

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION
MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2004
MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER
4:35 pm

ATTENDANCE

Absent: E. Farese, S. Terbush, K. Williams, J. Law

Arrived Late: None

Left Early: None

Guests: Laura Crandall (MASSPIRG), Jon Davids (MASSPIRG), Julie Stegelmann, Kathleen McDonald (Center for Creative and Performing Arts), Rosemarie Theberge (Student Trustee), Danielle Mayahad (MASSPIRG)

I. Minutes

- The minutes for September 14, 2004 were accepted as they are.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to accept the results of the freshman elections.

Runyan/Higgins (Unanimous)

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint James Aaron to Chair of Public Relations, Fundador Morales to Chair of Governmental Relations, Michael Vella to Senior Senate, Spencer Terbush to Junior Senate, Nicholas Porter to Sophomore Senate, and Gavin Walsh to Sophomore Senate.

Mazza/Williamson (Unanimous)

- President Cogliano congratulated all those who got elected and screened in and let them know that when they vote on motions that they are not voting for themselves, but on behalf of the class they are representing. He also mentioned that we have 4 open

Senior Senate seats, 2 open Junior Senate seats, and a spot for the Chair of Academic Affairs and Chair of Judicial Affairs. Screen-ins will be announced at a later date.

- President Cogliano gave everyone a little information about the committees and informed them that everyone must be on a standing committee and a contract/non-contract committee. The list of the standing committees, as President Cogliano pointed out, is on page 8 of our constitution with information about all of them. The committees are where we get our initiatives done and they are very important.
- President Cogliano spoke about Merrowvista, which is this weekend. We will be leaving Friday, September 24 at 4:00 outside of Peabody hall. This is our annual leadership, teambuilding experience and it is going to be a lot of fun. Dr. Brossoit briefly went over the packets about the retreat that were at all the seats. We filled out some forms and went over what to bring and what not to bring.
- President Cogliano introduced Kathleen McDonald from the Center for Creative and Performing Arts and she spoke about getting more students involved in on-campus activities. She presented some of her ideas to us and was looking for ideas and help. (See attached handout for ideas and contact information)
- President Cogliano offered Student Trustee Theberge a permanent seat at the Student Government table because her input is appreciated.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- Vice President Cahill reminded everyone of the Leadership Induction Ceremony this Thursday, September 23 at 4:00 in the Charlotte Forten Hall. He urged everyone to dress nicely and reminded them that this is mandatory.
- Vice President Cahill mentioned that the blood drive would be held either October 25th or November 22 and it will be in Vets Hall from 9-3. The details are still being worked out so more information will be coming up. This is also mandatory.
- Vice President Cahill let everyone know that Haunted Happenings is on Halloween this year because of changes in

dates for Homecoming weekend. This is our largest community service event and its mandatory for all groups and clubs. It is from 12-5 on Sunday, October 31 and it is really fun.

- Vice President Cahill told everyone about an e-mail he received about college discounts at the Aquarium. On October 5 from 4-10 is student day. Your school ID will get you into the Aquarium as well as a free IMAX film.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT

- Treasurer Garvey read a list of the groups and clubs who had their budgets frozen for not following policies.

V. ASST. TREASURER'S REPORT

- No Report

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT

- Secretary Spano told everyone about office hours and the one-hour per week requirement for senators. She sent around a sign up sheet and told everyone to make sure that they do them.

VII. SENATE REPORTS

• SENIOR SENATE

- No Report

• JUNIOR SENATE

- Senator Runyan wants to make a poster with all the groups and clubs meeting times and locations on them.

- Senator Abreu reported some complaints about the transportation fee and Dr. Brossoit explained that the transportation fee is for the shuttle as well as the upkeep of the parking lots.

• SOPHOMORE SENATE

- Senator Higgins asked about the construction still going on at Central Campus. Dr. Brossoit explained that once we get the funds

than that will be the new Center for Creative and Performing Arts, but until then the dirt is going to be moved and it will be a grassy area.

- **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