

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION  
MINUTES OF OCTOBER 18, 2004  
MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER  
4:30pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Absent:** J. Williamson, G. Walsh,

**Arrived Late:** M. Higgins, E. Farese, J. Runyan, J. Crowley, C. Milan

**Left Early:** D. Mazza, M. Cogliano

**Guests:** Davor Blazevic (ACM), Erida Lice (ACM), Jon Davids (MassPIRG), Aaron Shute (MassPIRG), Laura Crandall (MassPIRG), Katie Fisher (MassPIRG), Danielle Majahad (MassPIRG), Lisa Fitzpatrick (MassPIRG), Derek Jones (MassPIRG), Ivy Connelly (Water Watch)

**I. MINUTES**

Last weeks minutes need to be changed. The council that B. DeCosta, D. Anderson, and H. Geyer were appointed to is not stated in the minutes.

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to accept last weeks minutes.

Abreu/Cahill  
(Unanimous)

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Mekonnen Meshesha to Chair of Judicial Affairs.

Garvey/Higgins  
(Unanimous)

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Amanda Prior and Angeline Lemieux to Freshman Senate.

Mazza/Porter  
(Unanimous)

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Danielle Anderson to the rules committee.

Garvey/Runyan  
(Unanimous)

- President Cogliano explains how he and Assistant Treasurer Mazza will be leaving early to attend the speaker series dinner. He also asked who would like to attend the speaker series.
- President Cogliano mentioned the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday party he attended and how nice of an event it was. He then handed his report over to Assistant Treasurer Mazza for his reports.
- Assistant Treasurer Mazza talked about the changes made to the constitution.
- Senator Runyan spoke on why the voting times, dates, and locations changed. Chair Meshesha said it will give a better outcome, Treasurer Garvey thought it was a great idea.

**MOTION:** Assistant Treasurer Mazza entertains a motion to accept the changes made to the voting times, dates, and locations.

Runyan/Crowley  
(Unanimous)

**Discussion:** Senator Porter was wondering if O'Keefe will be completely eliminated and DR. Brossoit mentioned that am and pm should be written into the time changes.

- Crowley spoke about the housekeeping changes made. There was the change of SGA recognition to college recognition. Treasurer Garvey also spoke to explain the point of the change.

**MOTION:** Assistant Treasurer Mazza entertains a motion to accept the housekeeping changes.

Runyan/Abreu  
(Unanimous)

- Senator Geyer explains the changes made to freshman elections. She believes this will help the freshman understand SGA more.
- Treasurer Garvey thinks it will take the vote away from the students and Senator Higgins agrees with him.
- Senator Vella thinks that the students who run don't fully understand what SGA is about.
- Sharon Rivers mentioned that all students running have to read and sign a packet of their responsibilities if they should be on SGA.

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertains a motion that the changes to freshman elections should be brought back for discussion and reviewing.

Vella/Porter  
(Unanimous)

- Assistant Treasurer Mazza mentions that the MassPIRG referendum passed with 259 to 33 votes.

**MOTION:** Assistant Treasurer entertains a motion to accept MassPIRG's referendum.

Cahill/Runyan  
(Unanimous)

- Assistant Treasurer Mazza mentions that the Executive board will be discussing the freshman elections next Tuesday at 3:30pm.
- President Cogliano spoke about the meeting the Executive board and RHA had about the sign in policy. He said that RHA has a list of people who would like to be on the committee.
- President Cogliano also asks the senators to sign up for the contract/non-contract committees and hand in the packets. He then turns the meeting over to Vice President Cahill.

### **III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

- Vice President Cahill talks about Haunted Happenings and lists the events that are happening there. He also mentions the 2,000 flyers being made for Salem schools. He wants everyone to come to Haunted Happenings early on the 31<sup>st</sup>. It runs from 1-4pm but people can come early to set up.
- Sharon Rivers reminds everyone that they must attend haunted Happenings from 1-4pm.
- Vice President Cogliano reminds everyone of the Homecoming Parade this Saturday at 12pm. Everyone should be at central campus at 11am.

