SGA Meeting Minutes

For October 16, 2012

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by President Prokopis at 5:34 pm

**Invocation:**

Given by President Prokopis

**Roll Call:**

There were (4) executives and (12) Senators present

**Approval of Minutes:**

A motion was made to pass the minutes as unread. Motion passed without debate.

**Officer Reports:**

President – –Momentarily celebrated that we made it through homecoming. Informed the senate about a meeting held with the board of trustees last Thursday, in which they discussed matters pertaining to critical thinking, bridging the gap between the main campus and professional studies, and revising the current credit hour overload so students can take a greater number of credit hours during each semester.

Vice President- Absent; however, Senator Bruton spoke on his behalf to inform the senate about a recent visit from the Wichita School district in effort to obtain knowledge about SC’s current/potential algebra programs that are geared toward special education students.

Treasurer Lyons- Informed the senate that he has been working diligently to organize homecoming receipts in effort to quantify the final cost.

Secretary Rupert – Thanked students for attending the meeting and suggested that

 concern is more beneficial than widespread apathy, or general complacency

 resulting from a lack of knowledge or interest.

Student Conduct Advisor McIver – follow up on concerns-
 Enthusiastically informed students of good news pertaining to the cafeteria and wireless

Internet Acknowledged recurring concerns among students and President Merriman regarding the slow progression of correcting either matter, and added that Dawn and other board members were very unhappy in light of the situation, especially after taking the opportunity to read students concerns regarding cafeteria food. Informed the senate that the executive board met with Harold in response to cafeteria concerns, and enlightened them about Harold’s attitude of wanting to please every student, which led him to insure that more gluten free and vegetarian options will be offered, as well as reintroducing customized omelets during breakfast. The Senate was also informed that chocolate syrup is going to be available again, and a new fried fish basket in the Java Jinx can be expected in the near future. Reminded senate to voice concerns because students’ thoughts are being heard.

STUFU –President Erin Morton

Proudly announced that the Hunger run was a success. Explained to the senate that although 99 students participated, STUFU rounded the total participation to100 so they could purchase 100 items suggested by Lindsey Wilke. Reminded the senate that Nov. 7th is the next movie night, and mentioned that SC is currently conversing with Ft. Hayes State.in reference to a benefit walk.

**Intro:**

03.10.13 Sigma Tau Delta: Sigma Tau Delta of Southwestern College would like to purchase t-shirts, and if approved, the shirts will be ordered as soon as possible through Karen Lewis at Turn-of-the-century. SigmaTau Delta is requesting an allocation of $225. Senator Buster moved to pass as read; the motion was seconded and went into debate. Senator Bruton asked if $225.00 dollars is an abnormally large amount to spend on shirts. President Prokopis requested that a product approval form be filled out and given to Lai-L. The motion to allocate $225.00 dollars for the purchase of t-shirts passed.

4.10.12 - 9 Lives Improv: 9 Lives would like to purchase candy for an upcoming show. They are requesting an allocation of $50.00 dollars. STUFU President Morton moved to pass the allocation as read. Senator Buster seconded the motion and it went into debate. Senator Bruton proposed that the candy leftover from homecoming be used in order to save the organization money. STUFU President Morton reminded that that the leftover candy is likely going to be used for trick or treating, or otherwise returned to the store. Senator Buster suggested that the organization be able to spend their $50 dollars regardless of whether candy is given to 9 Lives. The motion to allocate 50.00 dollars for the purchase of candy passed.

5.10.12 Beta Beta Beta: Tri-Beta would like to host a field station cleanup day and cookout at the Southwestern College field station at 2pm on Saturday, October 28 2012. The organization is requesting an allocation of $120.00 dollars for hamburgers and condiments. STUFU President Morton moved to pass as read. Motion was seconded and went into debate. Senator Buster asked if Sodexo will be catering the event since it’s on school property. Motion to allocate $120.00 dollars for the field station cookout passed.

6.10.12 Beta Beta Beta: Tri-Beta would like to take a trip on Nov. 17, 2012 to Tanganyika Wildlife. The group is requesting and allocation of $350.00 dollars to cover transportation and gas. Senator Buster moved to pass as read. The motion was seconded and went into debate. Senator Buster asked where the park is located. President Prokopis requested to know who will be driving and who will be invited considering there will only be 10 tickets. The motion to allocate $350.00 for a trip to Tanganyika Wildlife passed.

**Final Action**

2.10.12 International Club: Southwestern College International Club is requesting an allocation for $150. Senator Buster moved to pass the allocation as unread. The motion was seconded. President Prokopis reminded the senate that the International Club is requesting money for supplies and candy for a Halloween event. The motion to allocate $150.00 dollars to the International Club’s Halloween event passed.

**Business from the Floor:**

**Voting**

**Committees:**

**Open Period/Announcements:**

* Campus Events
	+ Reminder of Breast Cancer Awareness. Information is free in the student life office.
	+ Self-defense class offered tomorrow night at 7:30pm in Wroten Hall. Event is free.
	+ Volleyball pink night is this Thursday. Love Hair Fashion will be announcing how much money they have raised.
* Budget
	+ President Prokopis walked students and senate through the budget and requested that all comments be held until the end.

After a detailed explanation was provided to the students, President Prokopis opened the floor for debate. Concerned Student Nikia Smith questioned how many executives would be attending the proposed SGA executive trip. President Prokopis clarified that 7 people would be attending. Senator Bruton asked if other Senators would be able to attend the conference considering that 3 of the 5 current executives will be graduating this year. President Prokopis informed the senate that the board is taking that proposal into consideration, and they’ve considered implementing some an application process for senators that are interested in attending the conference. Sarah Hallinan informed students that SGA’s usual yearly conference in Boston fell through, as did another conference that was being planned for late October/early November. Hallinan also informed students that she and Lai-L were recently discussing an option to attend a conference in Kansas City. Senator Buster asserted disagreement for allowing the conference budget to remain at a projected $5000.00 dollars if the board is considering an option in Kansas City. Senator Buster moved to amend the budget amount to $2500.00 dollars. The motion was seconded and passed. Senator Buster asked if the remaining portion of the budget was now up for discussion and suggested that the money be used to benefit the student body, and added that the money should be used on a fun event in order for SGA to can gain more visibility. Senator Bruton suggested that the money be placed into its’ own category for events. Senator Buster moved to create a $1000.00 dollar professional development grant, and a $1500.00 dollar SC event fund. The motion was seconded and went into debate. Senator Bruton reminded everyone that we are only discussing a proposed budget. President Prokopis reminded the students and senators that we will have to clarify the details on how the money for the grant and SC fund will be used at a later date. Student Conduct Advisor McIver reminded students of the current motion on the floor. Senator Bruton moved to pass the motion and it was seconded by Senator Buster. The motion to create a $1000.00 dollar professional development grant and a $1500.00 dollar SC event fund passed.

**Adjournment:**

Senator Buster moved to adjourn at 6:46. Motion passed without debate.

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