Student Government Association Minutes from December 4, 2013

December 4, 2013 Attendance:

Present: President Choplick, Vice President Anderson, Treasurer Mills, Senators Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa

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

Motion to accept the minutes from November 20, 2013 (Rodriguez, Christiano) Passes Unanimously

Public Hearing:

Michelle Zohlman: Orientation Leader applications and information is now available in SALD or on the Link. If you have any questions you can ask me or Colleen Powers

Student Affairs Report:

Dr. Tordenti: Blackboard Learning will be moved from the ConnSCU offices to a cloud-based service and that will take about 2-3 days. This will provide a more stable and robust LMS to the CCSU community beginning in the spring semester. This will also allow for 24/7 services. Second, the project to expand wireless series in the res halls will be starting soon and completed by August 2014. Beecher Hall will begin things in the Winter session and the others will be updated in the spring and summer

Kazar: Friday from 3-5p is the SUBOG holiday social

Move to enter executive session (Lee, Kahn)

Vote: 26Y 3N 2A (Rodriguez, Gomez)

Move to exit executive session (Pietrycha, Sonet)

Vote: 32Y 0N 0A
Senior Class President Matt Hubbard:

I am requesting money for the class trip and other class events for the spring semester. I am hoping to have one event per month including, two development days, a bus trip to Boston, Mohegan Sun trip and the dinner cruise

Prof. Dev. Days in February and March things like resume builders and interview tactics, geared to the senior class but open to the entire campus. Asking $500 for refreshments, $250 each event

Boston Bus Trip: two buses for $1500 each, each bus holds 50 people and we will charge $5 and make $500 back

Mohegan Sun: tradition, May 10th, 4 buses which will bring 200 people total. Each bus is $1050 for a total of $4200 and we will charge $10.

Dinner Cruise: also traditional, May 13th. Again, 200 people we need a $5000 deposit with the remainder bill being $13,228.

Total asking: $25,928

Guests can some but they will be charged more, $30 for Boston, $20 for Mohegan and $85 for the cruise and they will only be able to purchase tickets after a certain date

This year we are doing a package deal with Mohegan and the Dinner cruise for $25 and we will make back between $5500 and $8500

Kitchener: and the bus trip Is definitely going to be Boston

Hubbard: that was my intent but I can base it on interest

Kitchener: when would you need to know all that info

Hubbard: ASAP no later than the winter retreat

Kitchener: that’s the only thing I’m iffy about because it’s not set

Hubbard: my intent was Boston

Choplick: do they sell out

Hubbard: they have in the past but Boston is new

Sonet: what is the senior credit standing

Hubbard: 86 but anyone can come as a guest
Fernandez: do you have to wait for guest tickets
Hubbard: yes there will be a date they go on sale
Christiano: do most take the package deal
Hubbard: a fair amount
Rongey: is it smart to have the package deal cheaper than the dinner cruise?
Hubbard: we can talk prices
Measho: are you asking SGA for the money today
Hubbard: that was my intent
Mills: the package price won't change your asking price?
Hubbard: no it just changes the amount of money we get back
Frey: will these be handicap accessible
Hubbard: yes
Rodriguez: which account
Hubbard: 9010

**Treasurer’s Report:**

1. Goes over semester revenue spending

Measho: we still need to pay for the spring concert and what else
Mills: the senior class trip
Measho: is the spring concert something the SGA votes on
Mills: it’s an executive decision
Sonet: what is your intent of fundraising loans
Mills: I plan to see the roll over from each account because I don’t think this account is necessary to just have $28,000 we can’t touch when the clubs pay us back what we loan them

**Vice President’s Report**
1. Everyone should have their stipends by the end of the week, if you appealed the decision it will take a little longer
2. There have been five senators who have done everything perfectly, Sen. DiBacco, Berriault, Fallanca, Hudobenko and Swan
3. I’m going to be changing some things on the stipend contract so avoid some of the confusion from this semester
4. Retreat is Jan. 17-19 in Newport, RI. I will be sending a Doodle to figure out the best time to leave
5. Thank you all for doing a great job this semester

Cassidy: if you corrected the stipends would we get them with the first or second group
Anderson: first

President’s Report

1. I didn’t send the resolution we passed last week because I spoke with Otis and all he required was an email which I sent and people have already been to the office to measure the door
2. You guys did an awesome job this semester, we are a lot farther than I thought we would be and I commend all of you
3. All the committees did a great job

Committee Reports

Sonet: Student Life: we will meet Friday from 4-7p to finish up scholarship packets and get them stuffed, Competition for a Cause ended last week and we donated 1120 items to the Spanish Speaking Center and helped keep them open and supplied for longer than the holiday season and we are still counting donations. Vermin Supreme is coming in April so get ready!

Kitchener: is it necessary to get a scholarship recommendation today
Sonet: no but we can’t figure out how many scholarships we are giving out and at what amount unless we know the amount we have

Ott: Public Affairs: NCLC winners have been announced if they come into the office their money is due to SALD and the sheets they have to sign is where the office hours sheet was

Mills: Finance: if you have any issues with the way the committee is run or the way we make recommendations approach me privately/ thank you to Conner for running audits/ we have a lot recommended and won’t have a meeting until after the retreat so they need to get done
Ott: why did you allocate ACDA money for regular meetings

Mills: they’re similar to Construction Management where they don’t have regular meetings they have events

Measho: what are the amounts for the CASA and Longboarding club?

Mills: CASA: $350 and Longboarding: $77.07

Lee: Academic Affairs: some of the things our senators have been working on: Kitchener: sequenced classes, Christiano and Frey the Student Disability Services center, Khan: syllabi available at the time of registration, Moreno: extended library hours and Rodriguez has done a great job and thank you to Vice President Anderson for planning the majors fair. And President Choplick for always helping the committee. Finally, if you have any input good or bad on the FYE classes let me know

Kitchener: Alex Lee has also done a ton of great stuff

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Motion to approve Standing Rule for the 2013-2014 academic year that requires the chair of our Senate meetings to allow for debate on any additions and subtractions of line items proposed as an amendment to any committee recommendations, so long as the proposed amendment does not conflict with the SGA Constitution, SGA By laws, SGA Standing Rules. (Berriault, Germaine)

Choplick passes the chair

For: Berriault: this allows us to get recommendations and make choices, I love finance committee but I can’t say that I agree with our decisions 100%. What we agree on aren’t necessarily what all 32 agree on. This will allow us to make amendments, we won’t be changing the intent of the motion on a whole but parts of it. we should be able to hear everyone out.

Motion to postpone until the next meeting (Kitchener, Ott)

For: Kitchener: I have class at 4:30 that I can’t skip and this is important and since it only effects the senate and I want all the votes to count

POI Measho: when is the next meeting

Anderson: the first Wednesday of the semester if there is a finance meeting if not it would be on the retreat
Vote: 22Y 7N 0A

**Motion Postponed**

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-054 (Mills, Hubbard)**

For: Mills: CASA wants to move money for two events because their original plans could not happen so they want to spend money on the Chinese New Year event and the End of the Year event

Vote: 24Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet) 0N 0A

**Motion Passes** SG14-086

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-055 (Mills, Rodriguez)**

For: Mills: Volleyball had two requests one from volleyballs to jerseys because they were donated balls from the NEC team and then the jerseys they wanted were cheap because they were being discontinued so they want to move the money to warmups

POI Fox to Mills: are they keeping the warmups

Mills: they aren't custom so the club will keep them

Vote: 24Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet) 0N 0A

**Motion Passes** SG14-087

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-056 (Rodriguez, Gomez)**

For: Rodriguez: they need the money by Dec. 11 to register and they are just moving one account to another

Vote: 22Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey) 0N 0A

**Motion Passes** SG14-088

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-057, 059 & 060 (Hubbard, Mills)**
For: Hubbard: these are all straight forward line items longboard wants more parts, ASCE and ACDA just need to move some money around

**Move to divide the question into three parts (Berriault, Measho)**

Vote: 3Y 16N 2A

**Motion fails**

Original Motion

POI Measho: are ACDA/ASCE two separate organizations

Choplick: yes this is approving all three line items

Anderson: the motion for ACDA does not specify line items ...wait do they need a line item if they’re moving money within the line item

Choplick: yes because they were to specific things

POI Ott: who seconded the ASCE line item

Choplick: Fernandez

Against: Berriault: want to divide because I have concerns with FC14-59 and 60

Point of order: Mills: not germane

Not well taken

Berriault: I don’t like approving multiple motions at once because we are rushing

Point of Order: Lee: clearly talking about dividing the motion

Not well taken

Berriault: I don’t agree with this I have a legit question about one of these and I have concerns and I want to make sure this is done in a correct manner if someone feels uncomfortable with moving quickly vote no

POI Pietrycha: if they are together can you still ask questions

Choplick: yes

POI Measho: vote yes and it’s yes to all three

Choplick: yes
Move to divide the questions be removing item G (Berriault, Measho)

Vote: 6Y 11N 5A (Gregonis, Fox, DiBacco, Moody, Christiano)

Motion Fails

Original Motion:

Vote: 21Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, Cassidy, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey) 0N 2A (Berriault, Christiano)

Motion Passes

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-058 (Cassidy, Ott)

For: Cassidy: Winter Guard has a new base budget and they are different than sports clubs because the costumes need to change from year to year the money for registration is time sensitive and we cut their costume money so that they are paying for more than 50% and can then keep them

POI Mills: what was the rule for funding sports uniforms and letting them keep them

Choplick: if they pay more than 50% they can keep them

POI Measho to Mills: what do you recommend with the uniforms

Mills: they are paying for more than 50% so they can keep them

POI Cahill: what does winter guard to

Choplick: similar to color guard

POI Measho to Christiano: what do they do

Christiano: they compete after band season is over and it’s a synchronized routine it’s a great thing for CCSU

POI Measho: does winter guard travel with the football team

Choplick: no

POI Hudobenko: are you aware they are independent

Choplick: yes
Vote: 21 (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cassidy, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Testa) 2N (Cahill, Germaine) 1A (Christiano)

Motion Passes

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-061 (Hudobenko, Cassidy)

For: Hudobenko: tennis club is being started up again by two freshmen they are asking for tennis balls, $1500 for a coach which is what he was paid previously and registration fees

Against: Berriault: people are going off assumptions but I contacted the USTA and there are no league fees and we’re still giving them money. I don’t know of other schools who have to supplement costs of the other schools so why should we? Giving $600 is a waste

For: Hubbard: I commend the efforts of contacting the USTA but they said they needed $600 for tournaments and those registration fees. I’m not saying they have to register for the USTA but the $600 is for potential fees, they’ve spoken with Liz Urcinas and she has gone over their budget. LAX and rugby charge tournament fees and they want to have money in case other schools do too.

POI Berriault to Mills: what tournaments will they be going to

Mills: they were unsure however they were informed that they would have to pay to play

Against: Berriault: that’s what we have contingency for why are we writing them a blank check? No one knows where they are playing because they haven’t worked it out yet when they do I will vote yes. Why are they different from other clubs? They should go the route of every other club

For: Mills: contingency is not an option because we would tell them this is a budget supplementation, this is a good starting point they are two untrained freshmen so yes they should be given leeway.

POI Measho: if they don’t attend the tournaments can they line item the money?

Choplick: yes

Call to previous question (Rodriguez, Cahill)

Vote: 13Y 6N 1A (Rodriguez)

Passes

Debate is ended
Vote: 17Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fernandez, Frey, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Pietrycha, Rodriguez) 6N (Berriault, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Ott, Testa) 0A

Motion Passes FC14-091

Anderson: I motion $26,000 to the senior class trip...

Point of order: Germaine: we're not on open floor

Not well taken

Motion to allocate $26,000 to the bus trip, professional development days, dinner cruise and Mohegan Sun trip for the senior class (Anderson, Gomez)

For: Anderson: $26,000 is easier to work with and it's in line with the quotes, I didn't break it down specifically because it's easier to take into account changes plus that leaves the bus trip open for location changes

POI Measho to Anderson: who would head professional development

Anderson: I don't know but this is just money for refreshments

Vote: 21Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fernandez, Fox, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Hudobenko, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Testa) 0N 1A (Hubbard)

Motion Passes FC14-092

Move to allocate an amount not to exceed $20,000 to student life committee for scholarships for the 2013-14 academic year from SG9010 (Fox, Berriault)

For: Fox: we tried to get them done early and this money will combine with the endowment

POI Lee: how much is from the endowment

Fox: no more than $8000

Motion to strike $20,000 and insert $25,000 (Measho, Germaine)

Christiano: point of order: you already started the vote

Not well taken

Object to the consideration of the motion (Lee)

Vote: 13Y 5N 1A (Berriault)
Passes: won’t hear the amendment

_Move to amend to strike out $20,000 and insert $22,000 (Measho)_

Choplick: I won’t hear that motion because it’s the same thing as the last failed motion

Vote: 18Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Lee, Measho, Moody, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Testa) 2N (Fernandez, Ott) 1A (Fox)

**Open Floor**

Hazan: I won’t be accepting money or being paid for the panel I do not get paid by SGA and the endowment number is $6600, so you’re adding that to the $20,000?

Choplick: no we motioned not to exceed $20,000 so we subtract the endowment from $20,000 and use the rest from the account

Berriault: I am meeting with other students to discuss things like the tuition hike so if you would like to be a part of that let me know// we all need to be better listeners and we need to respect people more things have been getting too personal and we need to act civilly we’re in college not middle school

Christiano: we need to keep our personal business off the senate floor

Cassidy: if you want to know the amount of each scholarship we’re giving out ask me or someone else on the committee

Kazar: good job this year if you need anything next semester feel free to speak with me

Mills: I trust the judgment of my committee and have faith in what you decide so thank you

Ott: before we wrongly rejected the consideration of a motion, everyone has the right to speak

Fox: it was ridiculous not to hear the amendment we should have heard it out and I feel the call to question was said prematurely

Fernandez: I believe it was objected to because of the way it was seconded. There was silence before Sen. Germaine seconded it and I believe it was the intent not to be seconded. With the original motion that was my compromise because I don’t think we should use Student activity fees

Germaine: I did that so he could have a chance to speak
Motion to adjourn (Pietycha, Cassidy)
Division
14Y 8N 0A
Meeting is adjourned at 5:30p
Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.