Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes #22
Friday, April 11, 2008

Meeting Called to Order at 1:03pm

Secretary Report – Alesha

Roll Call
Members Present: Jekeyma Robinson, Mike Mebrahtu, Alesha Allen, Travis Brannon, Meron Belachew, Bakarr Massaquoi, Elena Klinova, Sean Murphy, Stephen Orange, Chris Stout, Tim Matney, Sean Sedberry, Kasey Cantrell, Josh Vaughan, Luke Parks, Steven Allen, Fealita Prunty, Lehá Green (Historian)

Members Tardy: (none)

Members Absent: Micah Sheffey (unexcused), Cody Edwards (unexcused), Ross Ashley (excused)

Minutes
Alesha: There was a mass of minutes that have been sent out last week. Now we are up to date. They need an approval.
Tim: Motion to approve the minutes
Sean M.: Seconds the motion
*motion passes*

Communication
Elena: All of the events are being wonderfully advertised. The dates are on the SGA board, so please don’t erase them.
Meron: Banners are being made by Stephanie Shell. She already has made one for the Miss UVa-Wise pageant.

Treasurer Report – Travis

Budget Update
Travis: We currently have $1,170.27 in the SGA general funds. There’s about $1,500 in SGA expenses. We figured out that we can give funds to independent groups for the betterment of education and the student body.

Vice President – Mike

Open House
Bakarr: Not much has changed. It’s still going to be held on April 26th. Come out and help if you can.
Jam-4-Man
Travis: They are still on schedule with everything from bands to booking hotels. Things are being taken care of. Check the school newspapers for band information.

Spring Formal
Bakarr: Everything is in check.
Jewell: Teresa received a confirmation yesterday for additional things such as a stairway. It’s supposed to arrive soon, but I thought we discussed returning items.
Meron: That order was going to be stopped.
Jewell: That might need to go through Teresa because it’s a purchase order.
Bakarr: That stairwell is supposed to be sent back.
Jewell: It many not have been stopped. The call may need to be from Teresa.
Bakarr: Well, that call was made, and that extra piece should be stopped.
Travis: I’m sure the company has a return policy.
Meron: The cancellation confirmation was given to us when we called.

Miss UVa-Wise Pageant
Kasey: The pageant is tomorrow. Set-up in the gym starts at 3pm today. Please come out and help if you can. We’re wearing the T-shirts for the girls right now. Come to the pageant tomorrow and support your girls.

Community Service
Luke: We have done events with Teammates-4-Life. The annual campus clean-up is next Wednesday at 1pm at the sculpture garden. Anyone can join in and sign-up. It’ll be moved to the next day if it’s rained out.
Meron: Also, the Environmental Club is having a campus clean-up during Earth Week.

President Report - Jekeyma

Unfinished Business

Shakespeare Trip
Jekeyma: They are asking for an allocation of $303 for their trip today.
Collin: There was a small concern on whether the professor can be reimbursed if he pays for things during the weekend for the trip.
Travis: He was reimbursed last year directly for the same trip. It can be done that way or this way.
Elena: How many hotel rooms are being rented?
Collin: There will be a couple of hotel rooms used. Professor Adrian might come back and ask for $110 more.
Travis: If so, that will be money removed from the General Funds.
Sean Sedberry: Motion to approve $300 for the trip.
Elena: Seconds the motion.
*motion passes*

**Environmental Club**
Jekeyma: They are here asking for a $50 allocation for drinks for their Earth Jam event.
Cris: Yes, we want to spend $100 for drinks and we are also asking to rent 2 tents instead of one.
Jekeyma: If a SGA member can’t get the tent for you from the storage room, as Chris Davis or Julie Scott for the key to get in.
Elena: Motion to approve $50 for drink purchases and allow them to rent 2 tents for the event.
Steven: Seconds the motion.
*motion passes*
Sean M abstained from the vote

**Paintball Club**
Jekeyma: There were concerns with the constitution such as quorum and other safety/liability issues (concerns read). You can change them and then bring the constitution back for review.

**Wellness Club**
*Elena stepped down as a senator for proposal*
Elena: We are asking for $100. We are having a Napoleon Hill event. Frank Frey will be speaking and we want to purchase healthy snack foods. The layout will include juices and water that will be about $2 per person. We are not planning on going through Chartwells but with the Student Center and Julie Scott.
Luke: So this is co-sponsored by Napoleon Hill.
Elena: Yes, but it’s not covering the entire sum.
Sean S.: So you are asking for the entire amount?
Elena: No, we’re asking for 2/3 of the fund.
Travis: It’s policy to give only 50% but we can give the full amount.
Sean S.: I rather not break policy.
Meron: Motion to allocate $100 to the Wellness Club
Bakarr: Seconds the motion
Sean S.: Friendly Amendment > Can we allot ½ of the amount up to $100? 
Meron: Are you planning on spending any more? 
Fealita: Why is only $2 being spent per student? 
Elena: We are expecting 50 participants.
Vote Count: 6 – yes; 2 – no; 4 – abstain
*motion passes*
New Business

