Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
September 29th, 2014

Present:

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

Advisors: C. Ambrosio, M. Delaney


Guests: Ashley Bressette, Shelby Larsen, Ashley Thomas, Vincent Johnson

Meeting called to order at 3:03PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 9/22/14
      i. **Motion #25 (G. Canzio, E. Pelletier)** Motion to accept the minutes from 9/22/14 (23-0-2). **Motion Carries.**
   b. Caribbean Student Union
      i. Representatives from the currently titled West Indian Society came to the senate to ask for an approval of their name change. The main reason for the name change is that the name “West Indian” was given by Christopher Columbus (which was not geographically or historically accurate). They would like to own their heritage with the new name of Caribbean Student Union
         1. K. Chrzanowska stated that they have passed through the BAM process, they just need to send in the Constitution.
         2. The senate will vote on the name change after looking through the Constitution next week.
         3. C. Ambrosio asked that they send an electronic copy to him before next week.
   c. Encore
      i. Members of Encore came to speak to the senate about creating their own club, as they are currently under the umbrella of the Music Society
         1. N. Vigorita inquired as to whether there is a GPA requirement
            a. Members of Encore responded that there is not.
         2. K. Chrzanowska asked how many members they currently have.
            a. Members of Encore responded that they currently have 12 members.
3. K. Chrzanowska asked them to reiterate why they want to leave Music Society
   i. A. Bressette responded that they focus on all sides of music as opposed to acapella. They've spoken to Music Society who are also looking to eventually branch away from acapella completely

4. K. Chrzanowska asked about the potential of other acapella groups joining and forming an acapella society
   i. A. Bressette answered no, because it would just be the same as Music Society. Making members sign up to join two clubs is a lot of ask of them.

5. K. Chrzanowska asked if this will this prompt other future acapella groups to form their own clubs.
   i. A. Bressette answered that they didn't really seem interested in that when they spoke to Key of She.
      1. A. Bullard asked how Key of She is still working within Music Society.
         a. A. Bressette answered that they don’t really discuss acapella during the meetings. Key of She members are potentially trying to stray away from Music Society as well.
      2. S. Larsen answered that if more acapella groups were to form, they are willing to form their own acapella society

6. A. Nadeau inquired as to much funding are they asking for.
   a. K. Chrzanowska responded that Music Society would have to reallocate the funds
      i. H. Brook asked will the money carry over?
         1. K. Chrzanowska went into more detail. Money must be allocated out of the Music Society account and into Encore’s account.

7. M. Hicks asked the club representatives if they feel they’re going to be able to maintain yourselves down the road.
   a. S. Larsen answered that they have a lot of members that are willing to direct and take leadership roles within the club.
      i. H. Brooks asked club representatives if they have any performances scheduled
         1. A. Bressette answered that they have concerts at the end of each semester and they’re well populated.

ii. **Motion #26 (M. McFall Gorman, V. Cosma)** Motion to approve Encore as an SGA recognized organization on campus **(17-6-1)**. Motion Carries.
   1. Discussion
a. R. Rivera is concerned that they don't seem to have a strictly set plan. He is also confused as to whether or not Key of She is going to break off from Music Society.
   i. M. Hicks clarified that Music Society is more focused on the academic side, Encore is focused on the more recreational level.

b. G. Wrobel asked if the same amount of money will be going to them as a club
   i. K. Chrzanowska is worried that they may want to put on more concerts now that they're on their own

c. McFall is concerned that they're taking money away from Key of She
   i. K. Chrzanowska answered they're just taking away their portion, which is already put aside for Fallin' Flat.

d. M. Ehrnfelt feels that now acapella will be able to be more easily accessible to non-music majors

e. S. Froehlich is concerned about their Constitution, that there's one set rehearsal time per month, seems exclusive
   i. E. Pelletier feels as though this is similar to sports teams, they need to be manageable
      1. M. Hicks clarified that anyone can join a club sport or dance team, but they don't necessarily have to be allowed to play or perform.

2. H. Brooks says it doesn't seem that Music Society is suppressing them

3. E. Benoit pointed out that not everyone in Fallin Flat is in Music Society, so they should serve the interest of the students.

4. **Motion #27 (A. Bullard, E. Pelletier)** Motion to lay the question on the table (25-0-0). **Motion Carries.**

5. C. Gosselin has spoken to the leader of Encore and thinks that it's a very organized club, thinks that with a few tweaks it could be very successful.

6. A. Bullard is wondering if they should just be a big acapella group so that if Key of She does split from Music Society, it can be a smooth transition.

7. K. Chrzanowska mentioned they are extremely receptive to change and if suggested, they will probably be receptive to other groups

d. **File Maker Orientation**
   i. E. Drouin went through the process of FileMaker. C. Ambrosio is still setting up senator accounts, so they will begin next week. Senators should sign into office hours the traditional way for this last week.

e. **External Committees**
   i. A. Bullard passed around a list of External Committees for senators to sign up for. Senators should email the heads of the committee so that they can figure out committee meeting times.
1. M. Hicks discussed how external committees are an opportunity for students to network with administrators and faculty.

f. Warrior Rally Review
   i. Feedback
      1. J. Reid thought it was great, it was short and sweet and thought students weren’t stationary for too long.
      2. R. Rivera thought it was too short.
      3. C. Gosselin said that a lot of people expressed to him that they enjoyed themselves but thought it was very short. People were wondering why there weren’t sports teams
         a. M. Hicks discussed how traditionally the Warrior Rally recognizes sports teams and athletic seniors. Most coaches don’t want to bring their teams to the Warrior Rally.
      4. E. Pelletier reiterated the point that it was a lot of money for the time and that it should have been longer
      5. A. Nadeau said she had a lot of fun
      6. M. Hicks said it was helpful to him that K. Chrzanowska and A. Bullard were so dedicated and commended them for a job well done

ii. Warrior Rally After Event
   1. M. Hicks asked senators for feedback on the event, considering the fact that we funded $2,000.
      a. A. Bullard feels as though it wasn’t as big or great as it has been in the past. There wasn’t a lot going on and it seemed a bit unorganized. Comparative to past years, it seemed to be a bit of a letdown.
      b. Ch. Welch said it wasn’t advertised well and that probably reflected upon turnout. A lot of students weren’t staying or enjoying it.
      c. Co. Welch said a lot of people thought that there was a cost to the lounge and she thinks that the turnout was very low for the money that was contributed to the cause.
      d. E. Benoit thought that the theme of Pixel Pandemonium was a bit weird. Also there was a Wii station, which is pretty exclusionary in regards to how many people can participate.
      e. M. Hicks said that participation in Fall Fest seemed a bit low.
      f. A. Nadeau was upset that they did not have Dance Dance Revolution at the event called Dance Dance Rave-olution.
         i. J. Ahern said that he thought they were trying to bring the games to life.
      g. H. Brooks felt that there wasn’t a lot for senators to do to help with the event. He offered to help and he was ignored. They did not seem gracious to SGA’s contributions.
      h. N. Vigorita was surprised that there wasn’t any food because she was expecting some. She liked the fact that Fusion performed
i. M. Hicks asked for an informal vote in regards to whether or not the money was worth it. The large majority did not. He suggested for next year that maybe we should tell CAB to work it into their budget because we don’t feel the co-sponsorship was a worthwhile investment.

g. Retreat/Review
i. M. Hicks passed around an evaluation for the retreat that senators went on over the weekend. He also asked for verbal feedback.
   1. E. Drouin said that this was the one camping retreat that she’s been on with this organization that she actually enjoyed.
   2. M. McFall Gorman liked how the business was conducted on the second day and thought it was well organized.
   3. R. Rivera loved the fact that we built bikes and had a charitable component of the retreat. He also enjoyed the Subway.
   4. T. Mack liked the bonding time as he now he feels close and connected with everyone.
   5. J. Reid would have liked more free time
      a. M. Hicks admitted that it was packed in a little tight

ii. K. Chrzanowska stated that some people have said they would have liked shorter breaks so there’s more free time at the end, for packing up or leisure.

iii. A. Nadeau asked for more food options and thought there should be more vegetarian options besides tuna, which was actually not vegetarian.

h. Majors/Minors Fair
i. M. Hicks reminded the senate about the upcoming Majors and Minors Fair on October 15th. Giving a short history, he stated that it was something that was started last year in SGA. Its purpose is to provide exploratory or transfer students information on their majors. Sign-ups will take place next week for senators to help out.
   1. A. Nadeau asked for information as to what exactly the senators will be doing.
      a. SGA will have a physical table and is also in charge of staffing the side rooms that includes the Center for Internships and Career Development as well as advising. Senators will be taking sign ins for attendance as well as trying to get foot traffic from the Student Center.

