Student Government Association Minutes from November 6, 2013

November 6, 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, Perry, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa

Meeting called to order at 3:08 p.m. by President Choplick

Motion to accept the minutes from November 30, 2013 (Christiano, Cassidy)

Passes Unanimously SG14-065

Public Hearing: None

Student Affairs Report: Dr. Tordenti, Dr. Bachoo & Dr. McLaughlin

Tordenti: we are here to take your questions about Monday’s events and to let you know that we will continue to have grief counselors available.

Berriault: a lot of people didn’t know what to do when the sirens went off and were having trouble getting phone updates because of poor cell service in the buildings. What other notification methods have you looked into?

Bachoo: we’ve had this system in place for quite a while and have actually recently added sirens. Their purpose is to get your attention because at that point you’ll know something is going on and that’s what they did. We were planning on having a drill soon but this happened first. We are working on the cell service now.

Kitchener: I thought the response was great but our door wouldn’t lock because the professor needed a different key for it so that was the only thing I thought could have been better

Bachoo: we are going through the process of changing the doors but it is a lengthy process
McLaughlin: it’s important to know that without knowing what the sirens really meant you guys knew what to do and word of mouth is still very powerful

Bachoo: I am proud to say CCSU has a plan and it worked out first rule is to get to the scene and take control and that’s what happened.

Hubbard: if the sirens are faulty again what back up is there?

Bachoo: the sirens still would have worked and been in place but the new ones didn’t reach the coverage we wanted and we even heard from students that they couldn’t hear them in memorial, right across from where they are controlled so we’re having a company come in and look at them

McLaughlin: it’s good to point out that these are outdoor broadcast speakers they are for people walking around outside and could not penetrate the buildings

Measho: when did you finally ID the suspect and were attempts made to contact him

Bachoo: I can’t speak to that. That would be a PD question and I’m not sure they’d answer that until they complete their investigation

Ott: the faculty was unaware of how to handle the situation maybe there can be different sounds for different emergencies or training

Bachoo: we want to have drills once a semester and we will work with the faculty to get them trained

Sonet: what do you recommend we do as student leaders?

Tordenti: I think IRC and SGA need to be trained as well

Bachoo: we want the student leaders to remind students that spreading rumors on social mead can only instill more fear and it doesn’t help. We want students to be calm and collected and we want the student leaders to help with that. The human factor is bigger than anything technological we can deal with

Perry: I’ve heard of people being stuck in the parking garages

Bachoo: when

Perry: during the incident

Bachoo: it is our goal to bring the institute to a controlled environment. We had people at highway exits and entrances to make sure no one left or came on the campus and that will affect the garages
Testa: maybe there is some way to do a training for new students like alcohol edu

Bachoo: I spoke at the faculty educational and we would like to do that with students

Pietrycha: I had a friend who was diabetic and she couldn't get to her insulin and was getting progressively sicker and the faculty didn't know how to handle it

Bachoo: that is very important to know and is something we will address

Hubbard: I was an RA in Sam May and some of the people up the hill were concerned that all the law enforcement was at the bottom and they were left exposed

Bachoo: the towns all back each other up so they knew something was going on and there were troopers by the road

Christiano: what other things have been put in place other than the doors and sirens

Bachoo: we're working on getting information to the cell phones quicker, dispatching and getting better coverage, blinds in more areas, and teaching people to remain calm and not undermine security

Tordenti: it's also important for us to have accurate student cell numbers

Measho: is there anything we can do for the international students

McLaughlin: we will work with CIE to provide materials

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. We spent over budget for contingencies last month so please try and keep on track
2. There have been no changes in the reserves

**Vice President’s Report**

1. We have a chair and cochair meeting next Wednesday after senate
2. Committees have shelves on the Book Shelf in the UA office

Measho: is it possible to get the figures in the minutes

Mills: yes

**President’s Report**

1. I know we want to talk about scholarships but I suggest going with unfinished business first
2. It is official we will do the retreat with CAN. We collaborate with them a lot and I think it’s good to help bring us together and so we understand them and they understand us it’s also easier on SALD
3. If anyone has any questions or problems with what we are doing please come directly to me
4. I was at a conference this past weekend and spoke on a panel with other SGAs and I want to say how thankful I am for the senate and student government that we have
5. Erin Stewart won as mayor so I will be reaching out to her camp soon

Cassidy: what’s the date for the retreat
Choplick: Jan. 17, 18 and 19
Ott: can public affairs get together with CAN
Choplick: yes
Ott: can I also be included when you speak with Erin Stewart
Choplick: yes
Measho: when does the debate start for scholarships?
Choplick: last year was at the winter retreat but I wouldn’t wait that long
Perry: I hope we will be able to collaborate with CAN more like debates during Devils Den
Choplick: that’s something we’ve looked into
Testa: can we try and get a group vote for the time we leave for the retreat
Choplick: yes we’ll send a doodle
Sonet: do we have a location
Choplick: not yet

Committee Reports

Ott: Public Affairs: COSGA/NCLC applications are available and we need help promoting them and we need more help on the committee choosing for NCLC

Sonet: Student Life: meeting Friday 4-7p we'll start in the office/ we will be helping with the Devils Den again this week and student life members will be sending out emails to volunteers for competition for a cause so please answer them and the doodle/ I am asking
we debate on the merit which we decide to allocate funds for scholarships not the amount just yet

Kitchener: can we debate before 4:20p or wait until next week

Sonet: that’s up to senate

Mills: Finance: thank you to all who attended the last minute meeting. We talked about chemistry but have no decision yet and we will talk about PRIDE on Monday/ LAX presented for a jamboree this weekend with six teams. It got cancelled last year because of the weather and wasn’t asked for again in the base budget/ history club has a line item for $1000 moving money from their Newport trip to the Salem trip with the Society of Paranormal Research

Berriault: do we need recommendation numbers

Mills: no

Anderson: Internal Affairs: we will meet after today’s meeting to talk about a constitutional change and By-Law insert

Measho: can you elaborate

Anderson: an email was sent out about it but the By-Law is about abandoning your duties as senator and your removal from senate and the Constitutional change is how we elect senators

Gregonis: Student Life: a sheet is going around to go speak to classes about competition for a cause so please sign up

**Unfinished Business:**

*Motion to allocate $1000 to discretionary funding for the Public Affairs committee from SG9195 (Testa, Germaine)*

For: Ott: our discretionary funding got cut and we went to the eboard with smaller things this year that we want to do and they said take it out of discretionary funding but we don’t have that and we need one

Against: Mills: they’ve already gotten a lot of money, $41,000, which is half of the account. I understand some of this is necessary but I ran on the basis of giving clubs more money not committees and they can line item for things

POI Kitchener: did the eboard give them money that they didn't ask for?
Choplick: yes $1500 for COSGA and $1200 for NCLC

POI Sonet: how much of homecoming was part of the budget

Choplick: $9000 for the pep rally and $3500 for the shirts

POI Measho to Ott: where did the $3000 go that wasn’t spent at Pep Rally

Ott: any money that wasn’t spent in that line item is back in the account

Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: Hubbard: can you rearrange the verbage of the original motion so it’s not so itemized

Choplick: we can motion to amend what’s been previously adopted

POI Testa to Ott: can you clarify which account

Ott: the senate’s account we don’t have an account

POI Le to Mills: can Public Affairs submit a line item for $3000 to be used for the fund

Mills: I’d accept it

POI Measho to Mills: what account does this come from and how much is in that account

Mills: they had $41,000 but this comes from For Use By Senate which had about $96,000 at the beginning of the year. Money that is allocated to committees is reserved and set aside for their use

For: Testa: yes we had $41,000 but $20,000 of that is for the conferences, the rest, pep rally and home coming those are all campus wide events I understand you want us to line item but our promo items are coming in next week and there’s more we want to do like pamphlets and we really need this money

Against: Berriault: $33,000 is used for our stipends if we approve this there won’t be a good amount in that account and we need office supplies. $1000 may not seem like a lot but they can use money they already have. It’s the job of the committee to promote and represent the SGA and they have been doing things without the SGA permission, like the logo and it is our job as senate to oversee the actions of the committees. They should come to us for permission

Christiano: point of order: not speaking to the motion

Well taken

Choplick: keep to the topic of allocating money
Berriault: the best way to provide oversight is with holding funds until they come to us with a plan

For: Germaine: we have money in the reserves is you’re worried about the amount left in the account

P01 Mills: which account would this be coming from

Choplick: for use by senate

Against: Lee: they have extra money that they can use for discretionary funds there is no need to allocate any more

PO1 Alsaqri to Mills: how much money is in this account

Mills: anything that goes on is portioned to the committees

For: Ott: the money is allocated for other events

Against: Hubbard: this wording is iffy and I don’t think it’s fair to supply a large budget like this a line item can be made

For: Sonet: I’ve never heard anyone talk about the idea of a line item change. We all had plenty of time to bring this up from last week. this discretionary funding is similar to what student life did last year yes $40,000 is a lot but it’s not their fault because they have to fund things they don’t necessarily want to so lets give them the freedom to do what they want to do as a committee. Also stipends do not come from for use by senate.

Point of order: Berriault: not germane to the motion

Not well taken

Sonet: let them have the money to do what they are supposed to do

*Call to previous question (Measho, Mills)*

11Y 8N 2A (Cahill, Gomez)

*Debate continues*

Against: Hubbard: I understand we have the money but if this passes another committee can come and we better pass what they request because that is not a good excuse. I think if they were out of money and came with this request that would have better merit but that’s not the case
For: Measho: they’re asking for $1000 to go about their business to approve awareness on campus.

Vote: 15Y (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Christiano, Dibacco, Fallanca, Frey, Hudobenko, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Sonet, Testa) 4N (Anderson, Hubbard, Kane, Lee) 3A (Fox, Gomez, Cahill)

Motion Passes SG14-066

New Business:

Motion to allocate $1280 to Men’s Lacrosse with $550 going to referees, $550 going to medical staff and $180 going to lacrosse balls from account SG9016 (Hudobenko, Berriault)

For: Hudobenko: they are having this event Saturday and it’s a tournament with 6 other teams they need money for refs, medical staff and lax balls

Against: Sonet: opposed because this isn’t necessarily a contingency it’s happened before though they didn’t ask for it but we cut $200 for food with the idea hey can use the money they have from fundraising but they need that for the season so we shouldn’t make them pay that

Berriault: Move to amend and insert $200 for food

Choplick: I won’t hear the motion because it changes the intent of the motion

Appealing the rule of the chair (Berriault, Fox)

Choplick: vote no to overrule and vote yes to sustain and I can speak for or against

I made the decision based on the fact that it was the intent not to fund this because they can fundraise it

Berriault: this will keep the intent of the motion; $200 does not change the intent because we are still giving them money for the jamboree

Mills: I agree with Brian at finance the vote was 6-3 with the majority understanding the $200 would have been cut out

Vote: 16Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Frey, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Pietrycha, Sonet) 5N (Berriault, Fox, Gomez, Ott, Rodriguez) 1A (Testa)

Ruling Upheld

POI Hubbard to Mills: is this suggesting this was planned without funding
Mill: makes it seem that way

For: Measho: this is $1280 it's a good representation for campus and I trust finance

Against: Lee: this is an annual jamboree no way was this unanticipated

For: Mills: they didn’t ask for this in the base budget last year

Against: Hubbard: doesn’t suggest that it wasn’t thought of they are calling this an annual event

POI Mills to Sonet: how often has this occurred?

Sonet: once

For: Lee: this should not be used to cover expenses

Point of order: Anderson: not speaking in favor

Well taken

Against: Christiano: it’s annual not unforeseen

For: Sonet: Competition for a Cause is annual but I don’t know if I can get it together again for next year because it’s so new and that’s what this is like

POI Mills: did this happen last year

Choplick: it was planned and cancelled

Against: Hubbard: we can’t reward a club for not going about the things the right way this is inappropriate and they had time to come ask us for the money a lot of time went into planning this event for them to just come now

For: Berriault: last year the jamboree was snowed out so they didn’t ask for it again and the new eboard didn’t realize it wasn’t in the budget

Against: Ott: we are making a lot of assumptions look down and go off of what’s written

POI Measho to Mills: do you have minutes

Mills: I never said there was minutes because this just happened before senate

Anderson: POI: What’s the date of the event

Choplick: Scott Hazan just informed me Liz Urcinas from RECentral informed him this already happened last weekend and they won
Call to previous question (Measho, Pietrycha)

Vote: 12Y 5N 3A (Alsaqri, Ott, Sonet)

Debate is ended

Vote: 0Y 22N (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cristiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Gomez, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Sonet, Testa) 0A

Motion does not pass

Motion to approve the History Club line item change moving $1000 for a bus from their Newport trip to their Salem trip (Berriault, Rodriguez)

For: Berriault: this is for the bus to go to Salem we approved one half of this already so this is the other half

POI Anderson to Mills: what is the $1000 for

Mills: SPR got the trip to Salem last week this is for the travel they had money for Newport so they are moving it over

POI Sonet: has this event happened yet

Choplick: no

Vote: 22Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cristiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Frey, Gomez, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Lee, Measho, Moody, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Sonet, Testa) 0N 0A

Motion Passes

Open Floor:

Choplick: LAX Club should be reached out to to explain themselves the sooner the better and if an eboard decision needs to be made we will let you know

Measho: what happens if we voted yes?

Choplick: we put money into the account that could no longer be used

Berriault: because of the noise next door I won’t mind waiting on my internal affairs motions until next week

Hazan: just so you know the jamboree did happen last weekend
Christiano: don’t we have the chair and co-chair meeting

Anderson: yes

Sonet: scholarships take time and it's important to start a debate whether in an email, the office or here

Anderson: no meeting this week next week will be chairs and co-chairs

Mills: in light of what happened with LAX please don’t start rumors or speak against them until we understand what happened

Motion to adjourn (Measho, Rodriguez)

Meeting is adjourned at 5:20p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.