**Phi Sigma Sigma**
*no representatives*

**Multi-Cultural Alliance**
*Meron stepped down for a proposal*
Meron: Thanks for letting us go on the JMU trip for the ISLC conference. We are hosting a panel discussion during Earth Week. A couple of workshops are also being planned as well. We are asking for $75 for the annual Senior Citizen Prom Night co-sponsored with Phi Sigma Sigma at the Heritage Hall. That will include decoration, snacks, and gifts (improve from last year). We are also willing to take help from the SGA Community Service Committee.
Mike: What fundraising have you all done?
Meron: Since the JMU trip was just a few weeks ago, we haven’t had time to do much fundraising. We’ve been devoting our time to the panel discussion.
Travis: Have you all filled out a form?
Meron: It’s in the folder.
Elena: The people at the nursing home are happy to see MCA visit.
Meron: As I said, the communication committee can help, too.
Luke: Have you asked for funds through the nursing home? They may help sponsor since it’s at their site.
Jekeyma: They may not because the one at Honaker won’t donate money to brought-in events.
Luke: Just in case, try asking them to help out with the prom.

**Pi Kappa Phi**
*Josh stepped down for a proposal*
Josh: We need SGA’s help for advertising our War of the Roses. It’s the week leading into Jam-4-Man. It helps out with Push America (foundation for the aid of disabled persons). It’s also going to be an intramural event (wheelchair basketball).
Jewell: If you sent me an advertisement, I’ll put it on the list serve.
Steven: So this in support of Push America and Pi Kappa Phi?
Josh: Yes and the communications and community service committee can help out as well.
Elena: We can help advertise this, but we won’t be able to print them out. We will definitely be happy to help.

**Teammates-4-Life**
*Luke stepped down for proposal*
Luke: Thanks for funding the previous program. There is going to be one more program by the lake with water games, music, and a potential egg toss. Mark Estepp will be speaking and having his bi-annual revival. Jeremy Weaver will also be present to sing. We are requesting $150 which is not the total amount for this event. We have been fundraising with baseball/softball games.
Art Guild
Tyger Williams: We’re going on a trip to Asheville, NC. We are requesting $200 and have fundraised $250 from last semester.
Caroline: We’re going to local art museums.
Alesha: What time do the museums open?
Tyger: They open at 10am. We’re planning on leaving on Friday and staying at the Red Roof Inn.
Elena: Are they open on Sunday?
Tyger: No. We are taking 7 students and 1 advisor.
Mike: That’s good how they’re using $200 of their own money.
Jekeyma: This will be tabled and voted on next week.

Resolution
Jekeyma: Jewell and I have been working on a resolution for the remembrance of the Virginia Tech incident last year. Many students have requested a memorial. It’ll be a Wednesday at 8pm by candlelight at the lake. Many speakers have been scheduled.
  *resolution read*
Elena: Motion to approve the resolution
Kasey: Seconds the motion
  *motion passes*

SGA member of the Year Award
Jekeyma: Every year, we vote on the most influential SGA member of the year. They are given an award at the Student Leadership Banquet. Everyone vote on a piece of paper.
Jewell: I will tally the votes and the award will be ordered this afternoon.

Open Forum

Spring Formal Sign-up
Alesha: I’m passing a piece of paper around for Spring Formal Table Sign-ups. Everyone is required to do 30 minutes. If you don’t sign-up today, then I will sign up a time for you. Thanks.

Announcements

Josh: Pi Kapps are selling donuts in the atrium for $5. Proceeds go to Push America.

Elena: Napoleon Hill event is happening on Tuesday at 8pm in the Dogwood Room.
Mike: CavTV airs on Thursdays at 9pm. The community service committee needs to stay after the meeting.

Kasey: The Miss UVa-Wise Pageant is tomorrow night!

Stephen: The Candidate Debate is this coming Monday at 1pm on the 5th floor of this building.

**Advisor Report – Dr. Worley**

**Spring Formal**
We are going to need people to man the door and check CAV ID cards. At least 1 person out of a couple needs to have a card. It will be sent out on the list serve.
Sean S.: Not everyone checks the list serve, so can we advertise in other ways?
Alesha: I can work on that.
Luke: We can change that on Facebook too.

Jewell: Does the Spring Formal Committee want to use the van service? If so, it can be taken care of. Also, are we getting a photographer? It costs $20 for packages.
Alesha: Is it worth getting a photographer?
Jewell: Not everyone knew about paying upfront so only 4 packages were sold. I'll check on confirmation.

Travis: I'll see how much everything is going to cost. Numbers will be crunched this weekend.
Sean S.: In the past, RHA has helped out, but I'm not sure if we can this time.

Elena: Motion to adjourn the meeting.
Sean M.: Seconds the motion.
  *motion passes*
  Sean S. abstained

**Meeting Adjourned at 1:58pm**