

Student Government Association
General Meeting Minutes #2
Friday, August 31, 2007

Meeting Called to Order at 1:01pm

Secretary Report

Members Present: Joshua Vaughn, Kasey Cantrell, Luke Parks, Tim Matney, Chris Stout, Elena Klinova, Meron Belachow (Meri), Jekeyma Robinson, Mike Mebrahtu, Travis Brannon, Jewell Worley

Members Tardy: Cody Edwards, Loven Livesay, Abubbakarr Massaquoi (Bakarr), Alesha Allen

Due to e-mail problems, last meeting minutes are not available at this time.

Elections Update

Election Update: Dogwood Room
Elections will be run through the Student Portal on September 10th and 11th at 8am. Otherwise, they'll be polled in the Student Center until 3pm.

Treasurer Report

There is no budget update since last week. Money was allotted to the organizations.

Vice President Report

Committee Updates:

Homecoming

\$500 was spent on party favors (glasses) and hotel reservations at the Inn of Norton. Josh wanted to purchase flowers for the Homecoming court, and Loven ordered 700 glasses.

Travis: The Alumni purchased the court flowers and SGA purchased the table flowers.

Jekeyma: Is it possible for Homecoming to be held in the Gym? The flyers state the gym as this year's location.

Regional Leadership Report

It'll be held in October.

Luke Parks is working on its progress.

Communications

Elena is getting the SGA elections signs up and is passing out flyers.

Meri would like a list of the communications committee's duties.

Holly Ball

Tim is working on gathering a committee.

Winter Spirits

Chris has spoken to LJ Boothe (former SGA Vice President) and is working on ideas.

President Report

Unfinished Business:

Juhan Leadership Retreat

Jewell: The Juhan Leadership Retreat committee would like to borrow \$3,000 from SGA for the retreat in October. The loan would be reimbursed in full January 2008.

Cody: Ask them to cover some of the amount. We'll give \$1,500 or \$2,000 and see if they can make up the rest.

Jewell: They need the funds 2 weeks prior to the event.

Loven: How many students attended last year?

Jewell: About 20-25 students. This includes meal, budget, gas, and hotel.

Meri: Can this be a day event?

Jekeyma: It's traditional for it to be a weekend event.

Tim: Why not? We get the money back.

Travis: It's no problem to fund. The Fall semester is slower in allocations than Spring.

Mike: Is it open to everyone? How are they selected?

Jewell: Announcements are given to students and advisors, and they fill out an application. It's not our retreat to decide.

Loven: Motion to allocate \$3,000 loan to the retreat

Tim: Seconds the motion

motion passes

Welcome Week Shirts

Travis: \$9,000-\$3,000 will leave \$6,000 for the semester.

Elena: Welcome week shirts were \$4,805.08. Alumni were given \$250 and relations were given \$250. Student Affairs covered the rest.

What's left is \$1,067

Elena: The left over T-shirts should be used for SGA purposes.

Jewell: I'm not sure how many shirts are left.

Travis: Maybe give them 1/2 of cost.

Tim: Motion to allocate \$350 for shirts

Bakarr: Friendly amendment to allocate \$500.

Friendly amendment accepted. New allocation amount is \$500.

Cody seconds the motion.

motion passes

New Business:

Teammates for Life

Jared Soles would like to bring a new organization to campus called Teenage for Life. It is similar to current FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) but will be open to entire campus. Focus is towards students in extra curricular activities with the Lord in mind and talents all around. The events will take place of meetings. Only meetings will be in preparations of events.

Mike: Further outreach assistance can be found through Mr. McGill and the school paper, CavTV, and the PR cabinet.

Luke: The chapel can also be a source. I'll (Luke) can get names and numbers.

Jekeyma: The organization packet will be in the office for the senate to look over during their office hours. It'll be brought back up at next week's meeting.

SVEA

Julie Fritz: September 29th is the date for the annual community Funtasia. It's a time to read and have other activities for children. Proceeds go to the needy children Christmas funds for presents. The cost for the event is \$3,600. They're asking for \$1,500. Buying tickets will help go towards the cost.

Jekeyma: It will be tabled for one week.

Bakarr: How did the even go last year?

Julie it was held from noon – 4pm. There were children present at all times, and they were able to purchase 36 gifts. Other organizations are welcome to participate for community service. Contact jnf5c@uvawise.edu (Julie's e-mail) or 328-0187 for Dr. Richardson.

Mike: The Rainbow Caucus could probably assist.

Jekeyma: They're not a recognized group.

Rugby Club

Justin Grilbbal would like to apply for a petition to start an organization.

Jekeyma: See me after the meeting for organization starting info.

Mike: Spread the word.

Mascot

Jekeyma: Wend will do the training for the mascot. Someone has already been chosen, and they'll be available for sporting events other than football. The cost for the costume is \$979. It can be here by homecoming.

Travis: It'll be the full amount from the budget.

Jekeyma: Last year, a treadmill was purchased and bike racks were bought the year before.

Travis: There's \$4,000 in the budget for office supplies. We can pull it from there since \$1,800 was left from last semester.

Luke: Can we feel safe in purchasing? Can we co-sponsor?

Jekeyma: We can ask RHA which gets a budget.

Alesha: Or, we can ask SAB since they get a much larger budget than RHA.

Jekeyma: I'll ask Allyson Flynn.

Jewell: Will it be in SGA's possession, so it doesn't become a lost item?

Jekeyma: Yes.

Bakarr: Can there be specifications with usage (i.e. weather conditions and events)?

Jekeyma: A form can be written. Does anyone have any problems with using the full amount?

no further discussion

Open Forum

Appointed Positions

Jekeyma: There will be four appointed positions available to the student body.

- Secretary of Elections: new name for Elections commissioner
- Secretary of Public Relations: will be the contact person for organizations
- Secretary of Standards: check on office hours, policy handbook, and can bring officers up for impeachment
- Secretary of External Affairs: send out monthly newsletters and what's happening on campus

There will be an applications process for these positions.

Announcements

An e-mail was sent out for tomorrow's away football game. North Greenville is a dry campus. No alcohol is permitted. Please be courteous.

Advisor Report

- She is willing to meet with the committee chairs. Send her an e-mail or stop by her office.
- The Vice Chancellor would like to have a Student Leadership Luncheon on September 19th from 12-1pm. It'll include and involve:
 - the 50 standing clubs/organization presidents and SGA E-board
 - statements concerning construction and other issues will be discussed

A recommendation of \$100-200 should be donated. This will allow SGA be considered as a co-sponsor.

Cody: Motion to allocate \$250 to the event.

Bakarr: Seconds the motion

motion passes

Luke: Motion to adjourn the meeting.

Kasey: Second the motion.

motion passes

Meeting Adjourned at 1:55pm.