### **IV. TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Treasurer Garvey talks about the COSGA trip that is coming. He explains what it is about and who can attend. There were packets handed out that explain everything about COSGA. Treasurer Garvey tells everyone who is interested in going to fill out the application and to make sure they are available from February 26<sup>th</sup> to the 1<sup>st</sup> of March.
- Vice President Cahill adds that it is a great time where you can meet people and learn a lot about other schools.
- Senator Milan also adds that COSGA is very helpful for the Student Government Association to see the outlooks of other schools.

### **V. ASSISTANT TREASURER'S REPORT**

- Report was done during Presidents report.

### **VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT**

- No report

## **VII. SENATE REPORTS**

- **SENIOR SENATE**
  - Senator Vella mentioned the very successful HAS dance but also said it was very crowded and it caused a mess.
  - Treasurer Garvey mentioned that chief Anglin thought it would be good to move the dances to the south campus gym but it must be approved by the athletic department.
- **JUNIOR SENATE**
  - Senator Runyan mentioned the Internet being down a lot and she couldn't print a paper in the lab even though it was on a disk. She also mentioned the lab attendant not being there when she needed help.
- **SOPHOMORE SENATE**
  - Senator Higgins mentions the broken handicap door buttons on central campus and on the cafeteria door.
  - Senator Porter has seen no improvement in the shuttle buses.
  - Dr. Brossoit has the idea of inviting the President of Cavalier coming to a meeting.
- **FRESHMAN SENATE**
  - Senator Russell asks about the strike situation because some freshman are wondering about it. Dr. Brossoit explains the policy.
  - Senator Lauber has spoke to freshman who stay in the dorms on the weekend and they have complaints about the food being leftover and the dorms outside lights being out at night. Dr. Brossoit told her to meet with the food council and student life about the issues.
  - Senator Anderson asks about the elevator on south campus because students are worried. The sticker expired in July.
  - Senator Geyer mentioned that every floor in the 11th room smells like gasoline.

## **VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- **FINANCE**
  - Treasurer Garvey introduced The Association for Computer Machinery.  
Erida Lice spoke about their Association and how they want students to participate in their activities.

**MOTION:** Treasurer Garvey entertained a motion to fund the Association for

Computer Machinery \$655.

Porter/Crowley  
(unanimous)

- Vice President Cahill reminds the ACM that they must attend certain events now that they are an official group.
- **RULES**
- Assistant Treasurer Mazza already gave report.
- **STUDENT LIFE**
- Senator DeCosta gave the report for Student Life. She said that the waiver for the bicycles was finished and now the bicycles and locks can be bought. She also mentioned the HAS and SGA dance could be held in late November or December. She also reported that the big shuttle bus did not run from 7-9 am Monday morning.
- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
- No Report
- **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**
- Chair Morales mentioned that the candidates running for Salem Representative will be at Forton Hall tomorrow at 6pm. He also mentioned his committee meeting after the SGA meeting. He reported that he started writing his proposal for higher education funding. He also mentioned that the SGA banner looks great.
- **JUDICAL AFFAIRS**
- Chair Meshesha was wondering who would be joining his committee.
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**
- Chair Porter talks about the concert series and flyers that were made and being passed out. He also mentioned advertisement for Vikings go Biking. He complemented Senator Anderson on the wonderful flyers she made.
- Assistant Chair Aaron mentioned he had spoke with the bookstore manager about stickers for the bicycles. He asked for 25-30 to be put aside when they come in. They are 2-3 dollars a piece.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS**

- None

## **X. NEW BUSINESS**

- None

## **XI. DISSCUSSION**

- Senator Runyan announced the Fright Fest Fair next Wednesday from 3-7pm which is being held by the program council.
- Chair Morales reminds committee they will be meeting after SGA meeting.
- Treasurer Garvey asks and gives out extra tickets for the speaker series.
- Senator Crowley announces the Mentalist coming Thursday night at 8pm in the cafeteria.
- Senator Milan announces the play “Translations” which will be playing Thursday, Friday, and Saturday night at 8pm as well as Sunday afternoon at 2pm.
- Sharon Rivers announces that the Viking Spirit Award finalists will be in the MLK room Thursday evening at 4pm to talk.
- Vice President Cahill announces the Texas Hold'em tournament on Friday at 8pm in the central campus cafeteria. There is a guaranteed prize for the first three winners.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT 6:00pm**

**MOTION:** Vice President Cahill entertained a motion to adjourn.

Garvey/Vella  
(unanimous)

**SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI**