

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1, 2005

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: M. Callinan

Arrived Late:

Left Early: S. Pratt

Guests: Keon Savory (MSA), Yvens German (MSA), Zadina Cadyma (MSA), Gwen Houghton, Chris Cabral (Judicial Affairs Committee)

I. MINUTES: President Cogliano accepted the minutes as they were.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Cogliano commended the senate for their hard work during the Haunted Happenings event.

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to support the development of the new athletic fields on central campus.

Mazza/Runyan
(1 opposed, 5 abstentions,

Discussion: Senator Greenman mentioned concern from students about spending money on athletics rather than academics. Dr. Brossoit explained that they are separate issues with separate funding. Senator Charbonneau asked about the amount of time the fee would be increased. Zadina Cadyma from the gallery asked how the development would benefit the students. Vice President Mitchell explained that the tennis courts on North Campus are not NCAA approved and six courts are needed. The fields will also be a way to increase the sense of community on campus. Zadina also mentioned that the budget cuts and increases are all happening at once which can

be overwhelming. Dr. Brossoit mentioned that budget cuts are a separate issue and if students want those issues to change they need to take action, make calls, complaints, etc. Vice President Mitchell explained that if there is no donation the fee would be an \$80-\$100 a year increase. Therefore, that is the highest it would be. Chair Doiron mentioned that it is not that much of an increase. Treasurer Mazza mentioned that the area on North Campus where the tennis courts are now could be new laboratories or a community area. Keon Savory from the gallery asked how it will benefit him personally with paying \$200 over the next two years and not being able to use the field. Mitchell explained that the fields can be used by all students not just the tennis and baseball teams. He also mentioned that it would be predicted to be completed in spring of 2007. President Cogliano mentioned that by supporting the development and paying the fees it would be benefiting the future students on campus. Executive Porter asked if maybe the fee increase could be paid by students that actually get to use the field. Senator Finn mentioned that previous students at Salem State have paid fees and contributed to the buildings and facilities used by us today. Members from the gallery asked how well supported the baseball and tennis teams are. Mitchell explained that many students do not know where the teams play because their games and matches are not always on campus. By having a field for them they will be more supported. Senator Smith feels that by providing students with the new fields will help bring excellence for the college. Chair Gelarderes feels that the emphasis is on charging the students and it should be more focused on finding donors for the project. President Cogliano mentioned that the administration is aware of the students needs and are doing what they can to look for a cheaper fee increase. Mitchell mentioned that the maximum fee would be \$80-\$100 a year and with a donation that number would decrease. Senator Daye asked if the motion in progress would determine whether or not the development would take place. Cogliano clarified that the motion is to vote in support of the development. The administration takes the student vote into great consideration. Dr. Brossoit mentioned that Salem State College has some of the worst athletic facilities of state schools and the still wins athletic games.

Changes in votes 2,
From abstentions to in favor of,
Motion passes
With 1 opposed and 3 abstentions)

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint James Parkinson to Freshman Senate.

Runyan/Dingle
(Unanimous)

- Senator Parkinson introduced himself as a Criminal Justice Major who is looking forward to serving on the senate.
- President Cogliano announced that volunteers are needed to put together the new sign holders.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice President Mitchell mentioned that Congress is planning to make the largest Financial Aid cut. He is interested in planning a Rally in Washington D.C. and will be having a meeting Friday, 3pm, in the campus center for those whom are also interested. He also mentioned that it is a 16 billion dollar cut.
- Senator Morrison asked when the cut would take place. Dr. Brossoit answered that it will occur in 2007. Chair Bowling mentioned that it will affect interest rates on loans. Mitchell explained that the rate will more than double. Morrison also asked if private schools are affected by the budget cuts. Dr. Brossoit said that anyone receiving money from government will be affected. Morrison had the idea of private and public schools joining together to rally. Dr. Brossoit mentioned that students need to look at what nationally needs to happen. Chair Doiron mentioned the power that comes from numbers not just politics and money. She had the idea of a Call in Day. Senator Anderson felt that students do not know the issue. Dr. Brossoit advised students to forward emails on the issue. President Cogliano advised Anderson to meet with him about starting something to inform students.
- Vice President Mitchell thanked the senate for their help during Haunted Happenings. As a thank you Pizza's were purchased for the meeting.
- The Senate took a five minute break to eat.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- No Report

V. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

MOTION: Secretary Bottoni entertained a motion to remove Janelle Williamson from the senate.

/Runyan
(1 abstention,

Discussion: Senator Milan asked why she would be removed and Secretary Bottoni told her that the attendance Policy was violated.

