

**STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 15, 2005**

**MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER**

**4:35pm**

**ATTENDANCE:**

**Absent:** M.Vella, D. Anderson,

**Arrived Late:** B. Decosta

**Left Early:** C. Milan

**Guests:** David Mailloux (SSC Log), Erik Johnson (SSC Log)

**I. MINUTES:**

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to accept the minutes of last week.

Williamson/Runyan  
(Unanimous)

**II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

- President Cogliano announced that State House Day would be April 13<sup>th</sup> this year.
- President Cogliano also announced the Washington DC conference that will take place the weekend of Spring Break. SGA members will have the chance to apply for the trip. He believes it would be beneficial for Chair Bowling of Governmental Relations to attend along with Trustee Theberge.
- President Cogliano spoke to the senate about a proposal Jon Ring presented to the senate last year. Ring proposed that undergraduate part-time students should have the chance to serve on the executive boards of groups and clubs. President Cogliano wanted

the students to understand the proposal because Ring will be presenting it again at next weeks senate meeting.

- Senator Williamson gave her opinion of the proposal. She believes that if the proposal passes then students will be at the college for a long period of time having there group be there main priority rather than there academics. President Cogliano agreed.
- Senator Kilroe was wondering if the proposal passed, if there could be an amendment that could be put in the constitution only allowing a certain length of time serving on an e-board position.
- President Cogliano mentioned that the guest survey was submitted to RHA and he will get back to us with there decision.
- Cogliano reminded the people that are attending COSGA to meet with him after next weeks meeting. Cogliano has a list of expectations for the trip he would like the group to look over. Dr. Brossoit explains to the students that the trip is funded through student fees and that they should utilize the time as best they can.
- Senator/Chair Porter clarifies with President Cogliano the date of when the bicycles for the Vikings Go Biking will be ready for use. Cogliano gives the date of March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Chair Bowling thinks it would be a good idea to put a display on the lobby of the campus center to draw in students. Senator/Chair Williamson thinks it would be nice to have a bike be put in the lobby to draw attraction and give publicity.

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Melissa King to Junior Senate.

Cahill/Runyan  
(Unanimous)

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Mike Mitchell to Chair of Academic Affairs.

Runyan/Williamson  
(Unanimous)

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

- Vice President Cahill reads a note from Cathleen McDonald who is from the Center of Performing Arts. The letter is asking for volunteers to help with the center. The letters have been placed in the SGA mailboxes.

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

- Treasurer Mazza mentioned the amendment that will be discussed on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3:45pm in the Presidential Conference Room. It will help to deal with the Police

Details that groups and Clubs require at certain events (see attachment).

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

**MOTION:** Assistant Treasurer Geyer entertained a motion to disappoint Mike Vella from Budget Committee, to appoint Jeremy Bowling to Budget Committee, and Andrea Kilroe to assistant Chair of Budget Committee.

/Cahill

(Unanimous)

- Geyer announced that proposals for budgets from groups and clubs would be brought to the senate at next weeks meeting.

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

- Secretary Bottoni reported that office hours for the senators are not being fulfilled. She would like to start an office hour committee to establish a way for them to work more effectively.

#### **VII. SENATE REPORTS**

##### **SENIOR SENATE**

Senator Runyan mentioned that there is a student on campus that is going around with a parking petition. He also said that he would be bringing it to Fox News. Senator/Chair Williamson said that the student had come to live on campus from out of state. He lives at central and has no parking spot. Dr. Brossoit had the idea of changing the Parking lottery to first come first serve. This would mean that all residence at central get parking stickers but whether or not they receive a spot depends on who gets one first.

##### **JUNIOR SENATE**

Senator King has heard students complain about the Christian radio station being played on the small shuttle bus every morning.

Senator Lauber had an issue along with other students with the campus police not attending to there need of helping locate the shuttle. They waited for one hour and fifteen minutes for the bus and when they called CP they were not very helpful. Senator Porter thinks that it is easier to walk from campus to campus.

##### **SOPHOMORE SENATE**

No Report

##### **FRESHMAN SENATE**

Senator DeCosta apologizes for being late.

Senator Lemieux has spoke to John Hayes of Chartwells and the correct closing time for the upstairs cafeteria is 6:30pm.

## **VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **FINANCE**

Chair Mazza announces the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 6pm in the PCR room.

### **RULES**

Chair Mazza announces the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting at 3:30pm. He also reminds students that the change to the constitution regarding Executive board positions will be presented and voted on today (see attachment).

