Student Government Association Minutes from April 3, 2013

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

Meeting called to order at 3:10 p.m. by President Bergenn.

Motion to approve minutes from March 20, 2013 (Marcelli, Manento)

Passes Unanimously

SG13-142

Student Affairs Report: none

Public Hearing:

Chanel Little: Ebony Chorale Ensemble

We had requested a contingency for our concert on 4/18 but it was denied. Since then we have been given money by alumni to help with the concert but we’re still short so we’re here requesting the SGA Co-Sponsor the event. We have over 40 alumni coming and not being able to fund the event will ruin the reputation we helped build. We want to keep our legacy going so we’re asking $400 for food and $300 for musicians

Treasurer’s Report:

We received over 100 base budget request and are hearing about 93 presentations over 5 days. We’ve been requested about $800,000 with only $400,000 to give. Reminder to the clubs presentation times are limited so show up on time because you can’t reschedule.

Vice President’s Report

1. Sent an email out Monday, but a reminder that club meeting/event reflections are due 4/12. If you are liaison to a club sport, practices are acceptable
Narcisse: are rehearsals okay?

Braun: yes

**President’s Report**

1. We received a few last minute requests from clubs, the e-board passed the line item changes because it wasn’t allocating additional money. I’ve included the information in the packets
2. Just another reminder, Public Hearing time is for people in the gallery who do not have the right to speak during the meeting
3. Friday at 2p in Bellin we will be having a meeting of the ConnSCUs so if you are interested please attend
4. Just so you know: according to Twitter someone has a crush on more than half of you!

**Committee Reports**

**Student Life:**

**Kitchener:** Coffee Talk will be April 9 from 2-4p in between Diloretto and Willard. We will be promoting elections so stop by. Scholarships are due Friday and deliberations begin Wednesday so please come help especially if you feel strongly about giving scholarships

**Public Affairs:**

**Radden:** We’ve had two people drop out of the NCSL conference that leaves tomorrow and no alternatives can attend so if any senators are interested please let me know. They leave 9a tomorrow for Boston! The Blue Devil Social is 4/18 from 12-4p in Alumni Hall. Current senators who are re-running you do not have to come to an info session

Here are the numbers for the Senate elections:

- 17 Commuters running for 16 spots
- 16 Residents running for 8 spots
- 11 At-Large running for 6 spots

Remember lobby tables are available for campaigning

**Baldassario:** here are the numbers for the e-board elections

**President:**
- Choplick: 283
- Sonet: 133
**Vice President:**
- Anderson: 370
**Treasurer:**
- Mills: 217
- Fernandez: 132
When campaigning please be respectful and follow the By-Laws. Any campaign violations can be reported in writing to me or Legairre

Radden: it’s okay to have baked goods at your table as long as you’re not selling them

Bergenn: I’m passing out a sign up sheet for the Alcohol Awareness Fair, it’s something that we co-sponsor so please help if you can

Baldassario: the Blue Devil Social is the same day; invites are going out this week so if you’re not at one you should be at the other

Truex: should we dress nice or wear our Blue Devil polo’s

Baldassario: whatever you want to do

Bergenn: I’m going to resend the list for mud volleyball so if you want to do it sign up, or if you signed up and can’t scratch your name off

Internal Affairs:

Braun: Friday at 3p there is an internal affairs meeting to discuss a proposal about the endowment and finish the reorganization of the first section of our By-Laws

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**Open Floor:**

**Motion to excuse Sen. Rodriguez from the 4/20 meeting (Rodriguez, Baldassario)**

For: Rodriguez: I was required to go to a meeting due to some academic issues. Last week was the first part of that meeting and this week was the second, they only offered the workshop at 3:30p on Wednesdays

Vote: 23 Y 2 N 3 A

**Motion Passes**

**Motion to approve the Ebony Chorale Ensemble Co-Sponsorship request with $400 going to food, $300 going to musicians and $50 for director fees from account SG9195 (Berriault, Manento)**

For: Berriault: the members want to make this a success and have gotten $500 in donations by alumni and are paying dues, the concert is in a few weeks and I think this is something we should do
POI Truex to Alaimo: was the request submitted before 3/1

Alaimo: no

POI Kitchener: what does it mean that they have a balance of negative $50

Bergenn: I’m interpreting that as when their director fees went up $50

Against: Alaimo: this is past the deadline and past the co-sponsorship submission date. This was voted no previously and I think to be consistent we should vote no again. I’m not going to argue either way but we should be consistent

For: Baldassario: they went out and found other resources but is still short, they’ve been proactive and I think this is a beneficial thing for the school

POI Kitchener: do you remember the reason they were denied

Bergenn: I don’t

POI Choplick to Alaimo: is the 3/1 deadline for finance committee or all of Senate and why 3/1

Alaimo: at the beginning of the year I proposed a calendar to finance which was agreed upon. This is to help us stay on task and it was this date because of base budget season and the fact that there are technically no more finance meetings from now until the end of the year

Against: Truex: we have to stay consistent and stay on deadline. I don’t like giving late funds especially to clubs in the red it’s unfair to the other clubs who got their things in on time

Move to amend the motion to strike out “$400 for food and $50 for director fees” (Hubbard, Kitchener)

For: Hubbard: this is a great organization and given the circumstances I think $300 for musicians is the only necessary thing they need to put on the show. If they think food will make it better their members can pay more than $10

Against: Baldassario: if we’re going to give any money at all we should just give the full amount

For: Hubbard: it’s not about the money it’s about the principle. It’s gracious they get any money after deadline so they should only be given what is necessary

Against: Berriault: if you want to give what’s necessary, the $50 is necessary for the director because he is already working with them

Vote: 9Y (Braun, Alaimo, Germaine, Hubbard, Kitchener, Lopez, Marcelli, Radden, Rodriguez) 21N (Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Gomez, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Ott, Pancak, Sonet, Testa, Zohlman) 2A (Sejdiraj, Truex)

Motion Fails
Original Motion

For: Berriault: Public Affairs extended the election deadline, we always hear from Alaimo and Truex to be consistent, but if we’re going to extend deadlines for other things we should extend it for this too.

Against: Alaimo: I don’t want to be consistent with being inconsistent. I’ve only extended the deadline for newly recognized clubs. If you vote yes to this make sure to vote yes if other clubs come to us because it will only be fair. I ont find this appropriate. We’ve given Ebony Chorale Ensemble time to come to us and I understand that they got more money but this is past deadline.

For: Mills: this deadline is to keep finance on track, they are not at finance they came to senate. So don’t deny this based on that deadline.

POI Choplick: were the line items submitted after deadline

Bergenn: yes

Against: Truex: we still need to stay consistent and fair

Call to previous question (Fernandez, Baldassario)

Vote: 21Y 12N

Debate is ended

Original Motion

Vote: 21Y (Anderson, Baldassario, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Gomez, Khan, Kirk, Lopez, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Pancak, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Testa, Towler, Zohlman) 12N (Alaimo, Braun, Germaine, Hubbard, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Ott, Radden, Rodriguez, Truex) 0A

Motion Passes

Motion to allocate an amount not to exceed $700 for school buses, $50 for bottled drinking water and $75 for snacks for a total of $815 for the purpose of providing transportation and snacks for the CCSU students for the April 16, 2013 rally at the state capital from SG9195 (Berriault, Fernandez).

For: Berriault: bear with me this was drafted a few minutes before the meeting. We want to bring 150 students to the rally which is pushing for more state funding and can result in an additional $140 million in funding which would mean no tuition increase. We want to bring as much support to the rally as possible. The New Britain Transportation company quoted us $230.15 per bus and we want three we also want to bring snacks and water. Whether you want to go or not keep in mind there are students on the campus who want to go.

Yield time for questions
Truex: any quotes
Berriault: yes but not with me, I can get them for you
Ott: what’s the reason for the snacks?
Berriault: we will be at the rally during lunch and it’s the least we can do
Marcelli: who are well allocating this to?
Berriault: ourselves
Alaimo: approximately how many students went to the last rally
Alaimo: 60-75 with just two-day’s notice but we want to hang posters and get the word out
Sonet: if it’s 2 ½ weeks away why are we funding it now
Berriault: it’s going to take time to get the money and make the reservations and go shopping

**Move to amend the motion and strike out “$50 for bottled drinking water and $75 for snacks” (Baldassario, Ott)**

For: Baldassario: the buses are great but water and snacks are unnecessary

POI Truex: when is the deadline for purchasing through SA/LD

Bergenn: April 5th

Vote: 22Y (Braun, Alaimo, Anderson, Baldassario, Choplick, Fallanca, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Ott, Pancak, Radden, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Zohlman) 7N (Fernandez, Khan, Lopez, Mgushi, Mills, Narcisse, Towler) 3A (Berriault, Rodriguez, Truex)

**Amendment Passes**

**Original Motion**

Vote: 25Y (Anderson, Berriault, Choplick, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Ott, Pancak, Radden, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Testa, Towler, Zohlman) 3N (Alaimo, Braun, Truex) 4A (Baldassario, Lopez, Narcisse, Rodriguez)

**Motion Passes**

Lee: in the back of the packet there is a letter from Professor Snyder, the chairperson of the CCSU-AAUP Communication Committee regarding a conference they want to bring to campus
about paying for our education K-through the end of college. We also have a professor here to speak on it

Prof. Greenfield: we are concerned with protecting public education issues, especially higher education. This conference is about funding not just higher ed but K-16. This is a multi-year and long fight the conference will have many activists and panelists come speak including your SGA President. This affects both students and teachers. The AAUP is giving $1000 and we have $500 form another group on campus and we’re requesting $500 for refreshments for the conference from the SGA

Berriault: is this free to students

Greenfield: yes

Alaimo: can you talk about the AAUP and who funds it

Greenfield: it’s the teacher’s union and is funded by dues we pay

Move to allocate $500 to the CCSU-AAUP Communication Committee in support of the Public Education Conference from account SG9195 (Lee, Marcelli)

For: Lee: all can go to this and it’s something good to support on campus

Against: Alaimo: this isn’t appropriate. It’s funding something for the teacher’s union. Their best interests are the teachers and in a sense that makes this a political group and we shouldn’t be using student activity fees for this

For: Berriault: it’s only $500 for food, not the teachers union it’s good to support and it’s good for the campus

Vote: 19Y(Berriault, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez Khan, Kirk, Kitchener, Lee, Lopez, Manento, Marcelli, Mgushi, Mills, Pancak, Radden, Rodriguez, Towler, Zohlman) 6N (Braun, Alaimo, Choplick, Fallanca, Hubbard, Ott) 6A (Anderson, Fung, Narcisse, Sejdiraj, Sonet, Truex)

Motion Passes

Motion to adjourn (Berriault, Pancak)

Division: 16Y 12N 0A
Meeting is adjourned at 4:18pm

Radden: just so you know we extended the deadline because the timing was weird over spring break and we thought it would be most beneficial for those who want to run and the senate

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.