Student Government Association
General Board Meeting
April 27, 2015

Present:

Executive Board: J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), T. Mack (Treasurer), C. Gosselin (BAM), N. Vigorita (Secretary)

Advisors: M. Delaney, C. Ambrosio


Guests: V. Cosma, J. Reid, P. Hoeps

Meeting called to order at 3:05PM

1) President’s Report
   a) Acceptance of Minutes from April 20, 2015
      i) Motion #1 (Ch. Welch, H. Brooks) Motion to accept the minutes from 4/20/2015 (11-0-0). Motion Carries
   b) Welcome! It doesn’t matter where you are sitting; we are all here together and are going to have a fantastic 2015-2016 year!
   c) E Board will get together this summer to come up with ideas for the new school year, please feel free to email your input!
   d) Let your friends and those that didn’t get into SGA this past election know they can run for the 10 open spots in the fall!

2) Vice President’s Report
   a) Applications for committee heads are out, please consider applying!
   b) Let Erin know if you would like a different committee or the same committee for next semester.
   c) K. Constant asked what are the committees are
      i) They are: Public Relations, Internal, Student Issues, Budget And Management
   d) Swearing in of the new senate. Congratulations everybody! We will swear in those not present today at the first meeting next semester.
   e) Committee Updates
      i) BAM
         (1) One of the issues that comes up often in BAM is sports. At the end of the year, everything not spent comes back and goes into reserves. We want to estimate what the rollover will be, put it into a separate fund, and use it on a rotating schedule to get new uniforms for sports teams because we keep getting requests for new ones.
         (2) It may deplete reserves, but that is a conversation we can have next year.
         (3) While Erin appoints who is in which committee, BAM is a little more specialized. If you would like to be a part of BAM, please talk to Clint who will discuss the matter with her.
         (4) What is BAM?
(a) BAM stands for Budget and Management and is the committee that oversees student activity fee money that goes out to clubs. It is decided from the FRPs at the end of each semester what clubs need and how much they get.

(5) M. Ehrnfelt would like to know how many students are allowed on each committee

(6) BAM is the only ones that has a set amount of people, however this isn't in the constitution; it has typically been BAM chair, treasurer, and 3 senators.

3) **Treasurer’s Report:**
   a) Accounts Update
      i) General Board $7,169.27
      ii) Executive Board $2,165.15
   b) 2015/2016 fiscal year budget:

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   i) T. Mack believes we should give BAM $175,00, General Board $13,000 and Executive Board $7,365 like we did last year.

   ii) 'Admin' is clarified to be the money that pays for part of Chris' salary. There have been issues with paperwork in the past, so the deal made was that SGA would pay the base salary of an 'Admin 2' position and the university would make up the difference

   iii) L. Navarro asked why the yearbook only gets $4,500
      (1) T. Mack explains that previously we were giving $9,000 to yearbook/semester but this year we voted to give them $4,500/semester instead.

   iv) Gabby brought up that normally general board pays for clubs and orgs banquet but this year BAM paid for it. What will we do next year?
      (1) This will be figured out next semester

   v) Michelle wants us to know that in the fall we may or may not do a pep rally or participate in a conference; those are big ticket items and the $13,000 allocated for General Board may be tight for this plus whatever may come up

   vi) J. Reid mentions we discussed sending the pep rally to CAB

   vii) J. Ahern thinks we should have this discussion early next semester, but we should set the money aside incase we want to do these events.

   viii) If we made it work in the past, how will it not work next year?
      (1) It was tight this year; the fall deficit was covered in the spring.

   ix) J. Ahern wants another pep rally committee if we want to do another pep rally

   x) L. Navarro wanted to know how much was spent in the last pep rally? He also thinks we could use a student for DJ, lighting, etc. to save money. He will be on the committee should we have one.
      (1) About $7-8,000 was spent. We have had a student do this event in the past, but inappropriate music was played and that ended this idea.

   xi) M. Ehrnfelt asked if it is too late to ask CAB to give us money for the pep rally
J. Ahern said they usually do an after rally event.

T. Mack reiterated that we can discuss this further in the fall with the whole senate

H. Brooks informed the new senators that we had a lengthy discussion about how we may cut the rally for next year because of the poor turnout

H. Brooks further brought up that we don’t know what we’ll be doing next semester and he believes we should take $5,000 from BAM and put $3,000 in general board and $2,000 in e board.

K. Constant asked how much the clubs used of the $175,000 this academic year? 
(1) It was 100% allocated, but that doesn’t mean it all was used. Events fall through, money doesn’t get used, etc.

Chris mentioned that BAM was ‘aggressive’ this year in asking clubs to return money not used, and it was helpful. But it could be different next year

C. Gosselin said BAM right now has allocated $146,000 out of the available $175,000 and still have FRP’s to go through and allocate, including football which is usually $10,000+. We want more money left for new clubs that come about next semester

Money can get moved and/or cut next year if need be. There are a lot of clubs requesting a lot of money.

L. Navarro gave a club’s perspective and said that they feel they need to use the money, that it would be wasted if they do not

G. Wrobel said that many new clubs are resourceful and will come up with events without a lot of funding if they really want it to occur, while others will not put them on simply because of lack of money

J. Ahern added that we created the ‘after conference/trip survey’ that determines what was gained from the event, but it was decided to not to go this route. We may bring this back still.

C. Gosselin mentioned that on BAM, they saw what clubs used in the past and decided that if they could make do with that amount once, they could do it again if they’re resourceful.

M. Wysopal asked if money isn’t used in fall, what happens? 
(1) In fall the excess goes to spring, in spring it goes into capital reserves, which is used for emergencies.

c) **Motion #2 (H. Brooks, L. Navarro)** Motion to accept the fiscal year 2015/2016 budget (9-1-0) Motion Carries

i) **Motion #3 (H. Brooks, M. Ehrnfelt)** Motion to amend the motion to read: $170,000 BAM, $16,000 General Board, $9,635 E Board (4-8-0) Motion fails.

(a) It is asked what the conference that SGA attends is?  
(i) Few, select e board members and senators attend a conference usually

(b) K. Constant wanted to know if with the budget from this year, were we able to go to conferences?  
(i) J. Ahern said yes, but we went into the deficit that was covered it in the fall.

(c) K. Constant believes that, especially with football, there won’t be enough money and wants to go with the first budget proposed.

(d) M. Wysopal brought up that we want more Warrior Wednesdays and foresees up to $1,000 being used

(e) G. Wrobel thinks it is important to remember that we serve the students, so we should give them as much room to do what they want to do as possible. It is their outlet to do what they want to do and it is hard telling them no. She thinks we should stick to the $175,000 budget as well

(f) V. Cosma said to remember there are students not in clubs.

(g) C. Gosselin tells the senate that we will find a way; it is easier to have us tie our hands than to tell the clubs they get less funding
4) Secretary Report:
   a) There is a picnic at Nicole’s house for all the 2014-2016 senate. Though it is with the SGA members, it is NOT an ‘SGA event.’

5) Advisor Report:
   a) Welcome new senate! We look forward to next year!

6) Old Business
7) New Business
   a) H. Brooks announced there is a proposal to be put on floor tomorrow at University Senate to hold a vote of no confidence against Dr. Gray; he wanted to ask the senate how we want him to vote. Read through the University Senate minutes for more information. We would be first of the CT schools to vote no confidence. Dr. Nunez is adamant in her disclaimer that if we vote no confidence, the state universities will follow and that will go on Dr. Gray’s record for his life and make it hard for him to get a job.
   b) H. Brooks further said that holding no confidence is a big deal. It says we don’t have confidence in either Dr. Gray or Transform 20/20.
   c) Summary of Transform 20/20: A few years ago the board of trustees made the board of reagents of the 17 Connecticut institutions; 20/20 wants to reconfigure how the system as a whole functions for the schools. There are 36 initiatives and they all go over specific points that they think should be implemented to make the Connecticut school system more efficient and collaborative. It is very vague at first but if you dig deeper it is much more complex.
   d) J. Ahern adds that is controversial because students and faculty didn’t get enough information about it before it was implemented
   e) This plan lumps all the schools together, it limits individuality and as schools we don’t like that.
   f) As a senate we would like Harrison to vote no confidence.
   g) We further object to the combining of Dr. Gray with 20/20. Go after one or the other, they’re not tied together.
   h) Please email further questions to Harrison or Justin.

8) Open Floor
   a) V. Cosma wanted to know if it says in the constitution that delegates can’t be committee heads?
   b) In the delegate program we decided that delegates have all duties of a senator except voting
   c) Delegates CAN be committee heads

9) Dates to Remember:
   a) Clubs and Organizations Banquet: Thursday April 30, 2015 5:30pm
   b) Last day of classes: Thursday April 30, 2015
   c) Graduation: Tuesday May 12, 2015 6:30pm
   d) Picnic: Sunday May 31, 2015 12noon

Meeting adjourned at 4:05 PM