SGA Meeting Minutes

For November 27, 2012

**Call to Order:**

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

**Invocation:**

Given by Vice President Riggs

**Roll Call:**

There were (5) executives and (9) Senators present

**Approval of Minutes:**

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

**Officer Reports:**

President – Informed senate that SGA has been working on SC Christmas. Additionally informed senate of recent attendance during the Academic Affairs committee meeting, where credit overload hours were discussed and suggestions were proposed to increase the limit from 16 to 18credit hours per semester in order to align with comparable standards of other schools. Advised the senate of current plans to speak with SC’s Business Department to discuss concerns pertaining to the program. Senator Buster raised concerns regarding the freshman prep course. Senator Sitton agreed with Senator Buster’s concerns, and added that the freshman prep course requires more homework than standard classes, and it feels like nothing more than a burden for students. President Prokopis informed students that President Merriman addressed one of the financial and overload limit concerns by waiving fees for freshman who exceeded the standard 16 hour overload limit. Senator Bruton additionally agreed that the freshman prep course is a burden for some, but added that others are alternatively suggesting that their class is a “joke.” Senator Bruton recommended a more uniform syllabus and consistency among varying instructors. Senator McGuire noted a final concern regarding the environmental sustainability of current textbooks required for the freshman prep course.

Vice President Riggs – Reminded senate that the SGA event takes place tomorrow, and he has been working diligently to finalize plans with the Alley. Recently attended SC Committee meeting, where matter concerning prep 499 were discussed. Senator Morton raised a concern regarding costly tests that are required for prep 499. Although Senator Morton’s test pertains to Physical Performance and Sports Studies, she expressed that costly tests should not be required for any major in order to graduate. Vice President Riggs reminded the senate that money must be brought to the SGA fun event if students wish to purchase additional items at the alley. To alleviate concerns, he additionally ensured that the concerns regarding Prep 499 will be addressed at the next committee meeting. Senator Bruton suggested that the prep 499 class should be better explained and tailored to students who had not started the course during their freshman year. President Prokopis reassured that all concerns will be discussed.

Treasurer Lyons- Reported that he has been working on sending checks out for SC Christmas, and he has also recently ordered SGA t-shirts. Recently attended the Admission and Retention committee meeting, and informed the senate that SC has dropped the process of admission essays. This decision was partially based on discovering that SC was the only college in the surrounding area to require an admission essay. Since the essay requirement has been eliminated, freshman enrollment has subsequently increased. Also informed the senate of committee contemplation of eliminating distracting electronic devices within in the classroom to provide instructors with more control.

Secretary Rupert – No report at this time

Student Conduct Advisor McIver – follow up on concerns-

Recently emailed Ben Lim to inquire about a blackboard mobile app. Ben expressed a concern of not wanting students to be required to pay for the app. Student Conduct Advisor McIver feedback from students who are interested in potentially adding the app. for next semester. Additionally advised that she will also be following up on wireless concerns to determine why broadband has not been increased as promised.

STUFU –President Erin Morton

* Reminded Senate that SC Christmas is 3 days away. It begins with the tree lighting ceremony on Friday at 6pm in Deet’s Library. STUFU has been working with SGA on the ceremony. Reminded senate that Saturday is the tacky sweater contest, and students must be wearing the sweater during the entire game in order to qualify. Also added that Monday is Bingo night, and reminded senate that bingo prizes will be awesome this year as a result of ordering some of the prizes online. Reminded senate that a schedule of SC Christmas can be found on various walls and doors around campus, and it will take place as follows:
  + Friday, Nov. 30th – SC Christmas Tree lighting at 6 pm in Deet’s Library
  + Saturday, Dec 1st – Women & Men’s Tacky sweater contest – there will be a different contest taking place during half time of both games. Begins at 5 pm in Stewart Fieldhouse. International Club Christmas Party will kick off at 8 pm in Wroten Hall.
  + Monday, Dec. 3rd - Window decorating in Roy L. Smith Cafeteria. SC Christmas Bingo will begin at 8 pm in the Roy L. Smith Cafeteria
  + Tuesday, Dec. 4th – Golden Ticket, Let’s Make a Deal Game show. Begins at 12pm in the Roy L. Smith Cafeteria
  + Wednesday, Dec. 5th – Chapel: Eagerheart begins at 11 in Messenger Recital Hall. Christmas Grams can be purchased at 11 am in the Java Jinx. SC movie night will begin at 9pm

Reminded senate that each candy gram will cost 50 cents, and all the money raised will be donated to toys for tots. Movies will be announced on Friday for movie night. The first 25 to decorate a tree will receive a free miniature Christmas tree. Additionally encouraged students to attend the Jinxy Ball on Saturday night. Senator McGuire asked if candy grams can be sent everywhere. Senator Morton clarified that candy grams can be sent anywhere, even around the world.

**Intro:**

**Final Action:**

02.11.12 – Sigma Tau Delta. Senator McGuire moved to pass the motion as unread. The motion was seconded, and President Prokopis reminded the senate that STD is looking to host a holiday party to celebrate the end of the semester, and to personally invite those who are eligible to be a part of Sigma Tau Delta next semester. All students are welcome, but they will ensure that those who would be eligible to join STD at semester are informed about the event for recruitment purposes. The event will include an informal gathering with food, conversation, and board games, and will take place in the English Department office on December 2nd at 6:00pm. Food will be provided by Sodexo. STD is requesting an allocation of $150.00 in order to cover the expense of food for 15 people at $10 per plate. With no further debate, the motion to allocate $150 for Sigma Tau Delta’s holiday party passed.

**Business from the Floor:**

**Voting**

* Final Vote for Grant Proposal - Senator Morton moved to pass as written. Motion was seconded and passed without further debate.

**Committees:**

**Open Period/Announcements:**

* + Wall of Hate - Monday, Nov.26, 10:40am – Noon in Mossman & Noon – 1pm in the Java Jinx. Tuesday, Nov. 27, Noon – 1pm in the Java Jinx & 7:30 – 8:30 in Deet’s Library. Wednesday, Nov. 28, Noon – 1pm in the Java Jinx. Thursday, Nov. 29, the Wall of Hate closing ceremony will take place at 12:30pm in the Java Jinx.
  + Saturday, Dec 8th – Jinxy Ball – all are encouraged to attend, even if one does not own formal wear. Sweats will be allowed if necessary.
  + Dec 7th – Fundraising forms are due by 5pm.
* Senator Tucker informed senate that the second year Leadership team will be raising money for hurricane Sandy. They will be collecting money at the Basketball game
* Senator Buster informed senate that performing arts will play at 3pm on Sunday
* Senator McGuire added that performing arts will also be playing at 7:30pm tonight.
* Senator Buster reminded that Eagerheart is scheduled to take place at 11am in the Basement of Christy, and the showing is only about 45 min. long

**Adjournment**

Senator Morton moved to adjourn at 6:02. Motion passed without debate.

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