I. Call to Order: 3:00pm

II. Roll Call:

**Executives:** J. Ahern (President), E. Drouin (Vice President), C. Gosselin (BAM), T. Mack (Treasurer), M. McFall Gorman (Secretary).


**Advisors:** M. Delaney and C. Ambrosio

**Guests:** M. DellaValle, N. Barrows, V. Hill, A. Meshac, K. Wilmot

III. President Report:

   i. **Motion #104** (Ch. Welch, Co. Welch) To approve the minutes from April 11th (18 – 0 – 0)

b. SGA Elections
   i. J. Ahern asked how many people had their ballot sent to their clutter box, a few people raised their hands.
   ii. J. Ahern recommended that people check their clutter, or make students aware of this problem.
   iii. Everyone seemed to have a smooth experience with the voting process
   iv. J. Reid said the bio’s should have been next to the pictures
   v. M. McFall Gorman explained that the bios were there, you just had to hover your mouse over them.
   vi. C. Ambrosio said that they did not want the page to be too long, because scrolling would reduce the amount of people skipping voting.
   vii. J. Ahern said that the plus side is that people can do it quickly
   viii. B. Paiva said that some people could not access the bio’s
   ix. Co. Welch was happy they could access it on their phone, but said that 50% of the time it wouldn’t actually redirected the student to the “thank you” page but just right to the facebook page
   x. J. Ahern remembered that J. Dignoti recommended for next year that you get a confirmation email when you’ve voted, all agreed
c. SGA Trip to Boston
   i. Thanks to C. Ambrosio and everyone who went

d. SGA Banquet
   i. This Thursday, April 21st! If you are driving yourself, please meet outside The Stu in your
      vehicles so we can relatively drive together, if you have class until 6:45 and cannot meet in the
      lot just send an email

IV. Vice President Report:
   a. Internal Committees Update
      i. Student Issues: …for the last time!
         1. Campus Alcohol Policy
            a. H. Brooks met with VP Bedini and got a lot of great info, including a brief
               history of how the policy was implemented when the drinking age went from 18 – 21, and on
               campus pub closed due to the sudden lack of business. When
               President Carter came in he wanted a more rigid policy (he succeeded as it is this
               policy we still have)
            b. H. Brooks debunked some rumors: we don’t get state funding or insurance breaks
               because of our policy, it is strictly an ECSU policy that we have. Also, using the
               term dry campus is not exactly correct because housing is the only department
               that is actually dry, clubs and orgs are allowed to have alcohol with administrative
               approval
            c. The alcohol policy supposedly is not implemented as a deterrent, it’s supposed to
               be a mitigating safety issues – H. Brooks is getting the numbers on alcohol-
               related incident reports and arrests on campus since implementation.
            d. E. Drouin could, hypothetically, have a beer on Webb lawn. Answer is No, as
               drinking in public is a state law. You must have approval from administration for
               having alcohol anywhere on campus (excluding the dormitories).
            e. C. Gosselin asked in regards to the numbers if they are from judicial? Yes. He
               then asked if H. Brooks could find the difference between underage/legal age
               incidents
            f. H. Brooks said that all the info he gathers will be given to the new student issues
               committee head.
            g. F. Ricigliano asked if VP Bedini was strict and pro-policy. H. Brooks explained
               that he merely upheld the administrative perspective not his personal view
            h. D. Sheridan asked if there is a process for having a ‘wet’ event. Possibly, but like
               all such events people must be carded at the door and the alcohol must be
               provided by Chartwells who has a liquor permit.
            i. J. Ahern gave the example of the Fine Arts Gala and other Senior events that
               have a champagne toast.
            j. A. Dilone asked what if you’re a senior and not 21? J. Ahern explained that you
               have to be 21 and will be carded to make sure.
            k. J. Ahern explained that President Nunez is against the change, and that everyone
               going forward with this in the future will have to get more info and make a solid
               defense to make change happen.
            l. H. Brooks added that this won’t end very soon
2. Student Organization Computers
   a. The committee decided they are not going to buy a Mac. Instead, of the 19 computers in the suite they are going to buy 15 new ones (HP’s) four of which will go to the new Pride Center. There is a mix of old/new computers in the suite right now, so the Pride Center will get the newer, better functioning computers. There are 7 computers on the SGA side (all to be updated), other side has old and really old computers. With the addition of the wall for building the Pride Center, they will be able to fit 6 computers there.
   b. J. Ahern reviewed that there will be 2-3 computers from old space that we won’t have room for. IT may reuse them.
   c. We are only fixing and/or updating 13 computers, but we did get a quote for 15 computers including everything which was $14,898.
   d. J. Ahern then added that if you were to motion, no more than $14,000 would be necessary because there are only 13 total computers.
   e. J. Mazyczk asked why we needed new ones. J. Ahern explained that most are old and need updates, some are really old. Replacing them now will mitigate costs in the future so we don’t have to update more in the future on a piece by piece basis.
   f. J. Ahern said that since it’s a new space it makes sense to have newer items, which will go along with the new poster printer – because it is half the computers’ fault and half Boris’ fault.
   g. **Motion # 105** (J. Brucker, H. Brooks) To spend no more than $14,000 on 13 new student organization computers (17 – 1 – 1) **Motion carries**

3. Student Organization Poster Printer
   a. J. Ahern explained how we own the current poster printer called a “plotter”, and how we paid a lump sum so it is ours completely.
   b. M. Delaney explained that we pay for maintenance
   c. The alternative now is that we would get a newer plotter for $450 a month as a lease where they replace the toner, printer, etc. If there is ever a problem they service the machine. This cost will only be $4500 per year for the next two years because the first two months are free for the first two years.
   d. A. Dilone asked how quickly they would be on top of replacing things
   e. J. Ahern said that we have to juggle that, because we wouldn’t have to track it as much as just make sure they regularly come in to replace the toner etc. He added that there is a full warranty with unlimited services.
   f. J. Mazyczk asked if we have to call them if its broken, having a paper jam, or could we fix it ourselves? J. Ahern said you can fix it yourself.
   g. Buying the plotter would be between $7,000-10,000 and they would last about ten years (not including the price of upkeep and supplies)
   h. H. Brooks asked M. Delaney if we can we give the clubs a set amount of printing funds for the Poster printer like we do with the regular printer now. M. Delaney said probably – we’d have to buy that electronic piece that is used for typing in identification information. Or, the person that keeps track of the posters could do that, keep a tally of which clubs are printing and how much.
i. F. Ricigliano asked if there is a buy-out option where you can lease for a while and then buy remainder. J. Ahern clarified that there is not.

j. J. Ahern listed all the supplies that are given for free with the leasing system. It was a surprise that we got ten years out of the one we have right now.

k. Co. Welch said the poster printer is the most frustrating thing when it doesn’t work for you – lots of clubs use it, they always have requests – but they have had to deny clubs because of technical difficulties. Hard to tell them no but when it’s out of our hands there’s nothing to do.

l. M. Delaney says Boris has never really been serviced.

m. J. Ahern explained that the lease is yearly, you can renew it or stop it. Ch. Welch likes the idea of electronic posters, and because of that she urges that we rent the poster printer. That way it is easier to cut our losses if we are transitioning to other poster means (electronic).

n. J. Ahern said that the poster printer is challenging and dying more or less. When the copy center gets backed up they come here, more and more people are learning that we print posters – so now we should be able to provide that service.

o. M. Delaney will find the price of ink.

p. **Motion #106** (J. Digniti, F. Ricigliano) To spend no more than $4,500 on a one year rental for the demo HP Design Jet poster printer to replace Boris (may he Rest in Peace). (11 – 7 – 2) **Motion carries.**

   i. “Bye, Boris” – Erin Drouin.

ii. Public Relations:

   1. Events for Elections

      a. Today went well for PR, they did coffee mugs with cookies, then they made it an either or option as the mugs were going too fast. Chartwells was there and they had laptops and ipads.

      b. Some students said they had previously read bios and now wanted to vote, which is exciting! About 11% of the school voted today – keep spreading the word!

      c. Reminder of tomorrow and Wednesday in Hurley, as PR is looking forward to it. The updated email sign-up sheet was sent to everyone, but if you have to change your times then email Ch. Welch or Co. Welch.

      d. J. Ahern said that we are also getting a lot of likes on Facebook!

iii. Budget and Management:

   1. United Voices of Praise Constitution

      a. M. Alexis explained that they are a group of students that come together under power of music. They started this group as there are many students that are interested in continuing their spiritual background from religion into a university group. United Voices focuses more on the spiritual aspect of the student. They plan on collaborating with other clubs and promoting what a true Christian is – there are a lot of stereotypes, and they want an outlet for students to empower their spiritual life style here.

      b. M. Alexis continued, saying that lots of people had a concern about inclusiveness – but the group has included the non-discrimination clause within their constitution and they will not deny anybody entrance on any basis as it states.

      c. J. Mazyczek asked if you had to be a Christian to be on E-board. Answer is No.
d. A. Dilone asked about the songs, and if there would be a collaboration in regards to choosing the songs or would it be up to the more experienced people.

e. M. Alexis said that they do want to represent the basis of faith, however they are open to suggestions or opinions from members on what they can do as an organization

f. **Motion #107** (J. Reid, D. Sheridan) To approve the constitution of the student organization, United Voices of Praise (19 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

2. Funding Request Packets (FRPs)
   a. Today is the last session, there are a lot left. Thanks to BAM for meeting on Sunday.

3. Student Organization Banquet
   a. May 3rd, Tuesday at 5:30pm. Each organization is allowed to bring 5 members, usually E-board but a general member can come. RSVP by April 22nd with how many people, their names, and their positions to BAM.
   b. SGA Senators attending – many are already going with other organizations, but anyone from SGA is welcome to come. Like any other student organization we are guaranteed at least 5, but if there is not a huge amount of student organization RSVP’s we can let more people go.

b. External Committees Update
   i. E. Drouin stated “Anyone…? Ok, none. Thus concludes my report… shout-out to my committee heads for a wonderful year!”
      1. *Applause*

V. **Treasurer Report:**
   a. Accounts Update – Review
      i. General Board: $11,684.40
      ii. Executive Board: $3,517.32
   b. T. Mack explained that the accounts will change soon because he is still waiting for the Boston Trip, SGA Banquet, and elections to go through.

VI. **Secretary Report:**
   a. Office Hours – Review
      i. M. McFall Gorman reviewed the consistency and accuracy of the office hours this past year. She asked the Senate if they prefer the eLife method of clocking in or if they prefer the hand written sign in method.
      ii. M. McFall Gorman recommended that for next year, the Secretary decide, based on this feedback, to use one method exclusively for simplicity’s sake.

VII. **Advisor Report:**

VIII. **Old Business:**
   a. CSCU Day at the Capitol – Tomorrow
      i. J. Ahern reminded all those involved to meet at noon in SGA suite. People attending as of now are T. Mack, R. Eragene, J. Ahern, F. Ricigliano and maybe one more. J. Ahern explained that they will be back by 3pm.
ii. A. Dilone asked if this sort of stuff is only open to SGA. J. Ahern responded No.
iii. A. Dilone asked why we don’t advertise this sort of stuff more. J. Ahern said that it’s not our event, but that’s really a shortcoming of the CCSU office/BOR, as they have the ability to send out all those emails but they don’t. Instead they ask the administration, and we are their first go-to. We could advertise more, we will, just know that sometimes these events are not ours to organize.

b. Spring Open House – Radio Participation
i. J. Ahern asked if anyone else would like to go and speak on the radio with D. Sheridan at 1:30pm tomorrow. M. McFall Gorman volunteered. They will meet at the side door of the Communications Building across from the satellites.

ii. There will be lots of people for Spring Open House! Need one or two people for table similar to Student Day, on Saturday April 23rd from 10:30 – 1 pm. R. Eragene, H. Brooks, T. Mack, and J. Ahern will attend.

c. Shuttle Improvements – Complete
i. We were published! Hooray! J. Ahern said that the bid came in – first year is $20,500 and second year is $21,000 – the good thing is that we also motioned for $7,000 for shuttle stops, but we came in well under at $3,375 because the previous company we were working with was planning on selling our bid to another company (which would inflate our costs, so that company “Signs Plus” sucks). Therefore we need to re-motion for the cost change

ii. **Motion # 108** (J. Brucker, B. Paiva) To spend no more than $21,000 for the Saturday Shuttle to Storrs (19 – 0 – 0) **Motion carries.**

iii. This will all be done by the end of the summer!!

II. New Business:
   a. Accomplishments:
      i. Senators signed their names on the poster board and wrote one accomplishment they were proud of.
      ii. J. Ahern, looking back to the retreat, wanted to say thank you to everyone for being involved. He hopes that you have met your goals, that you had a great time, and wants to thank you for being a part of this SGA!
      iii. J. Ahern said “Serve the Students. Don’t ever forget that, we don’t need to be rewarded, our only reward is knowing that we have left things better than when we started. We have been leaders, and we must continue to be available, accessible and approachable. Make things happen and be the change that you want to see, not just in student government, but in the world. Counting on you all to do the same 😊”

III. Open Floor:
   a. Appreciation

IV. Dates to Remember:
   a. CSCU Students at the Capitol Day: Tuesday, April 19th – 12:00 PM – 3:00 PM at the Capitol Building.
   b. President’s Breakfast: Wednesday, April 20th – 7:00 AM in the President’s Dining Room - Hurley Hall.
   c. SGA Banquet: Thursday, April 21st – 6:30 PM – SGA Suite / Chucks Steak House and Margarita Grill.
d. Executive Board Transition Summit: Friday, April 22nd – 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM in the Betty Tipton Room.

e. Budget and Management’s Student Organization Banquet: Tuesday, May 3rd in the Betty Tipton Room.

V. Meeting adjourned: 3:52pm