Student Government Association Minutes from September 4, 2013

September 4, 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 3:08 p.m. by President Choplick

Motion to accept the minutes from August 11, 2013 (Fernandez, Ott)

Passes Unanimously

Student Affairs Report:

Dr. Tordenti:

Welcome back, it’ll be a great year. Orientation went well and it was a good program to open the year for all of the students.

Just some updates: With the new residence hall will be going out to contract soon and activity will begin in early winter by the architect. We are looking at it to be open for Fall 2015.

On September 17 there will be a dedication at 4p to the Sandy Hook Victims. A memorial was built in honor of them, headed by a student, Autumn Ingraham

We lost a student over the summer, a football player, Jamar Johnson. I did not know him personally but from all accounts he was a kind and smart man and will be missed. This has been hard on everybody and we are looking to begin planning a memorial service for him in October so if you would like to help please contact me.

Just some dates, Sept. 21 is family day, Sept. 14 is football’s first night game and we will have more of the light up devil horns and Oct. 5 will be homecoming.

Public Hearing: None

Treasurer’s Report
1. The accounts are pretty much the same as the retreat.
   a. SG9195 has roughly $90,000 some money was used for eboard decisions which President Choplick will talk about
   b. SG9010 is reserves and has $318,000
   c. SG9016 has $48,000
   d. SG9120 the only things we’ve spent out of operational is money for the coffee pot
2. We spent $4549 on the retreat which is amazingly under budget because we usually spend close to $10,000
3. The money from the endowment has rolled over and we are putting $20,000 into it this year but I am still working on exact account roll over money
4. I need your committee budgets by next meeting and I want them filled out like a club base budget by line items because if we can make the clubs do it then we should be able to do it

Vice President’s Report

1. The wrong date was on the second page of stipend contracts so sign and hand back the new ones I’ve passed out. Once you hand those in you will get your clubs
2. The doodle I sent out for Internal Affairs only had 5 responses and I need more so take another look at it and get back to me
3. Office Hours will begin next Monday

President’s Report

1. If you’re contacting someone about a business related matter please do so by phone or email, not Facebook
2. We did well on the retreat in staying under budget, I’ve listed all the expenses and they are in the agenda packets
3. We allocated money for a dunk tank at family day and other family day promotional items. Usually that would come from the public affairs budget but they needed the supplies before the budgets would have been passed
4. We have and are getting more SGA shirts to help with the new dress code we have
5. To the new committee chairs please keep reserved meeting times to no more than two hours. We tend to book a lot of space and we don’t want to take away from clubs so please utilize the office

Committee Reports

Ott: Public Affairs: election packets will be out Monday 9/9 in SALD and elections will take place on October 8, 9 and 10. We are also trying to promote and get students to know senators but if you don’t want your picture or bio downstairs let me or Alyssa know

Sonet: Student Life: we’ll be meeting 4-6p on Friday in the Clock Tower, bring your laptops because it’s a working meeting. Also remember we donate a bench to the Sandy Hook memorial so we should all try and go

Testa: Public Affairs: we have to plan a Devils Den for Sept. 26 and want as many clubs involved as possible so please spread the word and let us know
Lee: Academic Affairs: we’re meeting Monday 9/9 at 2p. I just wanted to let you know it was brought to my attention that a professor was requiring a course pack be bought that included the syllabus but he has agreed to email students his entire course pack.

Mills: Finance: we were under the impression last year that we had to notify a club before putting them on probation but that’s not true we don’t have to notify them until they are put on probation then they can appeal it, which is how we’ll be operating this year.

During new business I’m going to motion to allocate the Society of Automotive Engineers their 2013-14 budget. This was a budget that should have been passed with the rest of them last year but got left out so please pass it.

We’ll be having finance informational meetings on the 10th at 3p and 11th at 6:30p.

Germaine: how much is the base budget for?

Mills: $3500

Kitchener: Academic Affairs: the meeting is in the blue and white room, if you can’t make it please see us.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

Move to approve the base budget for the Society of Automotive Engineers for the 2013-14 Fiscal Year from SG9010 (Mills, Berriault)

For: Mills: it was just a base budget that’s been over looked and it is money they have been waiting for all summer for car materials.

POI Lee to Mills: the amount again?

Mills: $3500

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

Motion Passes SG14-012

Open Floor:

Berriault: on pages three and four of the agenda is a motion that I want to bring to Internal Affairs on how committee chairs are elected. It’s not specific in Robert’s Rules how that is done and I want to clarify it.

On page 5 is proposed Constitution Changes, it’s not finalized because I’m waiting on numbers from the Office of Institutional Advancement but I am looking at the number of senate seats available compared to the percentage of students in each school. I don’t think it’s best for
seats to be broken up by commuter and resident I think it’s best to be looked at by school. So If you have any questions please contact me.

Pages 6-9 is a report I wrote from the Opening Meeting given by Dr. Miller this year which he focused on how to increase enrollment because there has been a slight decrease.

I am part of the CT Students Organization and we are holding a conference on the CCSU campus Sept. 28 and 29 for all students across the CT system as a way to inform them about what’s happening with higher education. We want to hear from students and get feedback so if you’d like to attend contact me it’s from 10-5p.

Mills: next Monday is the first Finance meeting and I need 6 people which is how many are on the committee so please show up, 3:05 in the clock tower room

Choplick: for the new senators it is not normal for meetings to end this early so don’t get used to it!

Motion to excuse Teige, Delaney and Myself from the October 16 and 30 meetings (Ott, Christiano)

For: Ott: we’re all part of Marching Band and it’s counted as a class. We usually have practice on Monday but there are two Wednesday dates

Hubbard: have you brought the time conflict to the attention of the band director

Ott: yes and because it’s a class they said we should get excused from Senate

Vote: 25Y 0N 1A (Kitchener)

Motion Passes

Choplick: I just wanted to remind you that I have the power to excuse as well and will do so for academic or health reasons

Mills: tonight at 7:30p CAN is turning the student center circle to an ice rink

Dr. Tordenti: in regards to what Sen. Berriault said we had a very slight decrease, about 2%, I will have the final numbers for you soon but that was mostly in our graduate program and we are not operating under a hiring freeze in fact we have been able to fill positions

Berriault: President Gray is coming on Sept. 30 will there be an open student forum

Dr. Tordenti: I will check the times for you

Scott Hazan: also decreased enrollment doesn’t necessarily mean the incoming class it could be about retention also
Swan: tonight at 7:30p in Alumni is the A Cappella welcome back concert

Fernandez: my fraternity has an ongoing Yankee Candle fundraiser that gives us 405 of each candle sold and that money goes to out thanksgiving drive until 9/25 so if you’re interested in buying candles ask me or one of my brothers

Sonet: competition for a cause its back this year so if you want to help come Friday in the clock tower

Christiano: was QU ever thanked

Choplick: I am still in the process, though nothing official has to be sent as it was decided on the retreat

Hazan: on Sept. 11 there will be a memorial at the Peace Pole at 9a as well as the club fair. Also, my office has thanked QU because we are able to get the space through a connection I have

Motion to adjourn (Germaine, Berriault)

Meeting is adjourned at 3:57p

Respectfully submitted by SGA University Assistant Brittany Burke.