



Student Government Association
Minutes
March 28th , 2017

I. Call to order: 6:00

II. Approval of Minutes

a. So move: Katie

b. Second: Lee

A. Passes

III. Officer Reports

a. President: Kiana Medley

- A. I met with Dr. Sidell this morning in regards to the book loan program. She addressed some of our concerns and we tweaked the program a little. So, what the group has decided on is to campaign to professors and students to encourage donating books to build the reserve library. Only a small fraction of professors have their books on reserve in the library. All students will have access to reserves so it increases student impact. The monies left over will be spent on purchasing books for students in need based off of their financial aid. Connie from the bookstore was in attendance and her role is to make sure the books that we'll be purchasing will last. We don't want to buy multiple books if the professors tends to switch their required books in and out. We'll also only be purchasing required text that the class uses throughout the semester not optional text or text professors what students to buy for one assignment.
- B. The program will most likely not include foreign language courses or any other courses that require a one-time use access code with the text book. The group is still trying to find a way to get commitments from professors so if the professor puts a book up on web advisor, he or she won't change it, which is common at this university and very frustrating for both the bookstore and students. I believe something will be said at University Senate in regards to this. So until I hear back that there is some interest or commitment from the professors of which we plan to buy books for, the motion will stay tabled in old business because we don't want to end up wasting monies that could be spent elsewhere.
- C. I'm still waiting to hear back from admissions in regards to accepted student day and spring fling concert
- D. The poll for the Mountie shuttle bus hasn't been released yet because I realized that we haven't gotten an estimation as to how much more the

Mountie would cost if one of the other schedules were chosen. It would be bad if students voted and then afterwards we find out that it may not be worth the increase in the funding for it. So I put a halt to that. We should receive estimates by Friday.

- E. In new business, I'll be moving us into informal discussion to discuss a request from the president and provost's offices in regards to e-board stipends

b. Vice President: Damien Wickizer

- A. Spirit Committee, we will be meeting after the meeting next week, we will meet here. Please think about ideas that we can boost student moral!
- B. The Mascot Madness Contest is going on again for the PASSHE System. This could be a great opportunity for all of us to get school spirit rolling.
- C. The Senator/Rep of the year nominations will begin next week. I will pass out the criteria for someone to be nominated and I, with the members of the e-board, will come to a conclusion on who will be selected.

c. Treasurer: Kathleen Christman

A. **COF Report**

- 1. **SGA Balance:** \$245,253.43
- 2. **COF Balance:** \$183,564.94
- 3. Approved \$621.00 for Community Health Club for community health conference.
- 4. Approved \$2,886.00 for Geosciences Club for the Science March in Washington D.C.
- 5. Approved \$4,500 for Student Activities Office for Michael Brown Sr speaker.
- 6. We finished budget hearings on Saturday night. 31 budgets were heard and voted on. When the minutes go out, the approved budgets will be going out as well. Please look at these before the next SGA meeting because we will be discussing and voting at next week's meeting.

B. SGA seat

- d. PR Director: Allison Conway
 - A. If you have any t-shirt ideas for spring fling, please let me know
 - B. PR committee please meet after this
- e. Secretary: Tyler Walters
 - A. Please be on time. I do log tardiness to meetings.
- f. Director of Technology: Kyle Melvin
 - A. Talked to Casey Wood about getting out board back last week.
 - B. **Here is the plan:**
 - C. A link has been made by PR that will allow students to fill out a survey
 - D. <https://portal.my.mansfield.edu/sites/students/Digital%20Sign%20Request%20Form/Forms/AllItems.aspx>
 - E. You follow directions on the screen then it must be approved (due to copyright) by PR
 - F. I will add the link to our SGA page. I'm going to make a new tab that will be called Alumni SGA board
 - G. **End of plan**
 - H. It's a WIP but it will be up in the upcoming week or so. I will keep you updated
- g. Parliamentarian: Jared Holmes
 - A. Anybody interested in running must tell Kiana by April 7th
 - B. Voting will be April 21st ○ Announcement will be immediately following.
 - C. Transition week will be April 24th - 28th (Spring Fling Week)
 - D. Passing of the Gavel will be May 2nd (Last Meeting)

IV. Committee Reports

- a. University Committee Reports -
 - A. Academic Affairs Committee -
 - B. University Senate – Quick meeting. There will be a few constitutional changes revolving around rules surrounding sub committees. They plan on creating a

new sub-committee that works with online courses. Presented ideas surrounding spring fling. I will be passing on the responsibility for that after the meeting

C. Student Affairs and Administration -

D. Academic Planning -

E. SAAC –

F. CCSI - NR

G. Academic Resources -

H. Administration – We will be meeting after the meeting tonight as well as next week.

I. Tech –

J. Recruitment –

K. Student Life and Leadership –

V. House of Representatives

- a. Interfraternal Council: There will be a blood drive April 11th and April 25th. Sigma Alpha Epsilon is having paddy murray week and will be doing pie a brother in South Hall Mall, they are also having a pageant this Friday at 7pm. Phi Sigma Kappa is sending brothers to St. Francis to help out with special Olympics.
- b. Panhellenic Council: Zeta Tau Alpha will be having a flag football tournament April 8, and Alpha Sigma Tau will be having a softball tournament may 3rd.
- c. Domination: Looking for new rep
- d. ACDA: NR
- e. Quidditch Team: NR
- f. Computer Science Club: This Friday and Saturday night is a programming and robotics competition that we will be competing in
- g. History: We will be having a movie night in the library screening room --- check time

- h. HSSGA: Hello, I am the president of SGA over in Sayre. March 11th we had a movie night. April 21st we will be hosting Towanda medical careers club. April 7th we would like to host freshman and sophomore nursing students. April 23rd we will be doing adopt a highway.
- i. MAC: For our splash party, we have received some concerns surrounding the time. We are looking to see if changes can be made.
- j. PCMEA: Last week we had an Irish composer come and speak about his work and the importance of arts and composition
- k. MU Cheerleading Team: We will be hosting a cheer clinic, it is 5 dollars per a child on April 28th
- l. Navigators: NH
- m. Flashlight: NR
- n. Veterans Association: April 28th we will be having the Johnny cash concert. You can purchase tickets in the lounge

VI. Old Business

A. Book Loan Program

VII. New Business

A. Motion to approve bylaw revisions

- 1. Second – Tyler
- 2. No Discussion
- 3. Passes

B. Motion to approve \$4,500 for Student Activities office for Michael Brown Sr Speaker

- 1. Seungho
- 2. No discussion
- 3. Passes

C. Motion to approve \$2,886.00 for Geoscience Club for science march in Washington D.C.

1. No discussion
2. Passes

D. Motion to approve \$9,325 for Seneca Lake cruise for graduating seniors

1. So move – Katie
2. Second – Alyssa
3. 2.5 cruise on Seneca lake for seniors. \$30 for seniors. Funds include transportation, food, and the cruise.
4. Will this only apply to graduating seniors? – Yes
5. Does this only apply to spring seniors? - yes, but fall semester can attend as well.
6. Will this be an annual event?
7. This year we will support it, but next year it will be covered.
8. It will accommodate 300 seniors
9. Will there be a vote on which class is allowed to participate.
10. Steve will only approve a certain class
11. (15/11) Passes

E. Informal discussion – Eboard stipends

1. As you may all know, SGA eboard gets paid to do their jobs. As of now, we have to post a minimum of 5 – 10 hours depending on the position. This does not include any of the other meetings and such we have to attend. I would like to get your opinion on if we should receive these stipends

2. I do believe you guys should receive them. I know that you guys do a lot of work outside of these meetings. If they are going to change anything, maybe lower them.
3. I do not know if you guys know or not, but there is a meeting every two semester that last about 10 hours. That is just talking about the budgets themselves. This obviously takes a lot of time and obviously you guys should get paid.
4. You guys do a ton of work and should be compensated
5. Can I ask for the provosts opinion
6. This is awesome, I am going to be neutral for this. The president and the provost want to have – you guys are the voice for the university. Where they are coming for this is that the money could go to more programming, also there is only two passhe schools that get paid out of 14. If the student body says yes, they will take that is their stance. They want to know what the students think about this. I do not know off the top of my head exactly what they get paid. If you are passionate that they should get paid, speak out on that.
7. How many hours do you guys do
8. If people knew you got paid it might recruit more people
9. I don't think students will realize you get paid, and I do not believe that students know why you get paid and thus this will affect the vote
10. We are stuck into a deadline by next Friday
11. Do you know which schools pay – west chester and bloomsburg

12. When we get to the SGA conference, we had a chance to talk to other bodies. The vast majority did get paid, but how much depends on their student activities are. It really just depends on what their budget is. If you only have two thousand to oversee, you aren't going to be paying as much as someone who has 50,000.
13. Alexa, do you get paid – no
14. Since I was here when they voted to implement this process, there was a lot of debate on the process. This was a precedent. So, from what I understand, the largest and smallest schools are getting paid. Senate president is getting paid to be that position on top of their payment for being a teacher. This is something that is extended to employees, and this is similar to what is extended to the eboard. Also, I will give an acknowledgement that if administration wants to tell this student body what they can and cannot do, let's vote on everything then. Where do you stop. If you are going to lash out at a particular establishment, when does their authority stop. As for the other point, there is a large amount of students on campus that are unaware of what this institution actually does, they do not understand the value of what this body does. I have seen a value in my 8th year that the work these members are doing has increased since I began. I think this has had an impact on this university, but how does this information get out to the body. Does everyone read the newspaper, do they listen to the radio? I don't know. This is an important thing to get out. I do not think they are going to get a fair shake. I do not think this will

be fair to this institution. At any point, a vote could have been placed out to repeal the stipends

15. Where did the original amounts come from

16. I am not sure, Todd do you know?

17. It was based on a minimum wage standard. If you notice some work more than others. The top 3 work more than the others. From there, they added up and then rounded out the values.

18. Since then, minimum wage has increased, but we still get paid that amount. So it is currently less than minimum wage.

19. Was the board planning on sending out a mass email to the student body laying out what you do for the university.

20. Since we have heard about the pole, we have been trying to brainstorm ideas on how to get out this information on what we do. What we do is really long, so maybe students wont want to take the time to read everything and will miss out on the point. If any of you have ideas let us know

21. A lot of teachers are passionate about what you do, so maybe they could

22. Maybe you guys could create a video for social media

23. Any information that you guys can get out will help

24. I would say that you should stress the facts.

25. Does SGA budget come from the university, so this is strictly student money

26. To go back on to that, yes this our money, but the president can also overturn the budget.

27. If you are working 34 hours, and someone else is working 28, is that a flat rate?
28. Yes, based on position
29. Just to make a point, everything we do is in the bylaws if you guys would like to view it.
30. With what Katie has said, she should be making another \$515 to reach minimum wage.
31. Dr. Ranney, you have been here for a while. I was told this was a relatively new thing to be introduced
32. This was about 4 or 5 years ago in Josh Gibsons senior year. This was also the year of 3 – 4 hour SGA meetings. The precedent established by the largest sister university – west chester, I do not think there is any evil with asking any apache sga to consider this.
33. I do have to put a poll up for next Friday. We waited a week so now we are on a strict deadline. Please spread the word
34. We want this done prior to elections, so I am going to try to extend this until a week before elections end.
35. I agree with that 100%. Only active members of sga should be able to vote
36. Students still go to stuff on campus that reap benefits from sga, so everyone should get a say
37. Thank you for discussing, we sent around the paper slips to get your guys thoughts.
38. Leaving informal discussion

Bylaws were approved

VIII. Announcements

- A. Recruitment committee stick around
- B. Budget hearings were this week, Tyler will be sending out information on that. Please take a look at this
- C. This weekend, Kiana and myself will be going on a snow trip. As a student body, we should all take advantage of this.
- D. This Saturday, Damien will be giving his Junior recital with Dr. Ranney on the piano
- E. This Sunday the MUCC will be going to Hershey.

IX. Faculty Representative (Dr. Ranney)

- A. I love spirited conversation, and I love hearing it from many people. It isn't that every topic needs that much discussion, but there should be some. It is important to not rubber stamp everything. When things are close to home, it becomes a little more vocal. At the end of the day, it is your money. The administration does not have the approval on how to spend your money. I mean no disrespect to the administration. The festival requires will be performing up on the hill, and I will be performing as a soloist vocal tenor. Feel free to come support the festival choir

X. Advisor Comments (Dean Crofchick)

- A. Monday, we are getting a tour of the SGA. I am beyond pumped to announce that I am now on university cabinet. I will be yapping a lot for you at cabinet. If you guys want to promote anything please let me know. We meet once a week. The big event is coming up on April 22nd. If you have not signed up your organization please do so. We are looking for more organizations and have 43 projects lined up. We are looking to get 1500 hours done in one day. We have a lot of outside members coming in to

participate. My student worker has been sending out emails like crazy. If there is project you specifically want to do please let me know. On april 27th, apache will be on campus doing their review. From 1 – 2, there will be a student section of 7 students representing us to the board. If you have any great stories on what Mansfield has done for you, I want you to please let me know. Let's get rowdy so show off your spirit.

XI. Public Comments

A. None

XII. Adjournment

- a. So move: Duncan
- b. Second: Tyler

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:55