Then you’re going to be asking for “forgiveness”.

Bakarr: The quotes at the Holiday Inn started at $5,000, but then it’s been reduced to $1,700. The Gasses were going to cost $4,000.

Alesha: Were the glasses changed?

Bakarr: it was started at 6000 but then it was given.

Jekeyma: That means we’ll be going over already.

Josh: when you have a budget you can’t purchase other thing w/o things that don’t technically exist. You’re asking for “forgiveness”.

Bakarr: The quotes for the Holiday Inn started at $5,000 and were decreased to $1,700. The glasses were also at $4,000.

Alesha: Were the glasses changed, or are the similar to the original design?

Bakarr: They are elegant. We had to change the glasses last week.

Jewell: The invoice for the glasses is over $1,700.

Travis: We got prices of $200, $240, $193, $900, $1,776, $1,674, and a few more. That’s about $4,000. Some of these orders can’t be fixed. If the senate wants to increase the budget for decorations, that’s up to them. Everything that is planning on being ordered will put them a little over budget.

Josh: We need to think about this.

Cody: We only have 4 meetings left. Bakarr started with $6,000 and donated the money. It shouldn’t be a big problem.

Elena: $1,000 shouldn’t be allocated. Maybe $400 should be alright for now.

Sean S.: You’ve been working hard with crunching numbers, but I don’t want to start a precedent or starting to give money. When he gave up his money, I was expecting him to stay within the budget.
Cody: For an event like that it’s been difficult to get all of the decorations and reservations.

Micah: This was supposed to be put into consideration.

Cody: We were going to cut my budget as well by $2,000. The type of program couldn’t be put on with that much. He tried to help out another student body organization.

Fealita: How long has it been since the decorations have been ordered?

Bakarr: They haven’t been ordered yet. I was thinking about getting those.

Fealita: It will take time to get the decorations and the equipment. What is the $1,000 for?

Jekeyma: $1,000 is for a decoration that will only be used once.

Mike: We need to give him a break. They’ve been working on this all of the time. Their Spring Formal is planning on being the best so far.

Elena: We have to think about this.

Steven: How about we look at this issue after we listen to the other student bodies first. I motion to table this issue until after New Business.

Micah: Seconds the motion.

*motion passes*

Miss UVa-Wise

Kasey: We’re under the budget. Thanks to the communications committee for get the flyers out. There are 12 girls participating in the pageant. There was a meeting last night, and only 2 girls couldn’t make it. Decorations, food, snacks for the judges, and other things will be finalized before Saturday. A sheet is being passed around for set-up help. The pageant is next Friday at 6pm.

Mike: Do you have the red carpet?

Meron: Brittany Austin has the red carpet.

Kasey: We still need someone to work the spotlight.

Mike: Are you going to ask media services to help out. You might be able to get one of their work studies to do it.

President’s Report – Jekeyma

Unfinished Business

Jimson Weed
Collin: We are asking for $250 for a color cover and travel for coffee night.

Sean S.: Motion to approve the $250 allocation.

Steven: Seconds the motion.

*motion passes*

**Environmental Club**

Cris: There is an estimated 300 signatures from the students. There have been PowerPoint presentations for a few classes. There were about 350 signatures including the SGA members that helped out with signature signing.

Jeykeyma: There resolution has been in the review folder for weeks now.

Bakarr: We should pass it now.

Micah: Motion to support the resolution.

Bakarr: Seconds the motion

*motion passes*

*Cody opposed the motion*

**Paintball Club**

Jeykeyma: We just received their constitution. We will put it in the review folder for a week and will be able to have more detail on it later.

**New Business**

**Phi Sigma Sigma**

*no representatives present*

**Environmental Club**

Ashley: For Earth Week there are a lot of activities planned. There’s going to be concert like mini Jam-4-Man. We’re asking for money for drinks and half of the profit will go towards SGA.

Jeykeyma: Products are not allowed to be sold with SGA money. No money given to organizations can be used for profit.

Cris: We won’t make a profit and we won’t send any back to SGA.

Travis: Money sold for drinks can be donated.
Cris: What would we do with it?

Sean S.: The money given can be used for the bands.

Matthew Beach: You can put up a sign saying free drinks while supplies last.

Jekeyma: This will be tabled for a week. Someone can come back and check on it next week.

