Student Government Association Minutes from September 11, 2013

September 11, 2013 Attendance:

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

Meeting called to order at 3:06 p.m. by President Choplick

Motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2013 (Berriault, Ott)

Passes Unanimously

Guest Speaker: Ed Perzanowski: CTrides/CTfastrak

CTrides is a commuter program with a ride match reward system. Right now we have 1000 students signed up for the UPass and we want to continue outreach and get the word out. The Fastrak is about 50% done and should be ready for the spring 2015. CCSU students are expected to be big users and we are working with the University for a Shuttlebus to loop and go to our stops and we are looking for support in our outreach because the students here have a strong commuter base and we want to accommodate that.

Berriault: can we use the UPass once the fastrak is completed

Perzanowski: tentatively yes, we are working toward that

Fernandez: can you expand on the future rail service

Perzanowski: that is a separate project but is anticipated to be a high speed rail project in conjunction with Amtrak that will tie in to the Newington Junction and Flat Bush

Fernandez: do you know when that will be done

Perzanowski: 2016-17

Measho: does this go to Waterbury
Perzanowski: yes it’s a main line with multi-feeder lines

Measho: can we use the UPass for Waterbury

Perzanowski: I don’t think so, that is for express trips only at most you’ll have to pay an additional $1.50

**Student Affairs Report:**

Scott Hazan: thank you to all who took part in the club drive it was a great event with great turnout.

Every two years we conduct a student satisfactory survey. This year we will be doing it from Oct. 28 to Dec. 2 and I am asking for your help to get the word out for people to take the survey. It’s critical we get student feedback for instance our recreational facilities and intramurals were born out of this survey because students weren’t happy and now it’s one of the highest rated

Christiano: can we have posters to advertise

Hazan: yes we will be doing heavy marketing

**Public Hearing:**

Alex Rodriguez: I am doing a walk for my niece who has sickle cell anemia, a disease that affects her red blood cells and causes pain attacks and causes her to need transfusions. We are walking for her on Sept. 21 in New Haven at 9a. I am leaving a sheet in the office with more information

Sonet: where is it?

Rodriguez: East Rock Park in New Haven

Fernandez: is there information online

Rodriguez: yes and there will be the paper in the office. Any kind of donation helps

Debbie Mooney: hi, I am a freshmen who is considering to run for SGA so I hope to see all of you in the future

**Treasurer’s Report**

1. Good job student life and academic affairs on their committee budgets. I’ve extended the deadline for Public Affairs and I have to work on a finance budget because apparently I have to submit one too

2. We now have $82,000 in the for use by senate account due to some eboard decisions which President Choplick will go over
3. We are doing new base budgets differently this year so down the line we may have to move money from the reserves to that account

Vice President’s Report

1. On the UA Office window is attendance for committee and senate meetings so you can keep track
2. I have the shirts if you guys didn’t get one
3. Next Tuesday is the majors fair from 1-5p. it was started by Academic Affairs last year and I have been working on it and SGA will have a table. It’s in the Student Center Circle so please sign up if you can help out. Tuesday Sept. 17
4. Under new business I am motioning for food it’s for the fair

Fox: will internal affairs be after this meeting

Anderson: yes, I’ll talk about that in committee reports

President’s Report

1. Office Conduct: it was covered on the retreat but the use of profanity has been brought to my attention and that is never okay. Please act professionally
2. Food is the way to my heart and Sen. Cahill is closest right now, thank you for bringing in all of that food this morning
3. We have failed in getting the agenda out 24 hours in advance and in the future I will not put something on the agenda if it’s not turned in with enough time so please submit anything by Monday
4. E-board decisions:
   a. Student Life was given a budget of $7,250 which is less than last year but it was all line itemed out with money going to get Vermin Supreme, Competition For a Cause, some really cool t-shirts and contingency funding for anything that comes up
   b. Academic Affairs has been given a budget of $1000. It’s hard to line item out for them because they deal with problems as they arise but we gave them discretionary funds for their workshops
5. Elections: I am waiting on two official resignations so we will have two more commuter spots open
6. For the roll call votes, K’s pay particular attention because there are a lot of you and we don’t want double voting or any confusion
7. I am working on the faculty committee seats I have an email in to the secretary but things are kind of crazy because their President just stepped down this week
8. Clickers: if no one oppose I don’t want to use the clickers this year. They are good but they cause more confusion and for transparency lets not use them
Hubbard: if we hand vote is there any way to go on record with my vote if that’s what I want to do

Choplick: no but you can say something during open floor

Christiano: can you give an example of when the clickers would be used

Choplick: last year we used them in the place of hand votes but it was difficult to sort out so I think it’s best to do away with them

Germaine: can you say again who has the key to your heart

Choplick: Michelle Zohlman but to recap food is the key to my heart and Sen. Cahill is closest to it (laughs)

Christiano: do you have any food allergies

Choplick: not to my knowledge

*laughs*

Committee Reports

Sonet: Student Life: we had a great meeting. Our first Coffee Table will be in the student center lobby on Sept. 19 from 3-5p and our next meeting is cancelled so look for an email about that

Fernandez: do you know what day that is

Sonet: Thursday

Lee: Academic Affairs: we had a not so successful meeting with just three people so the first meeting will be Tues. Sept 17 at 6p remember it’s a stipend requirement

Ott: Public Affairs: Saturday is the first football game at 6p at night and we have the glow horns again. I want Senate to go to the event if anyone is available at 5p please sign up// We’re working on the Bulletin Board downstairs on one side it will be a Guess Who senator edition so please fill out the paper with all the information on the other side will be a tree with all our events and as the events happen their leaves will fall to the bottom.// In the back of your packet is the NEW SGA Logo that was voted on by the committee

Choplick: just so everyone is aware the horns were provided by the alumni association, SALD, CAN, and SGA

Mills: Finance: the first informational was a success the second will be tonight at 6:30p//the first contingency/co-sponsorship hearing date is Monday so please let your clubs know that paper work is due by Friday at 5p in the SALD office and presenting on contingency is required// for new base budgets usually we do a standing rule to cap them at $500 but that tends to cause more problems so we’re trying to treat them all as new base budgets// ACDA came to us last year and we told them to come back this year with a better budget and they did so we are motioning to
give them $940// finance quorum is 6 members so please keep coming// I said Monday will never vote to tie, just to break a tie and I had to do that so for contingency if the request does not match the club’s mission statement I can refuse to hear the request but my decision can be overturned by a majority vote

Hubbard: can you explain Yoga for Musicians

Mills: No but it’s in their packet that they presented and I felt it does match their mission statement

Anderson: Internal Affairs: our meeting was supposed to be at 6p in the office but that’s when the informational is so we can either have it in this room right after senate or wait until next week because we have no pressing business

*Straw poll*

Anderson: we will have the meeting right after

Sonet: I have a list of coffee talk dates that I will mail out

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

Motion to allocate the Academic Affairs committee $1,200 to be used for food for the Majors Fair from account SG9195 (Anderson, Kitchener)

For: Anderson: it’s not in their budget because it’s happening next week but I talked to Laurie from Sodexo and this is the number she gave me for 800 people for that time

POI Berriault to Anderson: what kind of food

Anderson: corndogs and soft pretzels

Vote: 25Y (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Swan, Testa) 0N 1A (Anderson)

Motion Passes

Move to allocate the American Chorale Director’s Association $940 whereas $240 goes to the CT Conference and $300 for the New England Conference, $150 goes toward refreshments for Yoga for Musicians and $250 goes to speakers from account SG9018 (Mills, Hubbard)

For: Mills: ACDA came back with a new budget and provided all of the information but we denied t-shirts, membership and one conference and took out the CT Conference discount. Please trust Finance
Vote: 24Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Pietrycha, Swan, Testa) 0N 2A (Kitchener, Ott)

Open Floor:

Berriault: I’ve started a lost and found box for the office so keep an eye on that // in regards to Sen. Hubbard if I want something on record I just request a roll call vote // community engagement students that work at an outreach office in New Britain after school is holding an info session on Sept. 12 in the Carlton Room at 3:30p // the college democrats and republicans are trying to host a debate between the new Britain mayor candidates in October and again the conference for the CT Students Organization is here on Sept. 28 and 29

Kitchener: the Blue Devil Social will be Monday Oct. 28 from 2-4p in Alumni so please try and come

Choplick: if doing a vote by hand and want it on record just bring it up in open floor // we’ve started something called Mission Bleed Blue which if you go to certain events on campus you can earn points and with every so many points you get free stuff so like us on Facebook and follow us on twitter and tell everyone

Fernandez: do you have a list of events and will you be doing regular club events as well

Choplick: we have 8 events right now for the semester, CAN Carnival, Family Day, Pep Rally, Garba and will do other club events that will be posted on social media

Fernandez: can you put it out in a newsletter

Choplick: yes

Berriault: is there any way to include account amounts in the agenda

Choplick: yes

Measho: how do you get points?

Choplick: just swipe in and we will keep the points updated // the young alumni council is doing the fill the trunk event before the game this week so if you can help please do and if you have any account questions just ask

Fernandez: my organization is doing an Applebee’s fundraiser in Plainville on Wednesday Sept. 25 from 11a-Close and we are doing dinner 6:30p-8p so please stop by // next week I will have the Yankee Candle purchasing forms on me if you’d like to buy any and on Mischief Night
we’re doing a community service project by getting candy and going to less fortunate New Britain neighborhoods and handing out candy so if you’d like to donate just let me know

Lee: on Friday Sept. 13 at 10a there will be Vice Chair elections for the Board of Regents and Student Advisory Committee in Alumni Hall so please vote for me. The Vice Chair gets a vote for the Board of Regents

Fernandez: are there any opposing candidates

Lee: the three other universities have candidates

Fernandez: who is the chair now?

Lee: Eugene Bell from one of the community colleges

Hubbard: professionalism in the office and at different events is important especially when wearing the SGA logo so keep that in mind// Kyle Hodson is doing a park clean up of Stanley Park it’s an independent initiative that he’s very passionate about it’s at 1p Friday and if you have any questions just ask him or me

Fernandez: any way to email this to the campus

Choplick: I am trying not to use that email because students get angry but we can do a newsletter

Kayan: what time Friday

Hubbard: 1p

Mills: Monday is the first contingency date so remember paper work is due Friday and the best one isn’t until October 21.

Scott Kazar: if you ever need anything my door is always open and I am I charge of Weekend Central so please promote and take advantage of it because it is free money for the clubs. Family Day is Sept. 21 and I need volunteers so please email me you’ll get lunch and maybe a t-shirt

Choplick: definitely or maybe lunch

Kazar: definitely and it will be good

Fernandez: can clubs table

Kazar: they can during the carnival from 11-3p all they have to do is email me. First 12 get $50 towards something they can do at the table and there are 8 spots left

Choplick: will there be an SGA Table with the dunk tank

Kazar: yes
Anderson: remember right after is the internal affair meeting

Moreno: I want to have an SGA Cookout at my hour and I just want to make sure everyone knows and wants to join!

Motion to adjourn (Sonet, Hudobenko)

Meeting is adjourned at 4:13p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.