Changes in votes 1,
From abstention to in favor of,
Motion passes unanimously)

VI. PUBLIC RELATIONS REPORT:

- Executive Porter mentioned that he has seen the revised website for SGA and it looks great.
- Porter announced a deadline of two weeks for the completion of the new SGA logo.
- Porter mentioned that the Vikings Go Biking publications will be out when the program is ready next week. President Cogliano mentioned that the program was delayed another week because the locks for the bikes were not ready. It will be

- ready by next week.
- Sharon Rivers reminded the committees that any flyer they make must have the SGA logo and name printed on it.

VII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **RULES**
- Chair Doiron mentioned that the committee is still working on the snippet. President Cogliano mentioned meeting with her about the change of the meeting agenda.
- **STUDENT LIFE**
- Chair Gelarderes announced Cookie for your Thought that will be Wednesday and Thursday of this week from 11-1pm in the downstairs dining hall. There will be hot chocolate and cookies along with a raffle for Pat Buchanan tickets.
- Chair Gelarderes also mentioned the Public Transportation brochure she has put together for the residence halls. She has spoke to the MBTA about the buses and stops.
- Gelarderes announced that she needs a few more pictures of SGA members and the flyer will be complete.
- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
- Chair Greenman mentioned that the committee will be reviewing the changes to the college curriculum. They are Foreign Language, Psychology, SFL, Theatre, History, Marketing and Decision sciences, IDS, Geography, Criminal Justice, Political Science, and Management. He also mentioned that students who are currently enrolled at the college would be grandfathered in so they are not affected by the changes.
- **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**
- Chair Bowling mentioned that the letter to the City of Salem about the South Campus parking light is in progress. The committee is also working on a few other s issues that will be mentioned next week.
- **JUDICAL AFFAIRS**
- Chair Pech reviewed the update for the Student Conduct Code of section 32.0 and the addition of unauthorized downloading. Sharon Rivers mentioned that the downloading is illegal and students are currently being contacted about the issue and shut down by IT.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

- Vice President Mitchell asked the senate for feedback on the Haunted Happenings event. Senator Morrison felt that Groups and clubs were confused as to where to set up. Chair Gelarderes mentioned having a sign showing there was food in the MLK room. Senator Daye had the idea of a map. Senator Smith mentioned having a better system for contacting businesses on donations. She also mentioned all the parents that approached her to say how amazing the event was and how much it benefits the

community.

- President Cogliano commended Vice President Mitchell on his hard work on the event. Senator Daye thought that pictures should have been taken more. Senator Dingle thought that thank you letters should be sent out to the businesses that gave donations. Mitchell will be sending them next week. Dr. Brossoit mentioned that the setup and cleanup was great and the event was the best he has seen in years. Vice President Mitchell gave his sincerest thanks to the senate.
- Vice President Mitchell announced that he is working on designing SGA sweatshirts.
- Chair Doiron mentioned the placing of group and club bulletins in the bus stops. She contacted the MBTA and the woman she spoke to deny the proposal.
- Senator Morrison mentioned that the flyers in the shuttle stops are no longer posted. She also mentioned that the St. Josephs shuttle was parked in front of the church the other day for a long time.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

- Senator Anderson mentioned an incident that occurred on the shuttle where the driver was playing Howard Stern on the radio and the show was sexually inappropriate. Students asked him to change the station and he would not. She presented the bus information. President Cogliano will meet with her after the meeting.
- Chair Gelarderes mentioned doing a Did You Know flyer for the budget cuts.
- Senator Dingle mentioned advertisement for intramural programs. Vice President Mitchell advised her to contact the Athletic Department.

X. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Senator Milan announced the Walt Disney internship. There will be a movie night showing Miracle with information on the program tonight at 8:30pm in the presidential room of the campus center.
- Chair Doiron announced the event yesterday on the 16 billion dollar budget cut of financial aid for students. There was coverage of the event in the Lynn Item, the Metro Boston, NPR, WMWM, and the SSC log will be covering it as well.
- Senator Dingle mentioned that Program Council is coordinating a trip to Hartford, CT to see a Broadway musical. The tickets are on sale in the PC office from 11-1pm next week. There are only 50 tickets and they are \$20 a piece.
- Chair Bowling announced that North Dakota had the highest increase of funding in the country for education.
- Treasurer Mazza announced the next finance meeting will be Thursday, November 10th at 6pm.

XI. ADJOURNMENT 6:15pm

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Sullivan/Bishop
(Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI