

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF MARCH 8, 2005

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: M. King, C. Milan, A. Lauber, D. Anderson, B. DeCosta

Arrived Late:

Left Early:

Guests: Kathy Neville (Residence Life), Jason Marshall (Residence Life), Brian Pray (Campus Police), Stanley Cahill (Student Life), James Aaron (Public Relations), Heather Fleming (SNA), David Mailloux (SSC Log).

I. MINUTES:

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to accept the minutes with the change of the blood drive that is going to be held April 22nd.

Runyan/Williamson
(Unanimous)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Cogliano introduces Dr. Cahill and Chief Pray to speak about the shuttle bus issues on the campus.
- Dr. Cahill explained that the shuttle bus service that the school is currently using is the best they have had. He would like to see it run another with the improvements of the issues at hand. He mentioned the complaints heard about the driver's lateness and breaks. He had the idea of having a smaller bus or van to help conserve gas and money. He also mentioned the cost of the shuttle service for one school year being \$255,000. Dr. Cahill spoke about a schedule for the students to know when a driver will be on break or at their stop. He wanted to hear feedback from the senate about what they have seen or heard.

- PR Chair Porter had complaints about the drivers smoking on the buses. Williamson thinks it would be better to have three buses run rather than two. Senator Vella mentioned that the bus needs to run until at least 2:45pm because one stops at 2:30pm if not earlier and classes are still getting out. He also had the idea of changing the route to O'Keefe because it is out of the way. Chair Mitchell thought that there could be a different route for each bus; one could run from North to South Campus and the other through all campuses. Porter also had another complaint about the Christian Radio being played in the mornings.
- Chief Pray had spoken about the issues in response to the complaints. He mentioned that all complaints go to the owner of the shuttle service. He was also not pleased with the problems. He thinks a bus schedule would be very beneficial. This would help students to plan their schedule around the bus. Pray is also looking into developing GPS tracking systems for the shuttles.
- Chair Mitchell had an idea to double the \$55 that students pay for transportation and receive better transportation services. Senator Vella said this would be a problem because a large number of the student commuters do not use the service. Dr. Cahill mentioned that the school is trying to keep the cost down as much as possible so the idea had never been looked into.
- Senator Kilroe had the idea of getting some type of alert or paging system at the O'Keefe stop so students could page the drivers to let them know to stop there. This would save the driver and students time.
- James Aaron asked Dr. Cahill if something would be done about the flooding problems on campus. Cahill answered that the problem will be looked at and hopefully addressed this summer.
- President Cogliano thanks both Dr. Cahill and Chief Pray for coming in. He then introduces Jason Marshall from Residence Life to speak about the housing lottery.
- Jason Marshall explained that students are guaranteed housing for two years if their \$200 dorm deposit is paid. The Lottery for next year is finished and all students in the lottery will be notified by tomorrow night. He mentioned that students who did not receive housing would have a date to meet and speak about alternatives. Marshall then explained the option of implementing voluntary triples at Bates Complex next year. This idea would help out someone who did not receive housing. If they have two friends who share a room at Bates and don't mind having a triple then they could voluntarily pull their friend into the apartment. This would make the apartment a seven-person apartment instead of six people.
- Senator/Chair Williamson asked if the students would in fact agree on the triple would receive a discount on their fees. Marshall explained that a 10% discount would be given when they agreed on the triple then an additional 10% if they decided to stay in the triple for the remainder of the year. Dr. Brossit mentioned that the building authority gave the permission for this to occur because there is enough room for this in the apartments. Marshall said that this voluntary triple is not mandatory and students have to give their permission before it occurs. Trustee Theberge was wondering about the furniture. She knows that the beds at Bates are not bunkable and if there were triples at the complex then new furniture must be moved there. Marshall explained that those details are

- not worked out yet but they will be looked into. Dr. Brossoit also mentioned that the room being tripled would be the room on the living room floor, this way three students would share a bathroom instead of five.
- Trustee Theberge was wondering how many students did not receive housing. Dr. Brossoit gave a number of more than 150. Senator Kilroe was wondering about the loft beds that some colleges have. Kathy Neville explained that we do not have them but they can be looked at online. Sharon Rivers was wondering if the other roommates in the apartment would have to agree with the seventh person moving in. Jason Marshall said they would be informed but not necessarily have to agree. Chair Porter asked if eight people could be in an apartment and Marshall said that would not be an option.
 - Kathy Neville announced that room selection would occur on April 19th, 20th, and 21st. Every student picked from the lottery will receive a booklet on room selection instructions and commonly asked questions. These personalized booklets will clarify the process and help it to run smoothly.
 - President Cogliano thanked Jason Marshall and Kathy Neville from Residence Life and then turned his report over to Treasurer Mazza.
 - Treasurer Mazza mentioned that the Finance Committee has agreed to grant the Student Nurses Association \$2,700 for a trip they are going on.

MOTION: Treasurer Mazza entertained a motion to grant SNA \$2,700.

/Cahill
(Unanimous)

- President Cogliano handed out souvenirs brought back from the COSGA trip at Texas A&M University.

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Mike Mitchell to Junior Senate.

Runyan/Crowley
(Unanimous)

- President Cogliano then turned his report over to Vice President Cahill to talk about his experience on the COSGA trip.
- Vice President Cahill had an idea he brought back from the conference. He had heard about a Freedom of Speech Alley that some schools have. They have a room where all students are welcome to come and ask the SGA questions. At least one member of SGA has to be there.
- President Cogliano then turned the report over to Secretary Bottoni for her ideas on COSGA.
- Secretary Bottoni spoke about her experiences at COSGA. She brought back ideas for the students to become more aware of SGA. She had the idea of “That Time of the Month” where students get the chance to write their feelings on school issues by filling out sheets that will be passed out once a month. Another idea was “A Cookie For Your Thought”, where the SGA would purchase a large amount of cookies and set up tables around campus. The only way for students to

receive a cookie was to tell SGA members a thought they had about the school, SGA, campus life, etc. Bottoni also mentioned a once a month event called Pizza with the President where SGA purchases Pizzas and the student body can hang out with the President and ask him questions. Another idea of Bottoni's was a Public Forum debate on Campus. President Cogliano and Bottoni are currently working together on this. This would hopefully draw students into the event considering it will be public and help to inform students about SGA.

- Senator Runyan also spoke about the COSGA trip. She had the idea of the Programming board and SGA working together by meeting every few weeks to discuss issues and events. She also learned that schools in Georgia allow students to get a free education if they receive a 3.0 GPA. Runyan mentioned that she would like to see Salem State have a school cheer, song, or chant to help build unity.
- Senator/Chair Williamson would also like to see school spirit within the campus.
- Chair Meshesha mentioned that when he was on the COSGA trip he noticed that a lot of Student Governments do not have a large voice like we do at SSC. He feels we need recruitment so the SGA can make changes and be more involved.
- President Cogliano mentioned his idea of having a Chair of Recruitment to deal with those issues.
- Treasurer Mazza announced to the senate that the Bookstore council has given SGA two digital cameras so the groups and clubs can use them. The Groups and Clubs can use the cameras for events they hold, and SGA will provide them with the needed equipment.

MOTION: Treasurer Mazza entertained a motion to fund the Finance Committee \$5000 and the Learning Center \$1,750.

/Porter
(Unanimous)

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to enter Executive Session for the spring break.

Runyan/Cahill
(Unanimous)

ADJOURNMENT 5:40PM

SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI