

SGA Meeting Minutes
2/23/2022

Attending: Co-President Faith Manickam, Co-President Aman Seyoum, Treasurer Angelo Olayvar, VP of Marketing Mykenzie Davis, Secretary Lindsey White, Student Life Rep. Rachel Roth Sawatsky, Student Life Rep. Shannon Dycus, Administrative Rep. Amy Springer Hartsell, Faculty Rep. Matthew Siderhurst, Ruth Abera, Isaac Alderfer, Cindi Boyer, Ella Brubaker, Sam Craig, Adesola Johnson, Evan Kauffman, Christian Knight, Meredith Lehman, Molly Piwonka, Cassidy Walker

Absent: Hannah Beck

1. Call to Order at 8:03
2. Roll Call and Check-In
3. Approval of minutes from 2/16/2021
 - a. Christian motioned to approve the minutes, and Cassidy seconded.

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and minutes approved.

4. Announcements
 - a. Open Discussion
 - i. Christian shares that Open discussion will be tomorrow in UC 176 from 7-8. He also encouraged senators to go to it.
 - b. Molly Piwonka - Student
 - i. Great Debaters will be shown at 8 on Friday
5. Old Business
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6. New Business
 - a. Funding Request - Engineers for a Sustainable World
 - i. Angelo meet with Luke yesterday and the financial committee was all in favor unanimously
 1. They are requesting \$500
 2. ESW will build a bridge in Bolivia
 - ii. Molly Moves to motion the request Ella seconds to approve the funding request

Approved: Everyone

Abstaining: 0

Opposed: 0

Motion passes and funding request approved

b.

7. Open Floor
 - a. Handicap accessible/friendly campus - Christian Knight

- i. Faith provides time for SGA to look over the document that was prepared by Christian and Cassidy
- ii. Faith invited the CODEE committee members to speak on this
- iii. Cassidy names that she met with Kathy Evans today about this who is a member of CODEE to try to make a change in this accessibility on campus going forward.
- iv. Christian names that the handicap buttons do not open doors that have two doors all the time. They often only open one door and the second door does not open.
- v. Christian also names that the elevators jerk when they are settling and someone has dislocated their knee because of that this semester.
- vi. Christian says that the sidewalks on campus are not always accessible to students on campus. Christian says that campus is handicap accessible but not handicap friendly.
- vii. Christian also states that not all living areas on campus have handicap seats in the showers.
- viii. Christian says to start working towards this problem would be to reach out to CODEE and have SGA advocate more towards this.
- ix. Cassidy invites anyone to comment on other things they think of.
- x. Christian says that some of his professors would not provide a hybrid learning option for him while he was injured.
- xi. Cassidy says that last week she was unable to get to class and contacted Steve Yoder who offered a wheelchair but because of her condition she is unable to ride in a wheelchair, but a golf cart would be a better option to make going to class more accessible.
- xii. Faith invites others to share ideas for where to go with this or experiences.
- xiii. Sam suggests that maybe upper level engineering students could look into this and work on this for campus.
- xiv. Faith asks if Christian and Cassidy would be willing to create a survey to send out to campus.
- xv. Faith asks what Christian and Cassidy are hoping for from SGA.
- xvi. Cassidy hopes that the CODEE representatives will bring this up and talk about it with other students on campus.
- xvii. Christian also says to ask students if there are physical barriers to attending classes and events on campus fully.

b. SGA Day Final Draft

- i. Faith states that the proposal will be sent tonight to the deans after the SGA meeting tonight.
- ii. Faith said the main concern was that the seat time for those classes would not be of concern after meeting with the Faculty Senate.
- iii. Faith spoke with Scott Barge, who said that this year it will be okay but if this is a yearly thing, scheduling will need to be rearranged for future years.
- iv. Faith names that it would be good to have this be an annual event and an option would be to have this be on Friday afternoons in future years.

- v. Faith invites SGA to edit and make comments on this proposal before it is sent out tonight.
- vi. Aman invites comments and suggestions to the proposal as well so that it can be sent after the meeting tonight.
- vii. Faith asks Shannon if she has advice for the proposal.
- viii. Shannon says that it would be good to highlight that the seat time concern has been addressed to advert those questions from arising in the conversation. This should also name that there has been a previous consultation with the Faculty Senate.
- ix. Matt names that faculty never like losing class time but that this year we have not lost any class time for snow and that this can be viewed as a scheduled snow day.
- x. Matt also suggests that it should be moved to 1:30 to preserve that class time since that is when class ends rather than at 1 which is the middle of a class time.
- xi. Matt asks why the afternoon was chosen.
- xii. Faith names that it was because if it was in the morning, students would be more likely to sleep in and skip.
- xiii. Cassidy says that the afternoon was chosen because faculty and commuters would be here.
- xiv. Molly names that since convocation and meeting times are in the mornings SGA didn't want to throw off that schedule too much.
- xv. Faith asks if one of the paragraphs in the proposal is necessary and asks for input and asks for Shannons input
- xvi. Shannon names that there is a clear sense that we need joy and community. She names that maybe that section would not be necessary because it will come down to logistics rather than the desire to do this.
- xvii. Faith asks Angelo about the budget for this. Expenses would be because of Bubble tea, ½ off common grounds, and tie dye supplies.
- xxviii. Angelo says that when there is a better understanding of the cost, a request can be made and then there will be a better gauge on how much this will cost.
- xix. Faith asks Matt how he thinks faculty will receive this.
- xx. Matt says speaking from himself, that he would love to be a part of this experience but depending on his workload is what determines if he will be able to join and participate.
- xxi. Faith asks if there are ways SGA can help faculty join this.
- xxii. Matt says that students advocating for professors to come will be more incentivizing than emails. Personal approach to faculty is more appealing than an email.
- xxiii. Cindy names that we could create a game for students to go and collect as many professors as possible.
- xxiv. Cassidy asks if knocking on doors would be more effective but isn't an option, what is a good way to do this.

- xxv. Matt says mentioning this in class in the prior days is a good way to engage faculty. Matt names that this has really great potential for a way for students and faculty to engage in a new way
- xxvi. Faith says that if this is approved SGA should go in and really try to make this good and community building.
- xxvii. Matt names that stating SGA Day as a one time thing and then if it is a success pushing for it in the next academic year.
- xxviii. Faith asks for more input on this proposal so that it can be sent tonight.
- xxix. Meredith says that it could be beneficial to add a positive example at other universities in the proposal.
- xxx. Faith said that Jackie Font Guzman's previous university had did this and it was a big success.
- xxxi. Ruth says that possibly adding that faculty are in support of this proposal.
- xxxii. Amy asks if having Matt's name in would be helpful to get faculty out there.
- xxxiii. Matt says that it is too late for the proposal but for the actual event this could be helpful to create peer pressure.
- xxxiv. Isaac names that changing the time to not start in the middle of a class would be better to prevent putting professors from being in a tough spot between canceling class or keeping students over.
- xxxv. Ella says that athletics is willing to shift gym times for the event.
- xxxvi. Faith asks if we should change the class from 1:30-5 or 12:30-5.
- xxxvii. Sam says that we could move things around in order to make the event start at 1:30.
- xxxviii. Faith says that people who do not have class at 12:30 can begin setting up the gym.
- xxxix. SGA Day time is now 1:30-5 instead of 1-5.
 - xl. Faith names that in conjunction with the trauma informed pedagogy, building these connections could be beneficial to add. Faith asks if it could be beneficial to add this to the proposal.
 - xli. Cassidy says it could be beneficial since in last week's meeting Kevin was very excited about this possibility of an SGA Day.
 - xlii. Matt recommends naming in the proposal that SGA is committed to advertising and promoting the event.
 - xliii. Faith says that the proposal will be read over once more and then sent to the deans.

c. Young Democrats Event on March 1st

- i. Meredith names that on Tuesday, March 1st Young Democrats will have an event with people of differing opinions with free common grounds.

Meeting ended at 9:29pm
Recorded by Lindsey White