Student Government Association Minutes from September 18, 2013

September 18, 2013 Attendance:

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

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

Motion to accept the minutes from September 11, 2013 (Germaine, Measho) 

Passes Unanimously SG14-017

Public Hearing:

Kim Towler: I am working with Community Central on a hat/scarf/glove drive for the homeless this winter on Oct. 8. If anyone is interested in helping please contact me, the set up will be on Oct. 7. You can also let Simms know or call Community Central directly and please let the clubs know

Alex Rodriguez: I just want to re-announce the Sickle Cell run on Sept. 21 at East Rock park in New Haven at 9a. I’ve left flyers in the office with all the information

Guest Speaker: Frederick Latour, Faculty Senate Secretary

The Faculty Senate has 9 committees that also have student seats on them. The committees cover a broad range of topics and once a student is appointed they do get voting rights. The nominees do not have to be an SGA member, so all who are interested can participate even as a senior because it is on a one year basis

Lee: on the list what do you mean part time or full time member

Latour: that is the student’s status

Fox: how do you join the committees?
Latour: it is up to the SGA to decide who is appointed. I will be contacted by your President and the get the student’s name on the list so they stay informed with the committee

Student Affairs Report:

None

Treasurer’s Report

1. For Use By Senate: we have $66,000. The e-board partially approved the Public Affairs committee budget, we’re still waiting on some final numbers before we approve the rest
2. New Base Budget: we have $3082 because of the ACDA new base budget and I’ve announced to clubs that they can ask for more than $500 at a time
3. Operational: we have $106,000 and used $438 on supplies so enjoy
4. We have an unofficial soccer team that happens to have a lot of SGA members on it and we won our last game!
5. There is a typo in the By-Law change we made this summer it should read “if” not “unless” so I wanted to make sure everyone know that that is getting changed

Vice President’s Report

1. I sent out the new club liaison email, that will be due by midnight next Wednesday.
   Academic Affairs please include what Sen. Lee sent you and make sure to copy me on them
2. The majors fair went well so thank you to everyone who helped

President’s Report

1. I apologize for the agenda mess this week
2. If anyone has any suggested for the Faculty Committee spots please let me know. I want to try and get non-senators involved but if you’re interested let me know
3. I’ve accepted the resignations of Patrick Dwyer and Tyler Kania
4. The e-board decided on a $15,110 public affairs budget for promo items, food, the Blue Devil Social, the Parking Spot Competition and homecoming shirts. If you have a question about any of these please ask Dean
5. During a meeting it is out of order to put your hand up while someone else is talking so please be aware
6. In the email chain that has been going around: a senator reserves the right not to go through a committee but there is a reason we have that system in place and just to make it clear I am not nor have I ever been involved with the Connecticut Student Organization I am on their email list so I can stay on top of what they are doing

Berriault: I apologize for insinuating that you were

Committee Reports
Lee: thank you to Vice President Anderson for all of her work on the majors fair. We had our “first” meeting and divided up work so we’ll be tackling things like extended library hours and having a class syllabus available to students as they register.

Our meeting is Sept. 27 in the Philbrick room at 7p remember it’s required.

Sonet: tomorrow is our first coffee talk in the student center from 3-5p and our next meeting is in the clock tower room on Friday from 4-7.

Ott: Family Day is 12-3p on Saturday in the student center and we have a dunk tank so please if you can help sign up. Thank you to everyone who helped at Saturday’s game and our Devils Den will be Sept 26 at 10p in semesters.

Hubbard: can you talk about the parking competition?

Ott: instead of the banner competition we’re working with CAN to do this instead and clubs who sign up will be assigned a parking spot and they’ll have to decorate that spot and car and the top three out of the 15 spots will get money towards their base budget.

Choplick: are you sure you didn’t mean family day is on Vance lawn?

Ott: sorry! Vance lawn!

Mills: thank you to everyone who is attending finance please keep coming. Remind clubs that they can hand their paperwork in to Brittany when she’s available and the SALD office when she’s not. We have three requests, one anthropology line item. They were going to see Jane Goodall speak but that got cancelled so they want to go to Chicago for a conference and we’re just waiting on more info about that and the hostel they want to stay in. Dance team is requesting $5000 for registration to nationals we allocated $3500 because the 15 girls were willing to each pay $100. Construction Management wanted an additional $2100 for refreshments for speaker meetings but we chose to deny that because we felt the money they were already allocated was more than enough.

