Student Government Association Minutes from October 23, 2013

October 23, 2013 Attendance:

Present: President Choplick, Vice President Anderson, Treasurer Mills, Senators Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, 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 3:07 p.m. by President Choplick

Motion to accept the minutes from October 16, 2013 (Pietrycha, Ott)

Passes Unanimously

Public Hearing: None

Student Affairs Report

We have received the $87 million for the new Residents Hall from the bank so everything is getting underway and we are all very excited

Measho: $87 million just for the residence hall?

Dr. Tordenti: Yes

Measho: where is it going to be?

Dr. Tordenti: next to the student center garage

Scott Kazar: Scott Hazan is back, and I have a meeting with him on Oct. 25 at 10a in regards to Weekend Central, we’re really looking for some feedback and suggestions so there are sheets going around if you’d like to sign up. / the Cambridge Debate is starting up it is something that was started by an older Director of Student Affairs and is four CCSU students against 4 Cambridge Students that we bring over from England. The debates are humorous as well as intellectual, applications for debaters are available in the SALD Office and there will be training sessions
Treasurer’s Report

1. In Contingency we have about $41,971.76 and we have approved five contingencies so far this year and we are still vastly under budget
2. In the reserves we talked about last week waiting for club rollover funds to be given back to them so that’s happened, but we also gained about $28,000 because money left over in club SG accounts came back to us and the equation that I do with the amount of students at the school is usually an underestimate so we got the rest of that money so we have more money than we had last week which includes money being taken out for the musical.

Vice President’s Report

1. The next club liaison email will be due by Mon. at 1p there is an event Monday so make sure those get sent out and double check your subjects as well as copy me on the email
2. New senators, I handed out your liaison assignments last week, join the clubs on collegiatelink and contact the president and treasurer
3. The new mailboxes should be set by the end of the week I just need to get batteries for the label maker
4. The weekend retreat is Jan. 10-12 so plan accordingly, move in day for residents is that Sunday

Measho: what’s going to happen then?

Anderson: we’ll figure it out but no one changed their preference after I made the announcement last week so that’s why it’s important to respond to things

President’s Report

1. New senator training is Saturday from 12-3p in the office, any of the old senators are welcome to attend, new senators must be there
2. While doing roll call and voting please listen we have a lot of similar names and be as quiet as possible when others respond
3. We’ve requested side door access for the chairs and co-chairs as well as access to the office for the new senators
4. The Cambridge debate is really cool, I moderated last year so definitely look into it
5. Next week I won’t be around, I’ll be at a conference starting on Thursday

Sonet: what is the debate dates

Choplick: tryouts begin Nov. 8 and the debate is April 1

Sonet: so if say Vermin Supreme were coming and wanted to moderate...
Choplick: he’ll be going up against me but that’s really a Sue question

Rodriguez: Nov. 8 is the tryout?

Choplick: yes as well as Nov 12 & 15

Committee Reports

Sonet: Student Life: thank you for all of the help with the coffee talks they went great and I will get the feedback to the other committee chairs//Competition for a Cause has begun and we still need volunteers so sign up if you can// we’ll be talking about scholarship criteria on Friday so if you have an opinion about that please come// Dr. Ritzenhoff and the comm department are sending letters and cards to a CT Regime in Kuwait so if you’d like to send something I’ll give you the paper and you can just give it back to me

Ott: Public Affairs: Sunday is an Open House and a part of that is a club drive that the SGA has been asked to be a part of. We need volunteers from 11-2p and we’ll be meeting in the office at 10:45a//we’ll have the application for COSGA soon which you can all apply for and we’re working on the one that’s open to all students

Lee: Academic Affairs: Monday Oct. 28 from 3-5p we’re having a forum, Barriers to Graduation, in Alumni so please sign up to come and help

Testa: I sent an email in regards to hoodies and track jackets for the SGA, if you’d like to purchase those please give money or a check to me, Ashley or Amber by next Wednesday. I’ll leave the pictures in the office

Kitchener: I’ll be chalking and writing on white boards about the forum at 7p tonight if anyone wants to help let me know

Mills: BJJ came back with a contingency, we gave them money for a third mat with the understanding that they wouldn’t come back asking for money but the price went up so we thought it was only fair to pay for the rest of it

Rugby has a line item, they want to move money from Beast of the East to New York Sevens and fundraise for the other tournament in the spring and they want to move money from trainers, which they didn’t need to tournament fees.

We went over Construction Management again and see this as a valid request but we cut out transportation feeling that they can still go without this money

Geology and Planetary Sciences has a line item and contingency the contingency is for $700 for train fees and the line item is for registration and accommodations to a conference in Lancaster, PA.
JACC, We made a motion but felt it wasn’t strong enough to bring so senate so we requested it stay off the agenda

We’re still waiting on golf, tourism, neuroscience and chemistry

Swan: is the motion supposed to read $1665 or $1650

Mills: $1650, it’s a typo

Anderson: Internal Affairs: there will be no meeting this week but if you have anything we do exist so just write something up and we can go over it

**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

**Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-26 (Berriault, Gomez)**

For: Berriault: BJJ came back because the price of their mat went up and we think it’s fair to give the difference

Vote: 31Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Testa) 2N (Kitchener, Swan) 1A (Perry)

Motion Passes  SG14-052

**Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-027 (Mills, Rodriguez)**

For: Mills: we talked about this in finance and we felt that it did not go against our by-laws this is a valid request but we are suggesting you cut transportation because they can find another way to get to New Jersey

Vote: 21Y (Anderson, Mills, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fung, Gomez, Gregonis, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Measho, Moody, Ott, Perry, Rodriguez, Swan, Testa) 9N (Christiano, Fox, Germaine, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kitchener, Lee, Moreno, Pietrycha) 3A (Alsaqri, Rongey, Sonet)

Motion Passes  SG14-053

**Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-028 (Mills, Pietrycha)**

For: Mills: the rugby line item is moving money from one tournament to another with the intent on fundraising for the second so we’re only paying for one and they didn’t have as many hope games as anticipated so they want to use that money else where
Vote: 32Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Ott, Perry, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 0N 2A (Christiano, Fox)

Motion Passes SG14-054

Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-029

For: Fallanca: GPS is having the club pay for registration out of pocket and they want to move money to travel and lodging and instead of refreshments they’ve been doing brown bag lectures

Vote: 35Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Ott, Perry, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa)

Motion Passes SG14-055

Berriault: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: should FC14-032 be FC14-031

Choplick: no the JACC motion would be FC14-031

Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-032 (Fallanca, Fernandez)

For: Fallanca: they were originally going to use this money for two speakers but they got one of the speakers for free and the other hasn’t been booked yet and they don’t plan to do it so they’d like to move the money to a Halloween community event with $500 going to supplies and $250 going to a Bounce house, it’s a good cause

Against: Berriault: I have a letter from the President of the club saying they requested $300 and that’s what they were quoted so we should just give them the $300 this is their money and I wasn’t at the meeting when this was passed but the committee must have misheard the number, the $300 was signed off by the club and we should honor that

For: Mills: if you go to page 6 of the agenda the club said they wrote this request then got an estimate of $250, I went back and asked to make sure and they confirmed that

Vote: 35Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Ott, Perry, Pietrycha, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa)

Motion Passes SG14-056
Motion to accept finance committee recommendation FC14-030

For: Fallonca: this is a good request and a true contingency, we just passed the line item for the trip so we should approve this

Against: Mills: you shouldn’t approve it on that reasoning because I misspoke in my report and this is for a different trip to the American Natural History Museum in NYC

POI Measho to Mills: Can you explain that again

Mills: the contingency is for a trip to NYC the line item was for a conference in PA

POI Kitchener to Mills: how many students are going and what are they paying individually?

Mills: 24 people and it looks like they are paying $30, the request said $740 but they found a cheaper way and are bringing one less person

Kitchener: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: is there a way to take a minute break

Choplick: during debate not you’d have to lay the question on the table

Move to lay the question on the table (Hubbard, Kitchener)

Vote: 24Y 8N 1A (Swan)

Motion Passes

Move to recess until 4:05p (Fernandez, Fox)

Vote: 12Y 18N 1A (Swan)

Motion Fails

Move to recess pending the call of the chair (Berriault, Christiano)

Vote: 6Y 19N 1A (Swan)

Motion Fails

Move to suspend the rules and move to open floor (Mills, Hubbard)

Vote: 27Y 3N 2A (Gomez, Swan)

Motion carries, moving to Open Floor

Open Floor
POI Sonet: do the rules of debate still apply in open floor?

Choplick: debate time is 10 minutes but if you’re not in debate there is no limit

**Motion to limit the speaking time during open floor to 10 minutes (Anderson, Pietrycha)**

Vote: 28Y 3N 3A

*Motion Passes*

POI Hubbard to Mills: can you clarify the request

Mills: they have a line item and a contingency request, the line item is for a conference in Lancaster the contingency is a trip to the natural history in NYC for $700

Measho to Mills: are we deciding on both?

Mills: we already passed the line item; this is just about the contingency

Kitchener to Mills: how did you get the $700?

Mills: they are bringing less people and are having them pay for admission

POI Hubbard to Mills: there seems to be a discrepancy

Mills: I'm going off of the slides in the presentation, but we can reach out to them and talk to them for next week

Sonet: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: can we just leave this on the table

Choplick: it will go to unfinished business next week and it won't automatically go to finance but they can talk about it

Kitchener: I didn't have enough information that's why I motioned, in the future let people be informed before they vote

Berriault: The voter registration drives was a success and we signed up 25 new voters, remember Election Day is Nov. 5 6a-8p and CT allows same day voter registration

There are going to be two new food places on campus soon, one being a Jazzman's-like station in the Social Sciences building and the other will be where the old financial aid office was

I don't appreciate the level of disrespect that we have been giving each other. While I can't speak for anyone else has to how they feel, I know I feel really bad when people gossip about me and I don't appreciate it.
Sonet: Competition for a Cause has been turning into Competition for the Causes, we are allowing other drives to collect things in our bins // please everyone fill out one of the sheets for the comm department it’s a little thing that can make the difference to men and women who are sacrificing for us/ just so new senators have an understanding of scholarships, the school has an endowment fund and we get the interest yielded from that to use toward scholarships we also have the option to supplement that with student activity fees as the chair it is not appropriate to state where I stand but it’s a matter of preference, there is always a debate and I’d like to have that soon. // I agree with Sen. Berriault but personal issues should not be discussed on the Senate floor leave that for in the office, not where we do business

Christiano: I know I said I was working on a resolution but the center is having a woman from Arizona State come in and help them so I am going to wait to talk to her, but it is still happening

Hudobenko: in regards to the criminal justice line item, they’re giving us candy and will bring kids through to trick or treat so if a lot of us are there that would be great and they encourage dressing up

Move to excuse myself from the Nov. 13 meeting (Lee, Pietrycha)

For: Lee: I am on the board of ed in my hometown and that day I have to be home to train the newly elected members

Voice Vote

Motion Passes SG14-057

Testa: when we hand out forms please pay attention

Cassidy: the theatre department is putting on Hedda Gabler so you should all check it out

Motion to adjourn (Measho, Christiano)

Meeting is adjourned at 4:17p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.