SGA Meeting Minutes

For January 15, 2013

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Vice President at 5:30PM

**Invocation:** Given by Vice President Riggs.

**Roll Call:**

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

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Officer Reports:**

President – Welcome back for the new semester. Informed senate the Secretary Rupert has resigned. Motioned to accept her resignation. Passed without debate. Executive team will be assuming secretary duties.

Vice President – Working on officer transitions for next year’s senators and executives. Community service hours up for debate for Campus Players Tier 1 status. No current definition of community service in SGA Funding Policy. Will rehearsals count towards an organization’s community service hours. Senator Bruton asked if there was a definition and there is none at this time. Senator Buster suggests that SGA cannot penalize an organization. Pi Gamma Mu volunteered as door monitors to meet community service requirements. She suggests passing the community service hours and then forming a definition. Senator Bruton also suggests that we come up with a set definition. Senator Givney asked if there was any attempt to get other community service hours that were not rehearsal. VP Riggs said there were about 8 hours of rehearsal time and the rest was performance time. Senator Bruton motions to pass the community service hours. Motion was passed without any further debate. Senator Bruton motions to create a definition of community service. Senator Givney does not think that rehearsal or practice should not count towards hours. Senator Buster explains that Eagerheart is the show in which Campus Players was working toward. She also explains that it is a free show to the community and it is used to raise food for the food pantry. She explains that a show is not free to put on and the time for rehearsal is necessary for the final performance. Senator Sitton asked if it was allowed to previously for practices to count toward hours. President Prokopis said that these type of hours had previously been denied. Senator Buster says that the definition of community service should depend on the organization. Treasurer Lyons talks about Phi Delta Theta’s turkey feed and how they do not use their prep time for community service hours. Senator Givney says that organizations are a time commitment and the practices and rehearsals are just a part of that and not a community service. Senator Buster says that prep time like for the turkey feed should have counted. She suggests that maybe SGA should raise the required hours. Conduct Advisor McIver suggests that maybe there be a limit put on rehearsal and prep instead of just counting all or none. President Prokopis agrees that there should be a limit on prep hours. Senator Bruton suggests that we should increase the required hours if SGA is going to accept prep or rehearsal hours. President Prokopis motions to form a committee to develop a definition for community service. Bruton, Givney, McGuire, and Buster expressed interest in this committee. Senator Sitton suggests that we set a date to have the definition. VP Riggs says that it will be done by Feb 1st which is the 20th day of classes. The motion passes without any further debate. VP Riggs suggests that the senate fail the motion to come up with a definition at this time. The motion to come up with a definition fails. Organizations should have an estimated account balance within the next few weeks.

Treasurer – Working on the Spring semester budget.

Secretary -

Student Conduct Advisor – Will be staying updated on previous concerns (cafeteria and wireless). Interviews for new Sodexo General Manager will be this Friday. Looking for new student concerns to work on and will discuss them later in the meeting. Informed the senate that she will be taking the minutes for the remainder of the senate meetings this semester.

STUFU President – STUFU is working on Backpack to Briefcase which is a bigger event for the semester. Monday the 28th: Speaker to talk about Career Athletics, 30th: How to make a resume and a resume contest, Feb 1st: Etiquette dinner at the Country Club and 8 alumni will be speaking about how to behave at a formal dinner. STUFU will be promoting basketball games. Starting to plan Stau Bau which is April 8th-12th. They are working with diversity council for black history month. Explained more to senate about the resume speaker. Senator Bruton encourages everyone to go to the resume speaker because it will help for the PREP 499 requirements.

**Intro:**

01.01.13 Tonebuilders- They would like to take students to the MTNA national conference in California on March 27th-31st. They requested $50 for registration fees and $200 for hotel accommodations.

Senator Bruton motions to pass it as read and asked how they are getting to the conference. Senator Buster said they will be paying for their own flights and says that Dr. Shook will also be going.

01.02.13 Tonebuilders- Would like to request $300 for 20 t-shirts.

Senator Bruton motions to pass it as read. VP Riggs explains that there has been no product approval form submitted. Senator Buster says that the senate can pass this to final so that they can get their form submitted. President Prokopis encourages the senate to fail this document so that in the future, organizations will not submit these without an approval form. The motion fails as read.

**Final:**

**Open Period/Announcements:**

* Due this Friday, January 18th: New organization application and Professional Development Grant. Senator Bruton is starting a Swim Club and encourages people to join. President Prokopis encourages people to submit a Professional Development Grant.
* Ideas for Spring Fun Event: hypnotist, something with lots of things to do, hypnotist/9 Lives, capture the flag, night event/games, mattress surfing down the 77 steps, foam party
* Student Concerns Ideas: plastic to-go boxes (survey the students, go to caf to ask students), smoking areas, academic advising, internships, lighting (stairs), missing TV channels
* MLK Day Celebration on Monday January 21st:
  + Rock Dedication Ceremony, Cole Mound @ 12:00pm
  + Memorial Walk and Candlelight Vigil, Corner of Warren St. and College St. @ 6:40pm
  + Martin Luther King Evening Ceremony, Messenger Hall @7:00pm
* Senator McGuire asks if the Southwestern College Philanthropy Board needs SGA’s approval to be in the yearbook. President Prokopis will notify the Yearbook staff that they will be allowed to have a picture in the yearbook.
* SGA yearbook picture was taken.

**Adjournment:**

On a motion by President Prokopis to adjourn the meeting at 6:28 PM, the senate voted and the motion passed.