Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
January 12th, 2015

Present:

Executive Board: M. Hicks (President), A. Bullard (Vice President), J. Ahern (Treasurer), K. Chrzanowska (BAM), E. Drouin (Secretary)

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney

Senators: E. Benoit, H. Brooks, V. Cosma, M. Ehrnfelt, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, P. Hoeps, T. Mack, M. McFall Gorman, E. Pelletier, J. Reid, R. Rivera, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

Guests: E. McDonald

Meeting called to order at 3:05 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Welcoming Remarks
      i. M. Hicks went over recent vacancies in the senate: Megan S and Greg. They will be greatly missed but are congratulated on their new opportunities. M. Hicks encouraged the senators to invite their friends to try it out. Additionally, M. Hicks asked senators to keep SGA lively and not allow us to fall into a lull.
   b. Acceptance of Minutes from 12/8/2014
      i. Motion #63 (M. McFall Gorman, J. Reid) Motion to accept the minutes from 12/8/14 (21-0-0). Motion Carries.
   c. Constitution Revisions
      i. R. Rivera went over the new proposed delegate program.
      ii. Motion #64 (J. Reid, P. Hoeps) Motion to approve changes to be added to the bylaws of the Constitution (21-0-0). Motion Carries.
         1. Discussion
            a. M. McFall Gorman proposed a semantic change that would encompass what a delegate does.
            b. A. Bullard proposed a small grammatical change from ‘whom’ to ‘who’.
   d. Yearbook Update
      i. K. Chrzanowska spoke with Yearbook about potential changes. Yearbook is currently at $28,000 per year. A yearbook with just seniors is $18,100. A softcover yearbook is $15,000, but it’s nothing like other universities have. A digital option that is entirely online is not a current option without a physical yearbook.
         1. H. Brooks inquired if they examined any companies besides Jostens.
         2. K. Chrzanowska said that Jostens gives them the best price and they have the easiest software to use.
3. M. Hicks said that this would save SGA around $8,000.
4. H. Brooks asked how yearbook feels about it.
   a. K. Chrzanowska said that they’re ready to work with it, just wanted to be inclusive.
   b. J. Ahern added that when E-Board met with them, their biggest concern was that it was a hardcover book.
5. E. Drouin expressed concern that sometimes the definition of the seniors is a bit murky as far as early graduation, etc.
   a. M. Wysopal said that they should just call it “graduating class”
   b. E. Pelletier asked if it would include people who graduated in December.
   c. M. Delaney said that seniors graduating in December are classified in the graduating class in the following Spring.
6. H. Brooks asked if the price of the yearbook would go down
   a. No, the price would stay the same for a lesser book.
7. A. Bullard expressed the concern that lowering the cost of the book would cause other departments contributing funds to cut their contributions and also raise the cost of the book.
   a. K. Chrzanowska thinks that we should contribute more funds to their marketing efforts.
8. An unofficial vote was taken expressed majority interest in lowering the price of yearbook with this option.
   e. K. Chrzanowska says that the extraneous funding is from people who just want the university to have a yearbook; so as long as there is a quality yearbook they will likely not be angry.

2. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Updates
      i. Committees should get their meetings together for this week but if not, next week at the latest. Also, committee members should submit their schedule to their committee head.
   ii. Budget and Management
      1. The first meeting is this Thursday at 4PM in Room 107
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. General Board is currently at -$7694.93. Executive Board is currently at -$5155.
      ii. J. Ahern is finalizing components of the Spring 2015 budget to be voted in at our next meeting.
4. Secretary Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. Office Hours should be completed this week at any time and by next week, senators should be sending Erin their finalized hours.
   b. Filemaker
      i. E. Drouin did a Filemaker refresher
5. Advisor Report:
   a. Nothing to report.
6. Old Business
   a. Transform
      i. M. Hicks attempted to contact presidents from the other CSUs in regards to meeting over break although nothing came to fruition; they did not want to meet.
ii. Sarah Green is the head of the SAC and has organized a summit meeting for Friday, January 23rd 1-5PM. It will take place at Southern Connecticut State University.

7. New Business
   a. External Committees
      i. Academic Affairs Committee
         1. G. Wrobel had a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee. They are toying with the idea of allowing students to take credit/no credit for the Tier Courses, but they want to make it available to LAC Courses. Also they're considering putting just “Withdraw” instead of “Withdraw Pass” or “Withdraw Fail”. It was evaluated that a lot of students would support these initiatives.

   ii. Support Services Committee
      1. As per meetings last semester that N. Vigorita attended, the printing funds have been raised from $15 to $20.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 PM