Anderson: internal affairs are directly after senate we will be voting on a co-chair and going over chair and co-chair responsibilities. There is a motion this week to strike a position from our by-laws that no longer exists so it doesn’t make sense for it to be there.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:**

*Motion to approve the finance recommendation approving the CCSU Dance Team contingency request with $3500 going to registration for nationals from account SG9016 (Mills, Swan)*

For: Mills: as I mentioned $3500 is for nationals where they represent CCSU. They do well having made the top 10 this was only denied before because of budget restraints but this is a new budget.
Motion to amend to insert at the end “and if the money is not used for nationals by Feb. 10, 2014 then the $3500 will go back to account SG9016” (Kitchener, Sonet)

For: Kitchener: the contingencies are the third Monday of every moth is this passes and they don’t go to nationals then this money would be available for the Feb. contingency. My concern is if they get this money and font go to nationals for some reason then they keep that money and can line item it to something else or have it sit in the account until the end of the year when we get it back and from my experience line items pass easier then contingencies. If no one wants to monitor this I will. I yield my time for questions

Sonet: so if they don’t go to nationals this rolls back into our accounts

Kitchener: yes

Measho: can we hold off due to lack of information

Kitchener: that is a parliamentary question meant for our president

Move to amend the amendment to strike out “Feb. 10, 2014” (Fernandez, Sonet)

For: Fernandez: I think this original amendment has great intention but deleting the date is a win win for everyone since we don’t know when nationals are quite yet

POI Hubbard: so if this passes the money would just go into our accounts once the nationals date passes if they don’t go

Choplick: this is something that we would have to stay on top of the team over

POI Measho: does the team have to sign a contract

Choplick: the motion would essentially act as the contract

Testa: nationals is Jan 16, 17, 18, 19 & 20

For: Measho: with Jan. being a tricky month I’d prefer is we stated when they make it to nationals

Amendment Vote: 20Y (Anderson, Alsaqri, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Pietrycha, Sonet, Testa) 3N (Mills, Ott, Swan) 3A (Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy)

Passes

New Amendment: Motion to amend to insert at the end “and if the money is not used for nationals then the $3500 will go back to account SG9016
Against: Mills: I think this is unnecessary and ridiculous the money would be brought back to our accounts at the end of the fiscal year anyway and if they want to use the money in another way then that has to get approved anyway we have $12,000 per contingency so this is pointless

For: Hubbard: we want them to go to nationals but this is just saying if for some reason they don’t the money immediately comes back to us so we can help another club. What Kory said is true but if their new request is denied then the money sits there

Against: Berriault: we don’t do this to anyone else. I was In finance and they wanted $5000 and we cut it to $3500 now what if a few girls can’t afford it

Point of order: Lee: speaking on the main motion not the amendment

Well Taken

Choplick: keep to the amendment

Berriault: if they can’t afford this and want to go somewhere else closer then they should be able to ask for a line item this amendment screws everyone and puts us in a tough spot

Point of order: Kitchener: not germane

Choplick: not well taken, he is speaking to how this affects us in the future

Berriault: if this passes it’s not good for anyone and I don’t like setting the precedent

For: Sonet: I think we’re making a bigger deal of this then it has to be we want them to go to nationals but if they don’t make it in January then they don’t use the contingency and if they want to do something else they can apply for another contingency what’s the worse that can happen

Call to previous question (Ott, Hubbard)

Vote: 20Y 6N 0A

Debate is Ended

Amendment: 12Y (Anderson, Cassidy, Fallanca, Fernandez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kitchener, Lee, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet) 13N (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Kayan, Khan, Measho, Moreno, Testa) 1A (Swan)

Amendment fails

Main Motion: Motion to approve the finance recommendation approving the CCSU Dance Team contingency request with $3500 going to registration for nationals from account SG9016
Move to amend to insert at the end “with the stipulation that at least 10 club members attend” (Lee, Mills)

For: Lee: we cut the request and I don’t want them to limit the number of girls they take because of it

Gregonis: can they bring more than 10

Lee: yes

Against: Berriault: we talked about this in finance and we didn’t want to limit the number we’re asking them to pay out of pocket and they should decide the number of girls they should take we don’t dictate numbers it’s our job to allocate the money

For: Mills: we fully intended to do this and just didn’t because we originally talked about saying to bring at least 15. It’s our job to fund clubs and stipulate how the money gets used, it’s what we do it’s our job

POI Berriault: if only 9 people can make it what happens

Choplick: they don’t get the money

Vote: 18Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fox, Germaine, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Lee, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet,) 8N (Berriault, Fernandez, Gomez, Kitchener, Measho, Moreno, Swan, Testa) 0A

Amendment Passes

Original Motion: Motion to approve the finance recommendation approving the CCSU Dance Team contingency request with $3500 going to registration for nationals from account SG9016 with the stipulation that at least 10 club members attend

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

Motion Passes

Motion to allocate not to exceed $979 from SG account 9010 for food and drink from Sodexo to be used at the Connecticut Student Organization’s Student Summit on higher education (Berriault, Germaine)

For: Berriault: this is so the people at the conference can get lunch for two days which will be about $479. The AAUP is taking care of everything else this has nothing to do with the organization it’s just ensuring the conference attendees get food
Mills: were you aware you said $979? I recommend withdrawing and restating your motion

_Berriault: I withdraw my motion_

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Berriault: I yield my time for questions

Kitchener: are the attendees contributing money

Berriault: no it’s free

Fernandez: how many are expected to attend

Berriault: at least 50 and up to 80

Lee: will it be made clear who paid for food

Berriault: yes SGA will be listed

Against: Sonet: I am opposed to this it’s not our responsibility to fund this conference when we argue about refreshments for our own recognized clubs. This is a non-CCSU organization and o don’t want our name anywhere near it

Point of order: Berriault: not germane

Not well taken

Sonet: it’s not our responsibility with student activity fees to pay we are not Sodexo and this is not our students

For: Berriault: this is not going to our organization this goes to a campus event, this isn’t an exclusive thing. Its about food not the organization

Against: Mills: alumni hall hosts fire fighter conferences every month and that’s not something I think we should fund either and that’s on campus. This is not a CCSU organization and stuent activity fees shouldn’t be paying for it. no other school is contributing to the event and this isn’t a good precedent to set. Bobby was told it would be better to work with a club and cosponsor and he stated he didn’t have time to do this properly but it his right as a senator to ask the senate for money

_Call to previous question (Kitchener)_

Vote: 14Y 4N 2A (Christiano, Gregonis)
Debate is ended

Berriault: do we have quorum

Choplick: yes it’s 16

Vote: 1Y (Berriault) 17N (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, Fallanca, Fernandez, Germaine, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kitchener, Lee, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Testa) 4A (Christiano, Gomez, Fox, Measho)

Motion Fails

Motion to approve the public affairs logo proposal (Ott, Pietrycha)

For: Ott: I want to yield my time

Sonet: who designed this

Ott: Amber

POI Mill to Ott: if approved when is this going to be made available to the public

Ott: from this day on

POI Measho: will this be on shirts

Choplick: it will be on all promotional items

Vote: 20Y 0N 0A

Motion Passes

Motion to deny the construction management club’s contingency request in full (Mills, Gomez)

For: Mills: they already have $2100 and want another $2100 for speaker meetings and we felt that was inappropriate so are suggesting denial

Vote: 17Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Cahill, , Christiano, Fallanca, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Lee, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Testa) 1N (Fox) 2A (Berriault, Measho)

Motion Passes

IA14-01: Motion to strike the words “and CCSU Foundation Board of Director’s Representative” from Section 5-3d (Anderson, Pietrycha)

For: Anderson: this position no longer exists so it shouldn’t be listed
Vote: Vote: 18Y (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Christiano, Fallanca, Fox, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Testa) 1N (Germaine) 1A (Anderson)

**Motion Passes**

**Open Floor:**

Sonet: just a media board update, the new chair has been voted in and it’s Rachael Bentley, Managing Editor of the Recorder. The radio station can now be streamed online and they are looking for people to do shows so if you’re interested stop by

Choplick: thank you for your patience I’m still learning like all of you, I am working on the nightlife shuttle but taking it from another angle. I’m working with Simms to attempt yellow cab to take blue chip and to have the shuttles go earlier and to place other than just bar heavy areas

Hubbard: does this include a charge system for the blue chips

Choplick: it’s something we’re going to explore

Anderson: internal affairs will start 10 minutes after this meeting ends

Testa: why was last year’s budget allocation provided in the packet

Choplick: it’s part of what construction management gave us

Scott Hazan: family day Is Saturday, I will not be going in the dunk tank but remember if you want food register by today and volunteers get free food.// in regards to the hostel concerns we’ve had groups stay in hostels before so any safety concerns just come to us and we’ll sort it out

Mills: we’re just waiting for a response

Hazan: usually there’s no problem

Mills: with the parking lot competition let your club know there is 10-15 spots open and top 3 get a prize

Berriault: I am always trying to be transparent and I don’t get offended easily but I was offended today I am always up front and you can always ask me questions

Motion to adjourn (Pietrycha, Hubbard)

Meeting is adjourned at 4:46p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.