



**Student Government Association  
Minutes  
March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2017**

I. Call to order: 6:06

II. Approval of Minutes

a. So move: Katie

b. Second: Kyle

A. Passes

III. Officer Reports

a. President: Kiana Medley

A. We can finally announce the artists for spring fling.

April 28th is the concert. It starts at 8pm - gates open at 6:30pm.

A while back, I mentioned that I was a part of a committee made up of individuals who were interested in starting a book loan program for students. In new business, we'll be entertaining a motion for that.

I've reached out to Judi Bryer in regards to accepted student day and our spring fling concert to see if admissions would like to purchase the tickets for the perspective students

B.

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:** \$191,605.94

- B. At COF we approved \$7,420.00 for MAC for a water party. This will need to be approved tonight. We also denied \$130.00 for Photography club for a fundraiser. This weekend will be budget hearings. There are 28 organizations which submitted all of the required documents and will be heard at budget hearings. If you have questions regarding your organization's budget eligibility, please feel free to talk to me after the meeting.

C. SGA seat

d. PR Director: Allison Conway

- A. Make sure you go for the Mountie for the mascot madness. we are going against East Stroudsburg and their new mascot. there was an email sent out by university communications and marketing
- B. If anyone has any t-shirt ideas, just let me know
- C. PR committee please meet after this

e. Secretary: Tyler Walters

- A. Attendance will be considered based on the excuse.

f. Director of Technology: Kyle Melvin

- A. Welcome back! I'm excited to be back for the final few weeks of the semester.
- B. Meeting tomorrow about our lovely board outside of alumni. We plan on working on a way to have an email set up that will direct to us and to PR for approval. Working on a way to have us control it.
- C. Everything will be uploaded to the website by Thursday.
- D. Go Mounties.

g. Parliamentarian: Jared Holmes

- A. Turn in conflict of interest forms
- B. Voting on bylaws next week

#### IV. Committee Reports

a. University Committee Reports

- A. Academic Affairs Committee - NR
- B. University Senate – NR
- C. Student Affairs and Administration - NR
- D. Academic Planning -NR
- E. SAAC – NR
- F. CCSI - NR
- G. Academic Resources -NR
- H. Administration - NR
- I. Tech – NR
- J. Recruitment – NR
- K. Student Life and Leadership – Discussion on possibly selling the tickets for a discounted price for prepaying. Discussion on possibly opening the hut up as a food vendor, nothing is finalized yet, but more information will be provided next week.

#### V. House of Representatives

- a. Interfraternal Council: SAE has paddy murphy week march 21<sup>st</sup> through march 27<sup>th</sup>.  
AKL will be having a Papa the Butcher fundraiser Mach 24<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5k color run this Saturday benefiting children diagnosed with cancer this weekend with multiple greek organizations helping run it.
- b. Panhellenic Council: ZTA is having their flag football tournament April 8<sup>th</sup>, AST, is having their softball tournament in May and will also be hosting a fundraiser in lower this week.
- c. Domination: NR
- d. ACDA: We got back on Sunday from our national conference where we spent time in workshops.
- e. Quidditch Team: NR
- f. Computer Science Club: NR
- g. History: NR
- h. HSSGA:NR
- i. MAC: We are still talking to the bus company for the trip to Hershey park
- j. PCMEA:NR
- k. MUTV: NR
- l. MU Cheerleading Team: NR
- m. Navigators: NR
- n. Flashlight NR
- o. Veterans Association – April 8<sup>th</sup> is our Johnny cash concert so please spread the word. We are working to get a locking system in our office.

## VI. Old Business

- A. None

## VII. New Business

- A. Motion to approve \$7,420.00 for water party

1. This is an event that will continue the fun for spring fling
  2. Can you go into detail about what a water party would be – It would be through bobby k, but it will try to mimic a water park/carnival setup/
  3. Where will this be held – We are hoping to get south hall mall set up as well as the street. Still looking into this
  4. What time of the day, around 12 -4 on Friday. Still solidifying the details
  5. You could consider asking any of the faculty members if they would like to participate in the dunk tank which might help ticket sales.
  6. Passes
- B. Motion to table bylaw discussion until next week
1. Passes
- C. Motion to approve \$25,000 to book loan program.
1. Mrs. Seidel – We would like to start a lending program for students that have a need for textbooks. We would also like to increase the amount of reserve textbooks in the library so that the books would be open to everyone
  2. I don't know if there would be any incentive for any students to give their students back.
  3. We are hoping that both students and faculty would be willing to donate to this
  4. Do you take requests for books to be ordered or is it based off of a different system
  5. We are considering in the same way that you would do a cash advance. You put your top three requests and we would email back on whether or not it has been approved or if your selection was available
  6. Could you discuss which types of students would be eligible
  7. Initially we would look at financial aid and state loans as well. So when we look at students, initially we would look at students who have the higher need and what we have available.
  8. How many books roughly would you be able to purchase with 25,000.
  9. That is a great question, we know that at least this semester we would need 28,000 to purchase one unduplicated book for each class offered this semester. We know that at least 10,000 of those books are currently on reserve in the library. We are not really sure so starting out we are not sure how many people we would be able to acquire. We might not be able to afford to keep buying books so we want to test the waters first until we can get a better answer. We do believe we can get a lot of mileage out 25,000 however

10. We thought the money would go farther for students if the money was used to buy books that weren't already on reserve and offer books for day usage or multiday usage. We are curious if that is something that you guys would be willing to look at
11. We would, but that might also cost a little bit more
12. Based off the way state loans work, my families contribution would not necessarily qualify me for that when I still need the books
13. If we could get books used through the bookstore that might be more beneficial.
14. The books store is willing to help us with what is most used from semester to semester to decide which books are more important to purchase.
15. Another reason you we would have to go through the books store is that we are contractually obligated to purchase through the bookstore because of the current rules. Yes it is more expensive through them, but it is also the cheapest route we can go without breaking rules. It is the cheapest the bookstore can sell the books without losing any money themselves
16. How long has this been in the works
17. This actually started from another project. I worked with a group who worked with students who are coming out of the foster system be more successful. While looking into the matter, we determined this might be a more beneficial method of pursuing this.
18. Do you have any student representation with this
19. With the changing of the editions of books, do you guys plan on coming back every year to keep up with the changes. I support that, but it might be easier if you guys submitted a budget so that each year you guys knew you had the ongoing funding.
20. That would be great, we just don't know how much money we would need on a consecutive bases.
21. Professors use a lot of random books in the middle of the semester. Would the smaller books be taken into consideration or how would that work.
22. Ideally we would like to, but it might be hard to capture all of these
23. As an English major, I have to have these books in class so it wouldn't be helpful if they were only on reserve
24. Is there any way to check with library to check reserve statistics so back the usage of the books
25. The library says no, if we start this will obviously need a higher amount of PR to get the word out.
26. The books usage roughly ranged from 0 – 54, so yes the information is there

27. There is also the trio textbook loan program. I think that is effective. It would be nice to have a survey on the idea.
28. I think it would be beneficial to table this until next week
29. I am all for helping the students, but we want to be sure we know exactly where our money is going.
30. Motion to table
31. I have a copy of the dialogue if you guys would like that
32. We have a motion we need to vote on it
33. Tabled

D. Motion to approve Lauren Sucic as the new Panhell rep.

1. My name is Lauren and I am a sophomore social work major. I think I would be a beneficial factor to sga because I could give a voice to Panhell as well as spread awareness to some of the events surrounding greek life.
2. Discussion
  - She is a nice person
  - She is the recruitment chair for her sorority and does a great job
3. Passes
- 4.

VIII. Announcements

1. Anastacia - 7<sup>th</sup> annual showcase of student scholarship will be April 26<sup>th</sup>. You have until this Friday to turn I your submission such as student projects. This is a showcase of the work you have done at Mansfield.
2. Katie - Thank you for participating in the conversation tonight. It is nice to hear more voices in the future
3. Kyle - Frank wanted me to give you guys this message. Faculty retrenchment will be happening, there is not many details, but we will keep you posted. This is a tough time for us but continue to keep your heads up
4. Damien – Next Saturday april 1<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 I will be performing my senior recital
5. Kiana – We only have approval for word of mouth about spring fling so please be weary

IX. Faculty Representative (Dr. Ranney)

- A. I would like to welcome Lauren to the group. It is nice to see you all managed to escape the snow. There were some wide ranging totals of up to 3ft in some cases. I hope you all had a great spring fling and welcome back. This is the push here with only 3 weeks left. This is the culmination of all the work you have put in up to this point. Stay focused as grad school is not too far in the distance and continue to be the fine leaders you are around this table.

X. Advisor Comments (Dean Crofchick)

XI. Public Comments

XII. Adjournment

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

A. Meeting adjourned at 6:46