

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2004
MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER
4:35 pm

ATTENDANCE

Absent: E. Farese

Arrived Late: J. Williamson, R. Bottini, and J. Crowley

Left Early: None

Guests: Jeff Smith, Aaron Shute (MASSPIRG and English Society), Laura Crandall (MASSPIRG), Ivy Connelly (MA Community Water Watch), Jon Davids (MASSPIRG), Orlando Jimenez (Campus Center Supervisor)

I. Minutes

- This was the first meeting so there were no previous minutes to accept.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- President Cogliano welcomed everyone back and informed the group what the Executive board has been working on over the summer. He explained "Vikings Go Biking", which we are in the midst of. We were looking into purchasing bikes and bike racks to be used for inter campus traveling for all students. Right now our lawyer is working with us to create a waiver to remove liability from SGA.
- President Cogliano said that we were looking into having a concert this year, so more information will come soon.
- Freshman Elections are Thursday, September 16th and Friday, September 17th so all senators must sign up to work the polls.
- President Cogliano also announced screen-ins that are being

held Monday, September 20th from 11-12:15. All seats are open so please spread the word.

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- President Cogliano informed the group that Laurie Toomey

be coming into our E-board meeting on Monday to discuss recycling.

- President Cogliano also informed the group that Kandace Kukas will be coming in to address the senate on September 28.

- Merrowvista is coming up next weekend, September 24th-26th and it is mandatory that everyone attend. It is a major team building retreat. Dr. Brossoit added that when everyone was elected they agreed to Merrowvista and if anyone bails out on it now than we will lose money, so please try to adjust your schedules accordingly.

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Eric Farese to Sophomore Senate, Dave Mazza to the Chair of Rules and Janelle Williamson as Chair of Student Life.
Runyan/Higgins (Unanimous)

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- No Report

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- No Report

V. ASST. TREASURER'S REPORT

- No Report

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Secretary Spano passed out SGA's new lanyards and pens that were ordered over the summer.

VII. SENATE REPORTS

- **SENIOR SENATE**

- No Report
 - **JUNIOR SENATE**
- No Report
 - **SOPHOMORE SENATE**
 - Senator Higgins wants to set something up in or outside the dining commons to help recruit people to SGA so he will be working on that soon.
 - **FRESHMAN SENATE**
- No Report

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

MOTION: Treasurer Garvey entertained a motion to appoint Matt Cogliano, Ryan Cahill, Candice Milan, and Dave Mazza to the Finance Committee.

Runyan/ Abreu (Unanimous)

- Treasurer Garvey asked that all of the people on his committee meet with him to discuss a day and time they can meet because they already have 3 meeting requested.
- **RULES COMMITTEE**
 - Assistant Treasurer Mazza announced that MASSPIRG successfully obtained all the signatures needed for the referendum.
 - Assistant Treasurer Mazza also told everyone that they have to sign up for elections and in order to do so he must appoint everyone to the rules committee, even though he will release most of us when the elections are over.

MOTION: Assistant Treasurer Mazza entertained a motion to appoint Matt Cogliano, Ryan Cahill, Chris Garvey, Michelle Spano, Jenn Runyan, Charlene Abreu, Candice Milan, Janelle Williamson, Michael Higgins, Rita Bottini, Janelle Crowley and Eric Farese to the Rules committee.

Garvey/Cahill (Unanimous)

- Assistant Treasurer Mazza announced that his committee would be meeting next Tuesday, September 21st at 3:00 in the Campus Center in front of the SGA office.

- **STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE**

- No Report

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- No Report

- **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

- No Report

- **JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

- No report

- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

- No Report

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- None

X. NEW BUSINESS

- None

XI. DISCUSSION

- MASSPIRG took the time to inform everyone about what MASSPIRG does, what they have done, and what they are working on. Jon Davids explained that it is student directed and student funded and its purpose is to educate the public about environmental rights and political issues of concern. This year MASSPIRG is working on the New Voters Project, which Aaron Shute is coordinating. Aaron informed us that this is a nationwide campaign to register 500,000 young voters so that

politicians will start addressing issues that concern us, not just the elderly who have a much greater voter turn out. The goal is to get at least 420 new voters at SSC. They are actually in a competition between other state schools. They are planning a week long drive and are open to ideas. They want this to be campus wide so they asked for our support. Jon Davids took over again and explained their other major project which was the textbook campaign. Obviously everyone knows that we pay way too much money for textbooks and the reason for this is the textbook industry intentionally does things like bundle books to increase costs, or make new editions all the time also increasing the costs. MASSPIRG is working in a nationwide campaign to try to get the textbook industry to agree to a code of ethics.

- Assistant Treasurer Mazza forgot to mention that his committee will be counting ballots Friday at 7:30.
- Senator Runyan announced Program Council's Welcome Week events. Wednesday, September 15 there will be a pool and dominoes tournament and on Thursday, September 16 they are having the orientation reunion and a hypnotist at 9pm.
- Dr. Brossoit announced that SGA co-sponsored a comedian for the Freshmen's first night on campus and he was a success. Also he urged the group to spread the word about SGA and remember that our membership has to reflect the diversity at SSC. Our goal is to have a full board for Merrowvista. Lee also mentioned the importance of voting and reminded everyone that the last day to register to vote was October 13th.
- Treasurer Garvey again tried to urge membership. As was already stated all positions are open. He said that we need a full senior senate, 2 or 3 junior senators, 2 sophomores, 7 freshmen (only 4 are running), and chair positions.
- Senator Higgins was concerned with the amount of advertising about the elections and screen-ins, he doesn't feel there is enough so he is going to post more flyers.
- President Cogliano introduced Jeff Smith and also welcomed back Student Trustee Theberge.
- Sharon announced that she needs acceptance packets back if anyone hasn't handed them in. Also, the binders in front of

everyone are yours to take home and bring to every meeting and then return them at the end of the year. She also checked the constitution and the presentations were never put in there so senators will have to sign up for office hours starting next week. One hour per week.

- Secretary Spano announced the Leadership Induction Ceremony on Thursday, September 23rd at 4:00 in the library; Charlotte Forten Hall

- Ivy Connelly introduced herself and explained her position as Water Watch Organizer.

XII. • ADJOURNMENT 5:07 p.m.

MOTION: Treasurer Garvey made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Cahill (Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY MICHELLE L. SPANO