Student Government Association Minutes from October 30, 2013

October 30, 2013 Attendance:
Present: President Choplick, Vice President Anderson, Treasurer Mills, Senators Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Perry, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa

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

Motion to accept the minutes from October 23, 2013 (Testa, Sonet)
Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report: None

Treasurer’s Report
1. Contingency: we've spent $5885 in Oct. and If all of these contingencies go through we will be over budget so let’s be careful of the spending. We have about $33,000 for the rest of the year
2. Operational: we have $106k, we spent $204 on Office Supplies
3. Reserves: $326,611.18: there’s been no change

Berriault: when are we starting base budgets and will we end contingencies then

Mills: I want to start in Feb. but that still has to be discussed

Vice President’s Report
1. There was a liaison email due Monday and I’m still missing some. You should still send them out but there was time sensitive information that should be taken out
2. The liaison page on the website has been updated
3. The retreat is Jan 17-19, the weekend after school starts and that following Monday is a holiday so it works out nicely
4. Good job Academic Affairs with the forum on Monday it went over really well

**President's Report**

1. The eboard allocated Public Affairs $10k for the NCLC conference to be in line with the COSGA conference that money will send 9 people and an advisor
2. The eboard has allocated $41K to Public Affairs so any further requests will go through senate
3. I think we should try and get more information about the tuition hikes to the students

Measho: has the locale of the retreat been decided

Anderson: I don’t want to say until its final

**Committee Reports**

Testa: Public Affairs: NCLC packet is in the SALD office and due Nov. 15. It’s in Arizona and open to the student body. COSGA is also due Nov. 15// Clothing money is due by Friday at noon// the board downstairs isn’t finished yet we want to do superlatives for senate so please fill out the slips going around

Lee: Academic Affairs: the forum went well we had about 50 students there// our next meeting is Fri. at 4p in the 1849 room

Sonet: Student Life: next meeting is Friday 4-7p in the Carlton room we’re talking scholarships because that debate needs to happen soon// Competition for the Cause shirts are in and tomorrow we will be at SCHLOCK’s Devils Den and giving points to people who bring food items we’ll be doing the same at the Spanish Club’s Devils Den. Nov 7

Mills: Communication Club has a contingency request for a trip to NYC, Soc. Of Paranormal Research has a contingency for trips to Salem and the Mark Twain house, Pep Squad is requesting a line item, Geology and Planetary Science came back to explain their contingency, we’re recommending $2800 to the JACC for NYC & there is a PRIDE line item not on the agenda. They over spent in some line items and under spent in others and there was a mix up between them and SALD so this puts a paper trail to it

Kitchener: is anyone from SPR paying out of pocket

Mills: not that I know of they are providing tickets and history club is providing the transportation

Kitchener: do any of the contingencies have student contributions

Mills: yes
**Unfinished Business:** none

**New Business:**

**Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-033 (Mills, Kitchener)**

For: Mills: they want to bring 10 people to NYC to tour media outlets like NBC they're asking for the train and the studio tour

POI Moreno to Mills: the numbers add to 505

Mills: yes but what was said in finance was 504

POI Measho to Mills: what happens if 504 is funded and not 505

Mills: they put in the extra dollar

**Motion to amend to strike 504 and insert 505 (Anderson, Rodriguez)**

For: Anderson: this makes the numbers add up

Against: Fallanca: 238 and 266 add to 504 that's an unneeded dollar

**Anderson: I withdraw my motion**

**Motion to amend to strike 239 and insert 238 (Moreno, Hubbard)**

For: Moreno: this way it adds to 504

Against: Fallanca: 238 and 266 add to 503

Berriault: all the facts are in the packet things are rounded to make numbers even

Vote: 28Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Perry, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 1N (Germaine) 1A (Berriault)

**Amendment Passes**

Original Motion

Against: Kitchener: they're only paying to get to the station and things in the city there should be more contribution

Vote: 26Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody,
Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-034 (Hudobenko, Alsaqri)

For: Hudobenko: they were given money for the Bodies exhibit in NYC but it moved to Hartford and they want to line item money to get a bus for Hartford as well as the tickets

Move to amend to strike “with the recommendation that they find a cheaper bus” (Hubbard, Lee)

For: Hubbard: it’s a line item and unnecessary for this to be in there, this is something their liaison can just talk to them about

Berriault: this was a compromise by the finance committee because it was felt that they could find a cheaper bus. This isn’t telling them they have to do this it’s just nudging them in that direction

For: Sonet: this isn’t necessary and the motion isn’t contingent on it they’ll still have money for the bus regardless. Just ask the liaison to talk to them

Against: Perry: maybe for the future...

Point of Order: Berriault: not speaking for or against the motion

Choplick: not sure where she was going with that

Perry: I wasn’t

Well Taken

Vote: 10Y (Anderson, Alsaqri, DiBacco, Fernandez, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kitchener, Lee, Moody, Rongey, Sonet, Swan) 19N (Mills, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Fallanca, Fox, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Measho, Moreno, Perry, Rodriguez, Testa) 0A

Amendment Fails

Original Motion

Vote: 24Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fung, Frey, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Measho, Moody, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 6N (Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Lee, Moreno) 1A (Perry)
Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-035 (Rodriguez, Berriault)

For: Rodriguez: SPR is growing and this is a great idea to team up with history

Move to amend to strike $1100 and insert $1000 (Kitchener, Fox)

For: Kitchener: this is making the club make a contribution directly to the trip, if everyone contributed $10 they would have more than enough money

Mills: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: doesn't this change the intent of the motion

Choplick: not from what’s been stated

Hubbard: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: if we’re cutting the total shouldn’t we specify where it is being cut from

Choplick: yes

Kitchener: I withdraw my motion

Move to amend to strike $1100 and insert $1000 and strike $500 and insert $400 (Mills, Kitchener)

For: Mills: I agree with the student contributions and this ensures that

Against: Berriault: they're going with history and already saving money in that sense and they are paying out of pocket for other attractions we shouldn't be nitpicking like this and we've already cut $50

For: Hubbard: $50 was cut from the House of Seven Gables because every 10th person gets in for free, this $100 being cut would make each person pay $2

POI Germaine to Mills: quotes?

Mills: nothing specific just a breakdown

POI Measho to Mills: where is the $50 being cut

Mills: which $50

POI Swan: wasn't $50 cut because it was an over estimation

Mills: yes

Against: Berriault: these two clubs are working together and this shouldn't be cut
For: Mills: last week they had no money for this event this week they'll have $1000 it's a good compromise

Vote: 17Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fox, Germaine, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Moody, Rongey, Swan, Testa) 11N (Berriault, Bosworth, Fernandez, Frey, Fung, Gomez, Gregonis, Kane, Measho, Perry, Rodriguez) 0A

**Amendment Passes**

Original Motion Vote: Vote: 27Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Perry, Rodriguez, Rongey, Swan, Testa) 1N (Germaine) 1A (Hudobenko)

**Passes**

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-036 (Fallanca, Swan)

For: Fallanca: they've been coaching themselves and want to use that money for a DJ for a showcase on campus

Vote: 29Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Perry, Rodriguez, Rongey, Swan, Testa) 0N 0A

**Motion Passes**

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-037 (Mills, Rodriguez)

For: Mills: there was a bit of confusion last week but they came back and explained it and we are allocating it specifically to accommodations

Vote: 29Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, DiBacco, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Frey, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moody, Perry, Rodriguez, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 0N 1A (Kitchener)

**Motion Passes**

Motion to approve finance committee recommendation FC14-039 (Berriault, Rodriguez)

For: Berriault: JACC wants to bring 40 people to NYC to experience the Japanese Culture that is in the city. They provided an itinerary and wanted two nights but that was too much so we felt one night was better. We cut the price in half and they are still getting 10 rooms.
They were worried about carrying their luggage around the second day but they can leave it in the hotel and the third day they were only eating and leaving.

Against: Hubbard: I don’t see this as a valid contingency request. Yes we cut it in half but I’d be more comfortable if it was a day trip. Most clubs who go to a city look for hotels on the outside of that city but they didn’t do that and if we approve this we will be over budget and we need to be fiscally responsible.

POI Germaine to Mills: what got cut

Mills: one night from the trip so we cut the price in half and rounded to $2800.

For: Fernandez: the organization is trying to take over 20 people it’s a good request and they’ve done their due diligence. I understand the need to be conservative but this isn’t the place.

Vote: 21 Y (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Bosworth, Cahill, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Frey, Gomez, Gregonis, Kane, Kayan, Khan, Measho, Moody, Moreno, Perry, Rongey, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 5 N (Anderson, DiBacco, Germaine, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Lee) 1 A (Rodriguez)

Open Floor

Rodriguez: the college democrats are having a Halloween party in Vance 105 tomorrow, stop by.

Move to approve the PRIDE line item change (Mills, Alsaqri)

For: Mills: this is just paper work, they’ve already spent the money so this just leaves a paper trail.

POI Gregonis to Mills: what happens if they are on probation?

Mills: we inform them they are in trouble, they meet with us and if it’s done again accounts will be frozen.

POI Measho to Mills: what did they do wrong?

Mills: they spent outside their line item in regards to novelties because they were afraid they weren’t going to get them in time.

POI Rodriguez to Mills: do you recommend waiting until more of the senate is here?

Mills: no this needs to done.
POI Measho to Mills: what do you mean outside a line item

Mills: you're allocated money for an event in each line item they spent over that

POI Germaine to Mills: how did SALD let that happen

Mills: there was a miscommunication

Against: Lee: I can't believe we're talking about this, the club violated the rules and you want to just approve it? We usually put a club on probation for this and we scrutinize a line item but we forget that because they already spent the money?

For: Sonet: rules for probation aren't set in stone, probation isn't a difficult thing lets just pass this and worry about that

POR Germaine: how do you get put on probation

Choplick: it's a recommendation from finance

Against: Berriault: this isn't something we should approve the fact that they didn't know better isn't an excuse because club training was mandatory and if this passes what's to stop other clubs from doing the same thing this is a bad precedent and we have By-Laws for a reason

For: Mills: I never said they blatantly spent outside the line item they weren't out to go against the system this was a miscommunication that even Scott Hazan said was mostly SALD and he's the director and they're not going to get off scotch free because they did break the rules

POI Gregonis to Mills: is there an alternative way to do it

Mills: we can just state it for the minutes

Gregonis: but you suggest passing this

Mills: yes

POI Berriault: if the club isn't at fault why put them on probation

Mills: they still spent outside the line item

POI Measho to Mills: if this passes does that mean no probation

Mills: no that will happen Monday

Against: Berriault: regardless of fault this should be argued case by case
POI Measho to Mills: so it was already spent this will just be on record

Mills: yes

Sonet: Point of Parliamentary Inquiry: can we motion to recommend this to finance

Choplick: yes

**Motion to recommend to finance committee (Sonet, Hubbard)**

For: Sonet: this is something that should be dealt with in finance it’s not appropriate to do it in any other place

Against: Fox: it’s just jerking them around more we should just finish talking about this now, it already happened. The more you push it forward the later it’s getting.

For: Hubbard: there are fewer people in finance but finance can discuss and make a recommendation when everyone is here

Against: Rodriguez: if we approve it we just have it on record

Point of Order
Well taken

POI Berriault: when is the event

Choplick: this Friday

For: Sonet: this is book keeping they’ll be on probation any way there is nothing time sensitive about this

POI DiBacco: is the line item necessary to approve the money being spent

Choplick: it’s spent the money is already gone, time sensitive if money hasn’t been spent but this is just saying ok

*Call to previous question (Germaine,)*

Berriault: point of parliamentary inquiry: is there quorum

Choplick: yes

Vote: 15Y 3N 2A

*Debate is ended*

Referral Vote: 10Y 8N 1A
**Motion Passes**

Hazan: let me explain what happened PRIDE was working with me they were looking to get a novelty they had their budget and they had a weekend central grant. The novelty was giving us difficulty Nate told them that they could spend more money on these things because he didn’t think the novelty was going to come through. The money was going to be spent through Weekend Central that was not communicated to Scott who was working on getting the novelty but the novelty came through and then they were short money which caused for the line item. They were told they had the money

Measho: can this be discussed during the SGA meeting

Hazan: this is the SGA meeting, I will not speak during a motion but I can speak during open floor to clarify

Choplick: at no point when in debate will Scott be able to speak if people are in the gallery and want to ask a question then lay the motion on the table

Measho: so laying the motion on the table...

Point of Order:

Choplick: sen. Measho you were not called on

Well Taken

Berriault: Coll. Democrats will be having a Halloween Party 4-5p Vance 102/ Scholarship discussion so I’ll email my thoughts/ we have $7845 in the endowment fund

Mills: next week is Latin week it’ll be a lot of great events

Hubbard: I said something in finance committee that I wanted to bring up, in my opinion there is a fine line between fiscal responsibility and being liberal, I agree we do have a lot of money but that doesn’t mean we only have one avenue for those funds we should explore different avenues, we’re not a club bank. I like spending money but I think we need to be more responsible

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

For: Testa: we can use this money throughout the year and this way we don’t have to keep coming back to the eboard for little things other committees have this account and we do not
Against: Mills: eboard wanted the senate to vote on this but half the senate is missing and this is not the appropriate time to do this I suggest withdrawing the motion

**Motion to postpone until next weeks meeting (Hubbard, Rodriguez)**

For: Hubbard: I agree with Mills

Against: Fox: that argument isn't valid we have quorum, we're in a meeting. This is appropriate. Though it’s not time sensitive

For: Mills: specifically didn’t talk about this as an eboard so the entire senate would be able to talk about this

Against: Germaine: there are people here who can vote

*Call to previous question (Measho, Berriault)*

Vote: 12Y 6N 1A (DiBacco)

Debate is ended

Postponement Vote 9Y 9N 1A (DiBacco)

*Tied: Choplick votes Yes to postpone*

Sonet: money from endowment up to date as of June but wont change drastically

Motion to adjourn (Rodriguez, Mills)

Meeting is adjourned at 5:09p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.