### **STUDENT LIFE**

Chair Williamson introduces Tony Barlini who will be speaking about the SSC student TV station.

Tony speaks a little about the station. He has about twenty students who are interested. The station will be working with Salem access TV and will be showing a variety of shows for the students including a sports center.

Chair Meshesha asks Tony who will be involved in the initiative. Brett Rhyne will be the advisor and students would be running the station. The station would be located on Durby Street in Salem.

### **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

Chair Bowling announces the first meeting, which will be on Friday from 1-2pm in the Presidential Conference room 206. He also mentioned that he would be using the Internet to increase time efficiency with the committee. Dr. Brossoit thinks it would be great for Chair Bowling to attend State House Day. Twelve to fifteen students attend including student Nurses and SGA members.

### **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

Chair Porter thinks it would be good for students to understand that the parking issues are being attended to.

Porter mentioned that the Vikings Go Biking Project would be in the next issue of the Log.

Porter announced that the flyers for the shuttles are finished. They have the extension for CP for students to call, on the flyers.

Chair Porter mentioned that the picture with President Harrington is all that is needed for the VGB article. President Cogliano wants to develop posters with Porter.

Sharon Rivers had the idea of posting something around campus for students to understand that that we are trying to fix the shuttle bus issues.

## **JUDICAL AFFAIRS**

Chair Meshesha announced that All College Committee has accepted the new wording to the Student Conduct Code with the greater way of the evidence dealing with judicial board hearings. He also announced adding changes to the 12.9 (Alcohol Policy) of the Student Conduct Code, which will say that a student in the presence of alcohol in a non-alcoholic building will still be held responsible.

Senator King was wondering why most of South Campus housing is non-alcoholic. Dr. Brossoit explained that they reserved 72 spaces at Bates Complex for students 21 and older.

Chair Meshesha announced his meetings would be held at 4pm on Tuesdays, first floor of the campus center.

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

Chair Mitchell mentioned that he would be working with Robert Patterson from PeopleSoft8 with the new Internet system. He will help make sure it runs smoothly for the students. Chair Bowling mentions the idea of online voting for the students.

Dr. Brossoit informs Mitchell of the Dual Major issue that was brought up by Senator King last meeting. The issue about students wanting to receive dual majors for there work.

## **IX. OLD BUSINESS:**

None

## **X. NEW BUSINESS:**

President Cogliano speaks about the constitution change that the senate will be voting on today (see attachment).

Senator Milan was wondering if the motion passes if the change will go in effect right away. The change will go into effect after the minutes of next week are accepted.

Senator King asks if the proposal has been posted for two weeks. It Has. King was also wondering why the position of Assistant Treasurer would be pushed down when it is an elected position.

Chair Bowling asked what the difference of Public Relations chair serving on the E-board would be. President Cogliano answered by saying that the PR chair puts a lot of office time in and his appearance at E-board meetings would benefit the organization more. His position needs to be in close relation to the other E-board members. Chair Bowling thinks it would be beneficial if passed. Chair Bowling also thinks that the Assistant Treasurer should still attend E-Board meetings. Cogliano agrees.

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertained a motion to accept the changes being proposed to the constitution with the friendly amendment.

Crowley/Mazza  
(11 / 1 / 1/Motion passes)

President Cogliano congratulates Chair Porter.

Chair Bowling had the idea of putting the opening positions of committees in the SSC Log.

Chair Bowling also found a section of the SGA constitution that gives an explanation of his duties as Governmental Relations Chair. He feels that one of the sentences does not pertain to his position therefore it has no use being there.

## **XI. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

President Cogliano announces to students that excellent dedication showed by senators will be rewarded.

Senator Runyan announces the Sketch Comedy Group coming next Thursday at 8pm in Veterans Hall.

Senator Crowley Announces that the Recycle Percussion group that will be coming march 2<sup>nd</sup>. They need 12 people to help them set up at 12:30 at main stage if anyone can come.

Dr. Brossoit announced that he would not be at the next meeting.

Sharon Rivers reminds everyone that there are budget proposals at next weeks meeting.

Chair Bowling was wondering if cell phones could be shut off at meetings and if there is a process to cut times of certain parts of the meetings. President Cogliano mentioned that he could always Call The Question.

Chair Mitchell announced that the Peabody Hall council is sending Packages to troops overseas and if anyone is interested they will be sent out on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February.

## **XII. ADJOURNMENT 6:20pm**

**MOTION:** President Cogliano entertains a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Williamson/Runyan  
(Unanimous)

**SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI**