Student Government Association Minutes from September 25, 2013

September 25, 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 3:07 p.m. by President Choplick

Motion to accept the minutes from September 18, 2013 (Hudobenko, Mills)

Passes Unanimously  SG14-022

Public Hearing:

Alex Rodriguez: I just wanted to publicly announce my candidacy for commuter senator so I’m sure you’ll be seeing a lot more of me

Student Affairs Report: Dr. Tordenti

Thank you to everyone who participated in and helped out with family day.

Dr. Grey the President of our system will be here Monday, Sept. 30. He will be in Bellin from 10-11a to meet with the students and then 11a-12p to meet with the community, which students are welcome to attend.

The new Memorial Hall fitness center has officially opened and tomorrow (Thursday) the new Tranquility Center opens where the Mountain Laurel room was in response to a student need

In regards to our final numbers on enrollment, we are down 1.9% from last year with the majority of that coming from full time graduate students though there was also a decrease in full time undergraduates as well

Treasurer’s Report
1. We have $44,764.96 in the contingency fund after the Dance Team’s contingency request last week. Most of the clubs are requesting line items which is a redistribution of funds they already have so we’re not spending any more. That leaves us with about $9000 a month for contingency if we accept them until April.
2. This year I’d like to do base budgets earlier to accommodate our early breaks

**Vice President’s Report**

1. Liaison emails are due out tonight by 11:59p. copy me on the email and make sure to include a subject and check for spelling errors
2. If you’re still unsure of who you should be contacting within your club check with SALD

**President’s Report**

1. There is an open spot for a senator on the Club Sports Board so if you’d like to learn more about that come see me. They meet every other Monday for an hour at 6:30p
2. Family Day was awesome thank you to everyone who helped out
3. The Parking Lot competition is next weekend so please let your clubs know
4. In regards to Point of Order and Point of Information, in a debate it is inaccurate to point of order someone and when asking a Point of Information do not make a statement, ask a question
5. I’ve designated this weekend as “Brian Weekend” it was pointed out to me how often I work on weekends and answer emails so this weekend if you email me I won’t be getting back to you until Monday

**Committee Reports**

Sonet: Student Life: if you’re interested in helping with scholarships come to our next meeting. I’d like to do a straw poll to see the amount we would like to spend on scholarships

Mills: is that the amount added to the endowment

Sonet: we would motion not to exceed an amount. The endowment is yielded money we get every year from the interest of the school’s endowment

Kitchener: do we get an option of if we only want to use the endowment money

Sonet: if that’s your opinion come Friday and we can talk about it// our next coffee talk is Oct. 5, homecoming, from 11a-1p and this will be about school spirit

Mills: Finance: there were a lot of line item requests. we went over anthropology’s which was money from a cancelled NYC trip to go too Chicago. They only asked for registration and the hostels not travel so that is not covered in the motion. They can come back and ask for that money if they’d like. Their request adds to $2500 but we allocated $3000 leaving them some room to bring more if they’d like.

TEECA: We are asking them to come and present because we didn’t have enough information
Accounting: a simple $66 line item for a banner

NAACP: They want to move $375 from entertainment to conferences to send 5 eboard members to a NAACP dinner this weekend. They have extra money from their 90s Devils Den and registration for the dinner includes the dinner, a magazine subscription and national membership

IABC: Given registration money for 12 people but only 5 who were eligible to go can go so they’d like to use the extra money for travel

We created a standing rule to accept contingency and cosponsorships on a rolling basis. The old way with set dates was doing a disservice to the clubs and now we are more accessible to them.

Moreno: when would the paper work cut off be if it’s a rolling basis now

Mills: I would still need all paperwork handed in the Friday before

Ott: Public Affairs: thank you to everyone who helped with family day especially Amber and Teige for getting in the dunk tank. Our Devils Den is this Thursday from 10p-1a so if you’d like to help/come represent SGA let me know and make sure to wear your shirts. We also need help with setup at 9a if you’re available

Anderson: Internal Affairs: we elected Sen. Christiano as our new co-chair and after a ten minute break we’ll meet following the senate meeting. We’re talking about a By-Law change to how chairs and co-chairs get elected as well as a constitution change

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Move to approve the finance committee’s Motion to approve the anthropology club line item request with $3000 going from their NYC Trip to their Chicago Conference with the stipulation that the money be used for accommodations and registration (Mills, Hudobenko)

For: Mills: it’s a line item, they already have the money they want the money for accommodations and registration not travel

Vote: 26Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Pietrycha, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 0N 1A (Ott)

Motion Passes

Move to approve the NAACP Line Item Request for $375 from entertainment to conferences (Mills, Fernandez)
For: Mills: another line item they have left over money from a successful event and want to use it to go to an event that will benefit the club

Vote: 24Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, , Lee, Measho, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 1N (Kitchener) 0A

Motion Passes

SG14-024

Move to approve the IABC line item request for $775 from conferences to travel (Hudobenko, Fernandez)

For: Hudobenko: they had registration money for 12 but only 5 can go because of obligations, three are eboard and two are regular club members and this will help pay for their travel

Against: Kitchener: I think they should use this money for recruitment or something the whole club can do and if we pass this they won’t have to pay any money

For: Germaine: keep in mind we tend to fund clubs without them having to pay out of pocket

Vote: 21Y (Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, , Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Germaine, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Khan, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 2N (Fox, Kitchener) 4A (Anderson, Cassidy, Fung, Kayan)

Motion Passes

SG14-025

Move to approve the line item request for the accounting society (Mills, Fernandez)

For: Mills: a simple line item most clubs have banners and if they don’t we give them money for them

Vote: 26Y (Anderson, Mills, Alsaqri, Berriault, Cahill, Cassidy, Christiano, Fallanca, Fernandez, Fox, Fung, Gomez, Gregonis, Hubbard, Hudobenko, Kayan, Khan, Kitchener, Lee, Measho, Moreno, Ott, Pietrycha, Sonet, Swan, Testa) 0N 1A (Germaine)

Motion Passes

SG14-026

Open Floor:

Berriault: the Connecticut Student Organizations Conference is this weekend in Diloretto 001 so come!// the motions I’ve brought to internal affairs isn’t in regards to impeachment I don’t want to do that to anyone but it addresses what happens if a senator doesn’t show up for 4,5,6 weeks./ as resident senator I do a hall council tour so if you’d like to join me let me know!/ this morning I found out a friend of mine was killed in a motorcycle accident. The next few days I may not be around as much but I’m not ignoring you guys
Fernandez: an individual stopped by to leave fliers about a charity beach volleyball tournament on Oct. 5, I left the fliers in the office

Mills: I heard some people saying the finance committee is much more approachable this year so I wanted to commend all of you on that

Kitchener: with a few of the motions a few people voted with an abstention, if you still have questions there are ways to get them cleared up before we vote

Motion to excuse myself from the Oct. 30 meeting (Pietrycha, Sonet)

For: Pietrycha: I was selected to work at NACA in Hartford which is what I want to do as a career and while NACA doesn’t start until Thursday I have to be there a day early for setup

Vote: All in favor

Motion Passes

Scott Kazar: there is a meeting from 11a-2p in regards to making CCSU a Compassionate Campus if you’re interested there are some student seats for the meeting so let me know. And thank you to everyone who helped with Family Day

Tori: VP Programming for CAN: I just wanted to give you guys an idea of the events that are coming up for homecoming week, we’re doing the One Ton Sundae, we’re having the comedians Frangela, there’s the Carnival, Pep Rally and dance right after homecoming. Please let your clubs know about all of these

Swan: is this on Facebook

Tori: yes

Anderson: I just wanted to thank Sen. Moreno he was dealing with a problem with one of the clubs this week and he handled it perfectly and went to all the right people

Motion to adjourn (Fernandez, Cassidy)

Division

Motion carries

Meeting is adjourned at 4:00p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.