**English Department**

Collin: Next Friday, a 400 level English class is travelling to Stanton’s Black Friar’s Playhouse. They’re seeing 2 shows: Henry V and The Taming of the Shrew. There non-members of the class that want to go. Lodging and gas has been factored in with food. We’re asking for $303 for a $600 budget. Two professors are planning on going as well.

Jekeyma: Did you say that there was food too?

Collin: Yes, but that also includes the ticket prices.

Jekeyma: Our money cannot go towards food.

Steven: This is next week?

Collin: Yes, it’s next Friday, and we understand the week policy. Can we be reimbursed? We were going to put this allocation into the school newspaper with all of the other support that the SGA has given the school.

Travis: If we go on the trip, we can go through the reimbursement process.

Collin: They’re leaving at 1pm, and I might be leaving a little later. Someone else was going to be here today, but they couldn’t make it, so I’m here with the information.

Jekeyma: It will be placed into the review folder.

**Open Forum**

**Spring Formal**

Sean S.: So what happens if these allocations are done and given?

Travis: It’ll be $250 for the Jimson Weed and $50 to the Environmental Club.

Sean S.: That’s not counting the English Department. Is that alright for the general funds?

Travis: There is about $500 up. We need to use the general funds money. About $1,900 will be left if given to the English Department.

Micah: I’m planning on asking for money for Pi Kappa Phi as well. We’re going to ask for about $400.
Elena: The Wise Wellness Club is planning on asking for money as well. The location for the event is TBA, but it’s April 15th and we might need $150.

Sean S.: I thank you for cutting $2,000, but I’m weary about giving back $1,000. Can we cut corners and give $700?

Bakarr: Yes.

Steven: Is there a possibility of transferring some of the funds from the Miss UVa-Wise Pageant?

Fealita: We still have a few things to purchase.

Sean S.: If I motioned for $750 that would put us around $1,000.

Travis: After that motion, we would have $1,200.

Cody: There is not a person that can do the work that Bakarr has done with this program. We should give at least ½ or more to Bakarr.

Fealita: You haven’t ordered some of the items. Even if we give him the money, we’ll have to give him more later on for upcoming costs.

Bakarr: Regular shipping is less.

Travis: Whatever the amount is given to him is what he’ll have to work with.

Bakarr: What is allocated now is fine with me.

Elena: If we allocate $700 then with everything that is being asked we’ll have $1,200 and whatever is left in expenses. I’m afraid that we’ll be down. Then no one is going to come for money. I motion to allocate $1000 to Bakarr.

Fealita: Seconds the motion.

Sean S.: Friendly Amendment> Change allotment to $750 from $1,000

Elena: Decline the friendly amendment.

Sean: Friendly amendment with discussion> we should help out, but we shouldn’t set a precedent. I don’t want to reward for misjudgment.

Mike: Do remember that allocations are first come – first serve.

Alesha: Don’t forget that some organizations, such as Julie Scott from the Student Center came earlier in the semester and asked for treadmill money. She said that she’d ask at the end of the year to give organizations a chance to get some money.

Elena: Is that an alright allotment?
Jekeyma: We need to have some money for next year’s SGA.

Steven: Everyone uses the Student Center. We need to keep them in mind. Plus, she technically came before the rest of these allocations.

Steven: Friendly Amendment> $750 allotment to Spring Formal

Elena: Do you think that we can work with that amount? If so, I accept.

Alesha: there are only a few meeting left, but we need to keep a cushion just in case.

Elena: We are just expecting a few organizations to stop by.

Move to a vote ($750 transfer to Spring Formal from General Funds.

    *motion passes*

Environmental Club

Cris: Earth Jam is being hosted at the lake. We need to ask SGA for a tent.

Sean S.: Motion to allow Environmental Club to use the tent.

Fealita: Seconds the motion.

    *motion passes*

Advisor’s Report – Jekeyma (for Dr. Jewell)

*SGA election petitions are due today.

*Invites have gone out for the Student Leadership Banquet. RSVP is due by Friday, April 11th.

*The SGA meetings will return the Rhododendron Room next week.

Mike: If anyone sees Chris Stout, please refer him to me.

Fealita: Motion to close the meeting.

Kasey: Second the motion.

    *motion passes*

    *Sean S. abstains*

Meeting adjourned at 1:59pm