

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 15, 2005

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

4:30pm

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: M. Cogliano, D. Anderson

Arrived Late: C. Milan

Left Early: D. Daye

Guests: Alainna Grasse (Program Council), Lindsey Smith (Program Council), Sarah Amaral (Program Council).

I. MINUTES:

- Vice President Mitchell accepted the minutes as they were.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- No Report

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice President Mitchell explained that President Cogliano could not attend the meeting due to medical reasons.
- Mitchell mentioned that he and Treasurer Mazza will attend the Board of Trustees meeting tomorrow to speak about the fee increase for the athletic fields.
- Mitchell mentioned that he is in the process of getting the SGA sweatshirts made.
- Mitchell passed out the flyers that were created to give student input on the speaker series. Each student can write down three people they would like to see speak at Salem State.
- Mitchell announced that the Higher Education Reauthorization act was not voted on last week. Chair/Senator Greenman mentioned that the House would like to

vote on it this Thursday. Mitchell also mentioned that the Call in Day organized by MassPIRG went very well.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Mazza announced that Assistant Treasurer Meadows and Sharon Rivers will be helping with the budgets while he is attending the National Conference for Student Leaders.

V. FINANCE:

- Chair Mazza announced that Program Council proposed \$3,000 for a Winter Dance event and the Finance Committee has granted them \$4,000.
- Alainna Grasse and Lindsey Smith spoke about the welcome back week winter dance that will take place in January after break.
- Chair Bowling asked how much the dance would cost a student and Mazza explained that the additional \$1,000 would help reduce ticket prices in order to encourage more students to attend. The dance will be at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem. Senator Smith asked how many tickets are available and Senator Runyan said that 190 will be able to attend.
- Sharon Rivers asked if there was transportation and Senator Charbonneau said that it is available and the cost is included in the ticket. Senator Smith was wondering when the tickets go on sale and Charbonneau explained that Program Council is unsure of some details because they needed to have the funding before they could plan the whole event. The tickets will be first come first serve.

MOTION: Treasurer Mazza entertained a motion to fund Program Council 4,000 for the Winter Dance.

Finn/Bishop
(2 abstentions, motion passes)

VI. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Executive Porter announced that his committee is working on the slogan and logo for SGA.
- Porter mentioned that the committee is redesigning the SGA pamphlet.
- Porter also mentioned that Public Relations will be working with Student Life on getting a speaker that student's want for the speaker series.

VII. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Secretary Bottoni announced the resignations of Stephanie Doiron, Rules Chair, and Mallory Callinan, freshman senator. Chair Bowling asked if a drive to get new membership for next semester would be held. Bottoni said that they could definitely put together a drive for next semester.

VIII. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **RULES**
- Senator Morrison reported that the committee did not meet last week because they did not have a chair. Dr. Brossoit had a point of information that it is fine if a committee does not have anything to work on but they should still meet in case something new arises.
- Vice President Mitchell mentioned the election process and the change to the constitution that was passed last year pertaining to running for an Executive Board position. Any person running for an E-board position on SGA must have served one year on the senate, except for freshman and transfers, who only have to serve one semester with the approval of the elections committee. Mitchell feels the wording of the constitution change can be confusing and should be reviewed by the Rules Committee. Dr. Brossoit mentioned that the Rules Committee should look at whether or not the change is working well and if it is important to the organization.
- **STUDENT LIFE**
- Chair Gelarderes passed around the brochure for public Transportation. She also passed around the results for the Cookie for Your Thoughts event. She asked everyone to look at three issues on the list and how they can be addressed.
- Chair Gelarderes passed around the SGA flyers.

MOTION: Chair Gelarderes entertained a motion to leave a space open that says “This Could Be You” on the SGA flyers.

Dingle/Mailloux

(3 opposed, 1 abstention, motion passes)

- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
- Chair Greenman asked Senator Geyer to explain what the Biology Department did about not having enough seats in the class for nursing majors. Senator Geyer explained that they increased the section and guaranteed all nursing majors a spot in the class.
- Senator Finn and Bruce Perry are working on transfer orientation which may be at Central Campus instead of Meier Hall.
- **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**
- Chair Bowling showed the senate the Did You Know informative flyer on same sex marriage. The purpose of the flyer is to inform students that same sex marriage is legal and if they would like further information they can take it upon themselves to research the topic. Senator Mailloux asked how it affects the students. Chair Bowling explained that students are unaware or have a misunderstanding about its legality and the flyer will inform them.
- Chair Bowling mentioned that his committee is creating a Did You Know Flyer about registering to vote. His committee feels that many students do

not register because they do not want to get jury duty. They do not know that they can be called to jury duty even if they are not registered.

MOTION: Chair Bowling entertained a motion to produce and distribute the Did You Know Flyers regarding same sex marriage.

Smith/Dingle
(2 abstentions, motion passes)

- Chair Bowling mentioned two voter registration drives that the committee is planning for February and April of next semester.
- Chair Bowling mentioned that his committee is always open to new ideas and feedback.
 - **JUDICAL AFFAIRS**
 - Chair Pech announced that his committee has been reviewing the conduct code and that they currently have no business.

IX. OLD BUSINESS:

- Senator Smith asked about the Student Nurses Association blood drive that SGA has helped with in the past. Vice President Mitchell mentioned that SNA will be doing the drive this year.

X. NEW BUSINESS:

- Chair Bowling announced that he likes the new table set up.

MOTION: Vice President Mitchell entertained a motion to appoint Amy Lavoie and Chris Cabral to freshman senate.

Dingle/Bishop
(Unanimous)

- Senator Lavoie introduced herself as a criminal justice major from Nashua New Hampshire who is looking forward to working on SGA. Chris Cabral is a History major and the Assistant chair of Judicial Affairs who is also looking forward to be a member of the senate.

XI. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Mazza announced the Finance Committee meeting Thursday December 1st at 6:30pm.
- Chair Gelarderes mentioned that she was approached by the SSC Log with a pole for the student fee increase for the athletic fields. Senator Smith mentioned that she felt pressured by the Log member to say something negative about the athletic field and the fee increase. Senator Morrison felt that the questions on the pole were framed with a bias. Chair Bowling had been approached by a group and club member who felt that the SGA did not spend enough time on the vote.

- Dr. Brossoit mentioned that the senate had a week to get input from the student body and then they voted on the production of the fields.
- Senator Runyan announced Elephant Man at 8pm Thursday, Friday, and Saturday in the Callan Studio.
- Senator Dingle announced the Attitude of Gratitude Week held by Program Council. They will be having a comedian, massages on Wednesday, and holiday cards and sundaes on Thursday in the cafeteria from 11-3pm. The events benefit the Nursing Home in Salem and Katrina victims.
- Senator Milan announced the Salem State home Hockey games on Friday night and Saturday at 3pm.
- Dr. Brossoit announced the Tip-off basketball classic this weekend.
- Chair Gelarderes asked about the cork boards for the shuttle stops. Senator Morrison mentioned that Chair Doiron had looked into them before she left. Dr. Brossoit advised her to call Steven Keiss, the Director of Facilities at X6004.

XII. ADJOURNMENT 5:40pm

MOTION: Senator Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

/Mailloux
(Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI