Student Government Association Minutes from April 10, 2013

April 10, 2013

Present: President Bergenn, Vice President Braun, Treasurer Alaimo, Senators Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Truex, Zohlman

Meeting called to order at 3:09 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from April 10, 2013 (Marcelli, Gomez)

Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report: Dr. Tordenti

Some of the student senators may be late or absent today because I asked a group of students to speak to some McGuire Associates visiting the school.

The project to rehab Willard and Diloletto and connect the two will be underway. The bottom floor will serve as the new Wellness Center Dr. Diamond was talking about last week. so within the next 2 ½-4 years we will have the new food service building, Willard and Diloletto and the new residence hall.

This is the last full meeting and I just wanted to let this senate know you are a terrific group who I’ve enjoyed working with. You all have the student body’s and school’s best interests in mind.

Public Hearing:

None

Treasurer’s Report:

This weekend is deliberation weekend and it is the best time to get involved with base budgets. We need a lot of help so if anyone is free Friday or Saturday please come, we’ll be providing lunch. Both deliberations start at 10a and will go until late.
Vice President’s Report

1. You should have all gotten an email for the end of the year SGA banquet, there’s going to be a lot of things kept secret but you’ll find out more in the coming week.
2. It will be May 1 in Alumni Hall from 6:30-8:30p.
3. I am passing around superlative nomination sheets, next week you will vote on the nominees. They are due by April 19th and can be given to me or submitted in the office drop box.

Narcisse: is the banquet just for this senate or the new one as well

Braun: it’s mainly for this senate but if a new member wanted to really come we wouldn’t turn them away.

President’s Report

I don’t have anything much to report, this has been a great year

Committee Reports

Student Life:

Sonet: we will meet after senate to go over base budgets so please come and remember everyone stay hydrated!

Kitchener: if we don’t finish today I’ll send out a doodle to everyone who is interested in helping

Public Affairs:

Radden: the Blue Devil Social is Thursday so please come and we are also helping Athletics with an event they’ll need 6 people to help with face painting and things like that so if you’re interested let me know. And voting numbers have already broke eboard election totals with 450.

Baldassario: we won’t be meeting next week

Academic Affairs:

Marcelli: we also won’t be meeting next week, our last meeting is Thursday. And just an update our commencement resolution passed through the first faculty committee and is moving on to faculty senate
Bergenn: we want have softball game tonight at 9p so if anyone is interested please come play, we seem to be getting worse. Also, the mud volleyball tournament is Sunday, captains email your teams

**Internal Affairs:**

Braun: we had our stipend meeting and I’ve emailed the report. We judged based off the By-Laws, there was no additional criteria this year. There was a recommendation that for next year the head of the Internal Affairs write a letter of recommendation for people who may not be getting their stipend so I have passed that along to Vice President-Elect Anderson. Four senators were voted to not be given a stipend for the club liaison program, 2 senators and 1 executive was given an extension.

Radden: did any senators do everything?

Braun: yes and they will be rewarded at the banquet! Reminder that the last internal affairs’ meeting is Friday at 3p to go over elections

   We were given the changes for the By-Law change in regards to the President and pocket vetoing, the concerns were heard and it was reworded

Motion to accept Internal Affairs recommendation IA13-009 (Braun)

Vote: 28Y (Braun, Alaimo, Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Radden, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Szabo, Testa, Truex, Zohlman) 0N 1A (Lopez)

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Open Floor:**

**Move to accept the Psychology Line Item Change moving $1133 from conferences to the entertainment line item (Berriault, Baldassario)**

For: Berriault: they sent us an email about this. And they were conservative in spending at their annual conference so they’d like to use the extra money to take a cooking class exploring the psychological effects of food. Whether or not you agree or disagree with this we need to make a decision

Against: Marcelli: I agree this should be looked at but it doesn’t make sense for the psychology club to take a cooking class. It doesn’t follow their mission statement and while we should look at this we shouldn’t pass it
POI Mills to Alaimo: do you know when this will take place because if it’s after May 1 it can’t happen

Alaimo: I do not know

For: Kitchener: we can pass it and the worst that will happen is they can’t go

Vote: 8Y (Germaine, Kitchener, Lee, Mgushi, Pancak, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Testa) 16N (Braun, Alaimo, Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Fox, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Manento, Marcelli, Mills, Radden, Truex, Zohlman) 6A (Baldassario, Fallanca, Gomez, Lopez, Lopez, Narcisse, Szabo)

**Motion Fails**

Move to deny the psychology club Line Item request (Truex, Marcelli)

For: Truex: this is the majority of the senate and I don’t want the request to stay in limbo

Vote: 21Y (Braun, Alaimo, Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Manento, Marcelli, Pancak, Radden, Szabo, Truex, Zohlman) 5N (Lee, Mgushi, Mills, Sonet, Testa) 3A (Lopez, Narcisse, Sejdiraj)

**Motion passes**

Hazan: we sent an email out to clubs about the limited SALD hours for the time being because of all the events our staff needs to be present of so I just wanted to make sure senate was aware as well. The day of the concert especially we will be acting as if we were closed and will only be meeting with clubs by appointment only

Berriault: we were supposed to have a rally on Tuesday at the Capitol but it will now be Monday. Buses leave here at 11a. if you’re interested let me or Eric know or sign up

Radden: when will the buses be back

Berriault: a little after 2p/ also for transparency I want to let everyone know I am going to the Health and Safety Committee to talk about possibly making the areas around the dorm buildings smoke free with the possibility of having smoking gazebos up and down the hill

Baldassario: elections will end Thursday at 11:59p and there will be a full day Friday to report any campaign violations in writing. I will try to get the results up in the office on Saturday but they will be up Monday at the latest

Choplick: Club Sports Board elections will take place 6:30p on Monday in Kaiser. IRC Elections were held yesterday and Sarah Cool won and Sen. Michelle Zohlman was elected for CAN so if you plan on being Senate next year these are the people we need to know and work with

Bergenn: the Lavender Graduation, celebrating the seniors in the LGBT Community at Central will be May 2 at 7p in Founders Hall. If you are interested in attending please register online from now until April 23.
Mills: I know we shouldn’t promote our clubs but COLADA beat UConn’s Latin Dance Team this weekend and that’s always a big deal

Bergenn: the memorial flag tournament was this weekend and there was only one team of non-athletes put together by IRC President Ian Mangione and I would just like to say they won a game…against DI Athletes and two people from the Senate may have been on it (Bergenn & Braun)

Berriault: College Democrats and Republicans and the Public Policy Committee will be holding a debate that a few of us will be in on April 23rd from 7:30-9p in Vance 204 on gun control and health care

Kitchener: remember Student Life meeting once we adjourn and give hugs to all the seniors whose last meeting this was

Radden: As senior class president thank you for funding the class trip, as a senator thank you all for being here for me during my time on senate. Thank you for making my senior year great

Baldassario: I’m going to do something I don’t usually do, and plug my club. For the first time in four years the Ultimate Frisbee Club will be hosting a playoff tournament on campus. We will be playing UConn Saturday night. We will be playing the whole weekend but Saturday night is the most important because we will be remembering a member of our team who passed away earlier this year. It will be 6:30p on the Soccer field

Hazan: SALD is starting a YouTube channel for the training videos some of our workers have made but we also want club contributions so if clubs, especially the sports team submit videos of events we will put it up if we feel it is appropriate.

Motion to adjourn (Braun, Baldassario)

Meeting is adjourned at 3:51p.

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.