2. Vice President’s Report
   a. E-Board Update
      i. Yearbook
      1. A. Bullard says that it has come to our attention that we are providing $9,000 per semester to sell a physical book where Yearbook only sells around 100 a semester. A lot of them get put into storage. E-board is exploring alternative options. Yearbook is technically a club, only currently have one member. Yearbook is not making money and it’s also not reaching the students. A. Bullard asked for any suggestions from the senate as far as alternatives go.
a. A. Nadeau's high school used to do a yearbook blog. It was organized by each year and students were able to look back on years prior. Money can go towards an online program that each student can have access to. She will send the information for the blog to the E-Board.

b. M. McFall Gorman likes the idea of a physical yearbook but does not think it's a worthwhile investment. They need to show that they're making progress.

c. J. Ahern has quoted out to soft cover book producers, for same dollar amount they can be given away for little cost to almost free for the senior class.

d. M. Ehrnfelt doesn't see the point in yearbook now.

e. As far as only buying it as a senior goes, J. Mazyck doesn't think it's worth it to just have one yearbook due to a lot of out of grade friendships.

f. N. Vigorita likes the idea of a CD yearbook.

g. In an informal vote, no one feels the current system would best serve the students.

b. Committee Updates

i. Issues

1. E. Pelletier apologized for her absence from the retreat as she was quite ill. She introduced herself to the senate.

2. The Student Issues Committee will be meeting at 8PM on Thursdays.

ii. Public Relations

1. V. Cosma passed out fliers for the Majors/Minors Fair that were made by Justin. She went over who is responsible for putting up fliers where.

2. M. Hicks stressed the need for PR on this, as it’s coordinating with two departments and the heads of all academic departments.

3. M. Hicks thanked PR committee for promoting elections and the Warrior Rally shorthanded in a very small amount of time.

iii. Internal

1. Internal will be working on Constitution revisions this semester; there are a lot of things that need to be fixed. The Constitution can be found on the SGA website.

a. M. Ehrnfelt asked who reviews and approves the SGA Constitution.

i. M. Hicks answered that we approve our own constitution revisions internally. They have to be seen for a week just like our own constitution and need a 2/3s majority vote.

ii. A. Bullard added that you do not have to be on the Internal Committee to take part in Constitution Revisions.

2. R. Rivera will also be taking an inventory of what’s in the suite and ordering new supplies for the club cabinet.

iv. Budget and Management

1. Nothing to report.
3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. Accounts Update
      i. J. Ahern gave an accounts update. There is currently $4,451 in General Board and $4,228 in E-Board.

4. Secretary’s Report:
   a. Office Hours
      i. Mentor/ Mentee shared office hours
         1. E. Drouin asks that the mentors and their mentees figure out their shared office hour this week and report it to her next week.
            a. N. Vigorita asked if new senators have to do office hours
               i. E. Drouin answered yes.
            b. A. Nadeau asked how she should contact her mentee.
               i. She should first email and then get her phone number.
            c. H. Brooks asked if he can just be a presence in the suite and hang out there even if they’re not his office hours.
               i. M. Hicks answered yes and you don’t even have to clock in.
         2. J. Reid asked if they can start working on the mentor/mentee project and when is it due?
            i. M. Hicks answered that proposals should be due at some point in December. Senators are more than welcome to do it before then

5. Advisor’s Report:
   a. C. Ambrosio told everyone they did a great job this weekend.

6. Open Floor:
   a. M. Ehrnfelt inquired if there was a count for the Voter Registration Drive
      i. E. Pelletier says that currently there is not.
   b. A. Bullard announced that Steven Nelson is coming to our E-Board meeting on Wednesday. If senators have any questions about Wi-Fi, they should email them to her before Wednesday
      i. M. Hicks clarified that the reason Mr. Nelson isn’t coming to General Board is because the President’s Executive Cabinet meeting is at the same time.
   c. A. Nadeau expressed the need to enforce the 40 feet away from the building policy in regards to smoking. Students are not adhering and it is a public safety concern.
      i. Motion #28 (H. Brooks, J. Reid) Motion to refer the issue to the Student Issues Committee (25-0-0). Motion Carries.
   d. T. Mack asked what happened to the Student Government Association sign that used to hang outside the Student Center
      i. The Executive Board shall look into it.
   e. J. Reid wants more pictures up in the suite for decoration and shall refer her concerns to the Internal Committee
   f. H. Brooks thinks we should advertise when senators will be in the suite because people who don’t know who their senators are.
      i. That is something that will be brought up to PR.
   g. A. Nadeau asked if we should put out a flyer to let students know when senators are in the suite
i. M. Hicks answered that the Secretary puts schedule up in the suite once everyone has their assigned Office Hours.

h. J. Reid thinks we should wear something while we’re in the suite

i. We shall explore the idea of ordering name tags

1. M. Hicks don’t want people to lose them

a. J. Reid pointed out that senators could leave them in the office

i. M. Hicks thanks everyone for a very attentive meeting and for participating for the entire hour and a half.

7. Dates to Remember:
   a. Graduate School Fair: Thursday, October 2nd 1:00 – 4:00 PM, BTR
   b. President’s Breakfast: Wednesday, October 8th 7:00AM, President’s Dining Room, Hurley Hall
   c. Majors/Minors Fair: Wednesday, October 15th: 1:00-4:00PM, BTR

Meeting adjourned at 4:29PM