Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
April 13th, 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: H. Brooks, V. Cosma, M. Ehrnfelt, S. Froehlich, C. Gosselin, P. Hoeps, T. Mack, J. Mazyck, E. McDonald, M. McFall Gorman, M. Patino, E. Pelletier, J. Reid, R. Rivera, N. Vigorita, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, M. Wysopal

Guests: Bernice Kwarteng, Adam Neel, Kendrick Constant, Dan Solomon

Meeting called to order at 3:03 PM

1. President’s Report
   a. Acceptance of Minutes from 4/6/2015
      i. Motion #89 (J. Reid, M. Patino) Motion to accept the minutes from 4/6/15 (23-0-0). Motion Carries.

   b. Nominations
      i. Motion #90 (M. Hicks, H. Brooks) Motion to nominate A. Caselli, J. Ahern, T. Herold, K. Macisco, and M. McFall Gorman for the position of Junior at Large for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (21-0-2) Motion Carries.

      ii. Motion #91 (A. Bullard, G. Wrobel) Motion to nominate C. Callaway, G. Mann Lamb, and N. Vigorita for the position of Senior at Large for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (21-0-2) Motion Carries.

      iii. Motion #92 (M. Hicks, E. Pelletier) Motion to nominate N. Vigorita, B. Casey, and C. Callaway for the position of Senior Class Secretary for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (22-0-1) Motion Carries.

      iv. Motion #93 (A. Bullard, T. Mack) Motion to nominate K. Chrzanowska for the position of Senior Class Treasurer for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (22-0-1) Motion Carries.

      v. Motion #94 (M. Hicks, C. Gosselin) Motion to nominate E. Drouin and M. Wysopal for the position of Senior Class Vice President for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (21-0-2) Motion Carries.

      vi. Motion #95 (A. Bullard, H. Brooks) Motion to B. Hayes, G. Mann Lamb, and S. Froehlich for the position of Senior Class President for the 2015-2016 academic school year. (22-0-1) Motion Carries.

      vii. Motion #96 (M. Hicks, P. Hoeps) Motion to nominate J. Ahern, H. Brooks, K. Chrzanowska, J. Reid, M. Styrczula, N. Vigorita, Z. Walker, Ch. Welch, Co. Welch, G. Wrobel, and M. Wysopal for the position of
SGA Senator for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((23-0-0)\) Motion Carries.

viii. **Motion #97 (A. Bullard, R. Rivera)** Motion to nominate N. Vigorita, V. Cosma, and J. Mazyck for the position of SGA Secretary for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((20-0-3)\) Motion Carries.

ix. **Motion #98 (M. Hicks, Co. Welch)** Motion to nominate H. Brooks, M. McFall Gorman, T. Mack, M. Patino, and P. Hoeps for the position of SGA Treasurer for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((18-0-5)\) Motion Carries.

x. **Motion #99 (A. Bullard, M. Ehrnfelt)** Motion to nominate C. Gosselin for the position of SGA Chief Officer of Budget and Management for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((22-0-1)\) Motion Carries.

xi. **Motion #100 (M. Hicks, H. Brooks)** Motion to nominate E. Drouin and M. Wysopal for the position of SGA Vice President for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((21-0-2)\) Motion Carries.

xii. **Motion #101 (A. Bullard, E. Pelletier)** Motion to nominate J. Ahern and K. Chrzanowska for the position of SGA President for the 2015-2016 academic school year. \((21-0-2)\) Motion Carries.

c. **Mentor Mentee Project**
   i. G. Wrobel and E. Benoit’s mentor/mentee project is a Staff Appreciation Day, which is Wednesday, April 15th.

d. **Pride Room/Center**
   i. Since meeting with the student spearheading the effort for the Pride Room, Alex Cross, there has been some development. Alex has met with Vice President Bedini about what space can be utilized to create a Pride Center. They’re having difficulty finding an effective space. She asked if SGA would be willing to give up the room we’re currently sitting in, Room 107. The E-Board decided that it would not be a good idea as a lot of clubs use this space. Additionally, it would not be a large enough space. It would not be aesthetically pleasing as it would get rid of the glass windows because it is a safe space.

   1. J. Reid thinks that moving into Room 107 would be a bit ridiculous because it is such a small space.
      a. M. Hicks thinks it would cost a lot for meeting space; it’s much desired. It doesn’t make too much sense.
   2. E. Pelletier thinks it would be an easy thing to take money out of capital expenditures for construction.
   3. M. McFall Gorman thinks that using this room is a short term solution. Faster is not necessarily better.
   4. C. Gosselin said that it sounds like 113 and 115 aren’t really on the table.
      a. M. Hicks added that it’s not off the table, but right now the climate is that it’s not the right solution.
      b. M. Hicks added that there’s not going to be a solution for this academic year. It’s going to be next year’s senate to pick up the cause.
   5. C. Gosselin added that there is movement in regards to other areas, such as the increase in budget. The space is the largest challenge right now.
      a. M. Hicks added that they’re finding a second UA and they’re increasing the budget.
6. J. Reid added that if we’re going to have a Pride Center, we should probably have some sort of gender neutral bathroom.

7. M. Ehrnfelt wondered if there should be an ad-hoc committee for this issue.
   a. M. Hicks said that’s up to next year’s President.

8. A. Bullard added that they could instead take on AmeriCORP’s Vista, which would be cheaper than another UA.

e. Yearbook Constitution Amendment
   i. Motion #102 (J. Reid, G. Wrobel) Motion to amend the constitution to change the Yearbook’s funding from “$18000 per year” to “$9000 per year” (22-0-1) Motion Carries.
      1. K. Chrzanowska spoke with Tara Hurt. They have enough money to make one more yearbook next year, in combination with our funding, the administrative funding, and their fundraising accounts.
      2. M. Hicks added that after our funding change, they’re saying they’re only going to be able to make one more yearbook.
   ii. Motion #103 (R. Rivera, H. Brooks) Motion to revise the amendment to read “$6000 per year” instead of “$9000”. (5-17-1) Motion Fails.
      1. E. McDonald asked how popular the Yearbook is.
         a. They sold 160 last year including those given away for free and 40 were archived
      2. H. Brooks asked if there was a print minimum for the amount of books
         a. It is at least 200
   iii. J. Ahern said that they have a contract with Jostens to make a certain type of book. We can’t tell them what to do, but there’s other options for kinds of books for them to create. One option is just seniors only; yearbook expenses could cover it so it’s free. There are other options.
   iv. K. Chrzanowska said that the advisor wanted it to be a specific kind of book; they agreed that if we cut funding it would be feasible to produce a seniors only quality book. They get $4,500 or $5000 from the administration. They’ll have a good quality book.
   v. Without administrative revenue, the Yearbook can support itself for one year.
   vi. M. Hicks added that there are clubs that are separated for a reason: Yearbook is one, the Campus Lantern is another. If we make this change now, we’re probably not going to make another one soon.
   vii. C. Gosselin thinks the amendment is unnecessary. The senate last semester didn’t want them to go away; cutting them more might make them go away. Right now we have set up a possible alternative. Let’s not kill them entirely.
   viii. G. Wrobel added that if we cut them too much and we lose quality, students won’t buy it anyway.
   ix. N. Vigorita thinks dropping it so much is unfair to them. We should evaluate in a few years and then lower/raise funding.
   x. R. Rivera thinks we should cut them in a way so they’re forced to find an alternative.
   xi. M. Patino added that if we push this amendment, we would be manipulating them in a way. If we cut it that much, it’s unfair to them and we’re using our power inappropriately.
2. Vice President’s Report
   a. Committee Updates
      i. Public Relations
         1. M. McFall Gorman asked why they were denied another Warrior Wednesday.
            a. This executive board would be funding an event that would be taking place while it was serving. The senators working it might not be serving it during the current senate.
            b. M. McFall Gorman asked what the standard pricing should be for next year.
               i. M. Hicks recommended $150.
      ii. Internal
         1. The banquets are underway. They're trying to get something other than chicken. They offered a deal for London broil and a shrimp scampi. That would cost $711 for the entire senate and $798 including guests for seniors. For chicken it is $858 for the senate, $921 including guests.
            a. A. Bullard thinks R. Rivera should look into this option for the BAM banquet; we should have
            b. E. McDonald thinks that we should be more conscientious of the students’ money. No one is going to know that we’re going to have steak anyway.
            c. Informally, everyone was in favor of the steak
      iii. Student Issues
         1. Issues is putting on a "What's It Gonna Cost Eastern" to persuade students to attend the CSCU Capital Day. It's April 29th from 11-1. It's a chance for students to get one-on-one interactions to promote for a change. Any more information should be sent to J. Ahern. E. Pelletier's event is to raise awareness about these events.
      iv. BAM
         1. BAM is almost done on FRP reviews! Award applications are due April 20th.

3. Treasurer’s Report:
   a. SAC
      i. The SAC will soon be holding elections. More information will be available at the next meeting.
   b. Accounts Update
      i. General Board is now at $7145.56. Executive Board is at $2165.15.

4. Secretary Report:
   a. Nothing to report.

5. Advisor Report:
   a. Nothing to report.

6. Old Business
   a. Transform
      i. The University Senate has written a resolution for a vote of No Confidence that will be voted on if certain things are not met. If Dr. Grey makes concessions, it won't be voted on.
         1. D. Solomon asked what the Vote of No Confidence does.
            a. M. Hicks answered that a No Confidence vote doesn't physically do anything, however, if one CSU is voting that way, chances are the
others will do as well. If all of them vote against him, then he is leading people that do not believe in him so he will likely be fired.

2. M. McFall Gorman asked if the ad-hoc Transform committee should meet.
   a. If they vote No Confidence Transform will either die or be seriously revised. There’s nothing for us to do at this point.

7. New Business
   a. SGA Logo
      i. J. Ahern went over new logos for SGA.
         1. J. Mazyck added that it’s very intriguing, much more than the old one. He likes the flame. You could say SGA is an internal flame and the flame would never die.
         2. E. Pelletier added that the flame could have multiple interpretations.
         3. R. Rivera would like to see it in red, a brighter red.
         4. Informally, the senate liked the flame.
         5. M. Hicks added that they look a lot like Rand Paul’s logo for his presidential campaign.
            a. E. Pelletier thinks that if professionals are doing that, it’s nice.
       6. Informally, the senate voted J. Ahern should continue with his logo pursuits.

8. Open Floor
   a. J. Ahern and N. Vigorita’s first mentor/mentee project went really well.
   b. RDT Showcase at 6:30 in the Shafer Auditorium.
   c. Good luck with your candidacy!
   d. Make sure seniors are buying Mohegan Sun tickets

9. Dates to Remember:
   a. President’s Breakfast, Wednesday April 22nd at 7AM.
   b. SGA Internal Banquet; Thursday April 23rd 7:00PM
   c. SGA Clubs and Organizations Banquet: Thursday April 30th 5:15p.m

Meeting adjourned at 4:23 PM