

**Student Government Association
Minutes from November 5th 2009**

Tony DiPasqua called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Prayer: Brandon Wiley

Swearing in of the New Members:

Jess Charlton - MCU

Roll Call:

Absent: Drew McGuire, Nikki Edwards, Sam Polito, Bridger Philson, Cara Campbell, Jamie Gluvna, Nate Kruluts, Stephen Sweeney, Jackie Oesmann, Shane Lavin, Thomas Panighetti

Late: Brian Wojtkielewicz, Alysia Tucker,

Approval of the Minutes:

- Thomas Russo motioned to approve the minutes.
 - Dan Morelli seconded this motion.
 - The motion passes.

Student's Voice:

Voting Items:

AMOUNT	GROUP	TYPE	MOTION	SECONDED	VOTE
\$1,150	Campus Democrats	Basic Operating	Dan Morelli	Chris Smolinski	Passes
\$1350	Campus Democrats	Conference	Dan Morelli	Tom Russo	Passes
\$2500	Gannon Historical Society	Conference	Dan Morelli	Gabe Shreckengost	Passes
\$240	GU Professional Leadership Society	Retreat	Dan Morelli	Chelsea Pluta	Passes
\$1611	Alpha Tau Delta	Conference	Dan Morelli	Cory Clabatz	Passes
\$2500	ISA	Basic Operating	Dan Morelli	Chelsea Pluta	Passes
\$1000	Alpha Phi Sigma	Basic Operating	Dan Morelli	Michelle Rydzinski	Passes
\$1489.70	Alpha Phi Sigma	Conference	Dan Morelli	Jessica Mountain	Passes

Officer's Report:

- **Secretary:**
 - Meghan would like to know if everyone would be interested in a “dirty santa” vs. “secret santa”
 - Took informal vote – secret santa wins!
 - Attendance at meetings is becoming a problem, will be a warning letter in your mailbox.
 - December 10th is the winter banquet at 6 in the Old Main board room.
 - Any Vegetarians?
 - Looking to record a Christmas CD with the proceeds benefiting Make a Wish, will be more details to come.
- **V.P. of Technology:**
 - 250 responses on website surveys, people had good fill in responses as well
 - Website traffic is up! ☺
 - The Angel uploading issue is still going on – ITS and Angel are working on it.
 - There is now Office 2007 on the office computers!!!!
- **Parliamentarian:**
 - ZBT asked to donate money for prizes for their annual Rock Band Tournament. Kyle is going to donate a \$20 gift card on behalf of SGA
 - Michael Raco explained the Rock Band Tournament
- **V.P. of Public Relations:**
 - Shane is at a Med School Interview

- Thanks everyone for SGA Parade and Homecoming Dance
- There will be a Thank you Pizza Party
- Placed the orders for T-Shirts
- Wear the nametags in the office when you are going to committee meetings.
- **V.P. of Clubs and Organizations:**
 - Met with Dr. Kozak, Tom Ridge to speak at Leadership Conference in Feb 2010 is a possibility
 - The GU gold machine funds were entered to Dan
- **V.P. of Academic Affairs:**
 - Hello from Washington, D.C.!
 - Thomas met with Dr. Taylor
 - We have new Ad-Hoc committee's – Merit Scholarship, Fight Song Committee, Library
 - Extra Budget Guidelines
- **Treasurer:**
 - Budget Update –The operating budget is currently at \$76,783.44
- **President:**
 - Passing registration for SGA around, if you have not registered please do.
 - Open House is Sunday Nov 8th, please sign up to be at the table in Yehl
 - Executive on campus Sun Nov 8th at 730-830 – come chat – there will be pizza cookies and drinks
 - There was a blessing and rededication of Zurn
 - Met with Doug Zimmerman and Sara Toth about Harborview handicapped issues and the fire alarms as well
 - Long term project Doug Zimmerman **would support an (versus: wants to see happen)** on campus is a wine and beer bar. (He does not support underage drinking however)
 - International education week Nov 16th to the 20th – SGA is hosting a cultural table
 - Hunger and Homelessness week – Box City is on Thursday from 8-4 Nov 19th
 - Senior class think of your social event
 - Elections are quickly approaching, be prepared and start asking questions.
- **Advisor's Report:**
 - Take care of yourselves

Functional Reps:

- **APB:**
 - Filled their Knight Club Chair
 - We plan to collaborate with SGA in box city
 - Next week
 - Fall Cookie Decorating
 - Harry Potter
- **IFC:**
 - TKE selling hoagies throughout the week
 - ZBT 2nd Annual Rock band tournament next week
 - PKA casino night went well
- **Panhellenic:**
 - Greek Life Newsletter is out!
 - Grey's Anatomy night November 12th – Yehl Ballroom, don't need letters to attend
 - No fee to sign up for recruitment
 - Club – Letters – Greek faith sharing group
 - Survey to GU community to get Greek perception
 - AST is selling cookie dough
- **MCU:**
 - Working with Allegheny College on a reggae/hip hop dance party
- **ISA:**
 - International Education Week – 16th – 20th

- Bollywood Dance Monday 8-9 Yehl - \$3 admission
 - Tuesday – Global Banquet
 - Wednesday – courtship across cultures
 - Friday – Culture Night
- **Commuter:**
 - Respect Lunch went well
 - Tuesday is advising day, are prepping the freshman for it!
 - Drinking 101 – November 7th – Dr. Steve Large will talk
- **Chaplain's Office:**
 - Monday – theology on tap – Fr. Steve – meet at 8pm at the front desk
 - Letters – first faith sharing group for the Greek community

Class Reports:

- **Senior Class:**
 - Chelsea Pluta had a senior class meeting by herself – UH OH!
 - Has been sending emails back and forth with Brit trying to finalize the date on the wing competition
 - Kevin Strell is meeting with Michele Wagner about the rock wall
 - New club Active Minds – raise awareness for Mental Illness – sign up if you are interested
- **Junior Class:**
 - Interviewed, but have another interview on Monday and will have spot filled by next meeting
- **Sophomore Class:**
 - Have to talk to Don Henry about the sound system in the Rec
 - Scrapped the Recycling bin idea – too many hoops
 - University washers are fixed
 - Newsletter – first issue November – sophomore slump
- **Freshman Class:**
 - Met Monday – free weight information
 - Looking into library getting coffee shop/ whiteboards
 - Speakers in Waldron – talking to Alan Swigonski

University Committees:

- **Pandemic**
 - Ordered lots of soap and paper towels
 - Whole website for swine flu if you have any questions just go to that!
 - The flu that we have been seeing is the swine!
- **Academic Affairs**
 - Met last Tuesday – made minor changes to the Biotechnology curriculum
- **New Residence Halls**
 - Met with Doug Zimmerman – looking at different floor plans
 - Will make a survey about the halls
 - Doug is willing to give out gift cards to encourage surveys
- **Outcomes**
 - For teachers – must have spreadsheet version – and student survey coming out soon
- **TAC**
 - Allocated \$57,000 to web content system but the budget is still frozen
- **Liberal Studies**
 - Looking at different proposals in English and Literature
 - Also designing assessments for components of the Liberal Studies Core curriculum.

SGA Committees:

- **Constitutional Revision**
 - Will meet before Thanksgiving and everyone is welcome!

Special Ad-HOC Committee Reports:

- **Library**
 - Met yesterday, Landis made signs
 - Talk to Kyle if you would like to help out
 - Looking for a date for the premier party
 - Plan on painting the room also

Unfinished Business:

New Business:

- **Fight Song**
 - Jessica described what the committee will be doing
- **SGA Merit Scholarship Ad Hoc** – looking for 3-4 people to research – Let Jeremy know if you can help!
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Pass the Gavel: 9:17 p.m.

Adjournment: 9:29 p.m.