

# **STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION**

**MINUTES OF 5 DECEMBER 2006**

**MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER**

**TIME: 4:34pm**

## **ATTENDANCE:**

**Absent:** Executive Vitalone, Rita Bottoni, Julisa Alfonzo, Andrea Kilroe, Kristina Andrukaitis, Paul Villemarie

**Arrived Late:** Fatima Barry

**Left Early:** Joseline Perez, Stephanie Baez, Katherine Lopez, Cherie Mann, Nathan del Llano, Emily Marte, Meghan Charbonneau

**Guests:** Henry Paquin

## **I. MINUTES:**

Minutes of 28 November 2006 were accepted.

## **II. PRESIDENTS REPORT:**

- President Mitchell recognized the dodge ball game in which the SGA team came in 3<sup>rd</sup> place. President Mitchell acknowledged the players (Yoni Golub-Sass, Kyle Meadows, Nathan Del Llano, Molly Dellechiaie, Emily Marte, Parker Jones, Dr. Brossoit and Himself) and thanked members for being in attendance. The event for the Carrie Holmstrom fund rose over \$1700. Due to such a large donation from SGA the tournament was named after the group.
- President Mitchell noted that the donation in memory of Jan Napora is in the process of being completed. Due to the sum of the donation SGA will buy a seat in the auditorium in memory of Jan Napora on behalf of the Student Government Association.
- President Mitchell discussed the SGA dinner which will be held at the Sylvan St. Grill in Danvers and passed around a sheet to sign up for desired meal.
- President Mitchell mentioned the progress of the new school mascot and stated that when a mascot costume is completed there are certain height and weight requirements. President Mitchell talked about the purpose of

the school mascot and how this will increase revenue at the athletic games and all around the College, give something for students to identify with, and will hopefully boost school spirit.

- President Mitchell announced that Super-Fan t-shirts are on their way!
- **MOTION:** Assistant Treasurer Guicco made a motion to withdraw \$7500 for new mascot.

/Baez  
(Unanimous)

- President Mitchell discussed his aversion for the lack of SGA members at the President Consultant Meeting last week. President Mitchell stressed the importance of SGA members voicing their opinions about what they are looking for in the next SSC President and thanked the members who were in attendance at the event. Although there will be no more chances to meet with the consultants one on one with the SGA members President Mitchell noted that he wants to have more open forums where he can convey suggestions and concerns back to the consultants.
- President Mitchell mentioned his discontent with the cartoon in the Log depicting the E-board members as animals on leashes. President Mitchell and Dr. Brossoit reiterated the position that Dr. Brossoit maintains and that the E-board is by no means Dr. Brossoit's lackeys. President Mitchell encouraged SGA members to voice their opinions to the Log.
- President Mitchell discussed and handed out the accomplishments that the SGA has fulfilled since the beginning of the semester and enthusiastically ran through a list of the numerous achievements SGA has completed this year. Between the trips and new groups SGA has funded, events and programs SGA has sponsored, and the conferences SGA has attended, President Mitchell easily read off 32 successes.
- President Mitchell announced that with the approval from President Harrington students will soon be able to graduate with 120 credits. President Mitchell stated that if the proposal does pass to seek your department head for assistance. President Mitchell congratulated Vice President Greenman for all his hard work and undertakings with Project 120.

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

- Vice President Greenman announced all frozen groups and clubs on campus (Economics Club, Criminal Justice Academy, Mathematical Association, Political Science Academy, Geographical Society, Student nurses Association) which will remain frozen until the end of this semester. Vice President Greenman noted that at the beginning of next

semester these groups will become un-frozen but stressed the importance of groups and clubs attending the Mandatory Group and Clubs meetings. Vice President Greenman added that funding is correlated to attendance.

- Vice President Greenman noted that he modernized the SGA web-site by adding all the minutes from the past 4 years.
- Vice President Greenman mentioned that Chairs of College Committees noted that Students were not attending meetings and strained the importance of attending because Students are the voice of the College. If you are un-able to attend due to class scheduling you can be re-assigned to an alternative committee by talking to Secretary Sullivan.
- Vice President Greenman commended the Alliance for raising \$350 for the Strongest Link Aids Services which is a non-profit organization providing an array of support services to improve the health and quality of life for Essex County residents living with and affected by HIV/AIDS.

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

- Treasurer Meadows noted that the Finance Committee met Thursday night and heard two proposals (Islamic Monotheism Association and Program Council). The Islamic Monotheism Association proposed for a trip to Michigan and was granted the money but due to lack of advisors the trip was canceled.
- Treasurer Meadows introduced Chair Charbonneau to speak on behalf of Program Council. Chair Charbonneau thanked SGA for their generosity which will contribute to their success for the formal Winter Ball that will be taking place on Friday February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The tickets are \$25 per individual and \$40 per couple.

**MOTION:** Meadows made a motion to grant Program Council \$3500 for the Winter Ball.

Brennan/Greenman  
(Unanimous)

- Treasurer Meadows announced that Finance Committee will be meeting in the Essex room at 6:30pm on Thursday where they will be hearing 3 proposals. Treasurer Meadows noted that members should arrive 5 minutes early.

#### **V. PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

- President Mitchell acknowledged the Newsletter and thanked Senator Dellechiaie, Senator Jones and others for their hard work. President Mitchell noted that 400 copies were made and to spread them around the

College. Also to keep submissions coming to Senator Dellechiaie and Executive Vitalone.

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

- Secretary Sullivan apologized for the mix-up with the minutes and noted that Vice president Greenman posted them on the SGA web-site.
- Secretary Sullivan reminded Senators to sign in when doing office hour and to make sure Sharon Rivers or and E-board member signs you out.
- Secretary Sullivan noted that the Newsletter looked fantastic and commended all who worked on it.

#### **VII. SENIOR CLASS REPORT:**

- President Mitchell noted that on office hour he wanted Senators to go online and look at other Colleges to find out how their SGA programs work and see if there are any ideas that would be applicable at SSC.

#### **VIII. JUNIOR CLASS REPORT:**

- Senator Monteiro questioned if there were only coins machines located at Bowditch and Peabody and if there was a possibility of one being put in at Bates. Dr. Brossoit noted that the coin machines need 24 hour surveillance which is not offered at Bates.
- Senator Fernandez questioned who she should seek if Students are having trouble with their Resident Director and was advised to seek Dr. Brossoit.

#### **IX. SOPHOMORE CLASS REPORT:**

- Senator Baez discussed two of the SGA programs she found at different Colleges that stood out and would possibly be appropriate at SSC. President Mitchell noted that the two programs sounded great and will be looking into bringing them to the College.

#### **X. FRESHMAN CLASS REPORT:**

- Senator Holmberg discussed a program that he knew of that could be valid to use at the College.

#### **XI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

##### **FINANCE**

- Treasurer Meadows went over list of member on the Finance Committee (Gregory Greenman, Mariana Guicho, Sahira Fernandez, Elisandra Montiero, Mimosa Long, Sonja Deceus, Joseline Perez, Chérie Mann, Molly Dellechiaie).
- Treasurer Meadows announced the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday at 6:30pm.

## **RULES**

- Chair Slazar noted that she read over entire constitution and corrected numerous errors.
- Chair Slazar announced that she would like to meet with the Chairs after the meeting to see who is eligible to run for office.
- Dr. Brossoit noted that the online voting is being worked on by Bill Murphy who he will soon be meeting with.
- Sharon Rivers mentioned that SGA meetings are to be held on days when there are full classes which is why there will be and SGA meeting held next Tuesday.

## **STUDENT LIFE**

- Chair Marte passed around a sheet with the time when the Library will be open during finals (extended hours begin Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 8am and end Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 5pm) and the rest of the week will abide by the normal Library schedule. Chair Marte reminded SGA members to study!
- Chair Marte listed her committee (Pamela Moreta, Jullisa Alfonzo, Sahira Fernandez, Evelyn Flores, Chérie Mann).

## **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**

- Senator Holmberg discussed that Salem State College does not have the First Year Experience Program which its purpose is to get students more involved in the College's campus and to get the surrounding area to be more implicated.

## **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**

- Chair Charbonneau discussed that members are working on new material for next semester.
- President Mitchell noted that President Harrington will meet with Senator Barry about the College becoming a University in effort to pass the legislation. There is a meeting from 4-6pm (Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>) in Vets Hall to talk about Higher Education and be there early if you want to be on the Speakers list. There will be 11 presidents from private and public colleges. Senator Barry questioned what new fees will be applied if the College turns into a University and was informed that they will increase. Dr Brossoit noted that this will not be a part of the UMASS system and that the structures of the College will mostly stay the same. Dr.

Brossoit also mentioned that the fees in entering the college may raise but due to Federal Funding it will not affect students massively. He also stated that class room sizes would mostly maintain the same number of students as the average class holds now.

#### **JUDICIAL AFFAIRS**

- No Report.

#### **XII. OLD BUSINESS:**

- No Report.

#### **XIII. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Vice President Greenman discussed his proposal (attached) to alter the Constitution Article 3 Section 3. Vice President Greenman noted that in changing the article it will create a more inclusive diversity statement. The attached article discusses that the changes would better reflect the growing body of research and implied that sexual orientation is genetically pre-dispositioned.

**MOTION:** Vice President Greenman made a motion to accept the attached proposal.

Greenman/Sullivan  
(16 in favor; 3 abstentions)

- President Mitchell mentioned the line up for the Speakers Series which includes Cal Ripken Jr., President George Herbert Walker Bush, and Tom Wolfe (more info in the Salem State College Newsletter). President Mitchell stated that they will receive 30 free tickets to each event which may be advertised in the Log so students will be aware.

**MOTION:** Senator Holmberg made a motion to grant \$3000 in sponsorship of the Speakers Series event.

Holmberg/Greenman  
(Unanimous)

- President Mitchell welcomed back Sonja Deceus.

**MOTION:** Senator Barry made a motion to appoint Sonja Deceus to Junior Senate.

Barry/Flores  
(Unanimous)

#### **XIV. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- Chair Charbonneau announced that tomorrow the Student Life Committee will meet with the Campus Police to discuss numerous issues. Bruce Perry will be coming in to talk at 2:30pm in the Presidential Room.
- Chair Charbonneau also noted that Holiday Series which will take place on Monday.
- Senator Barry announced Kwanzaa Week where they celebrate Kwanzaa for 7 days. On Thursday from 9-10:30pm they will be making cards in the Lower Dining Commons which will then be delivered to the North Shore Children's Hospital from 12:30-2.
- Senator Barry announced the Kwanzaa Ball which will be taking place in Vets Hall from 7-10, dinner will be provided.
- Henry Paquin thanked SGA for their funding for GLBT month and the "Above + Beyond: Our Community Responds to HIV/AIDS" exhibit.
- Senator Brennan announced and handed out a paper discussing Catholic Mass which will be held in the MLK room at 11pm. He notes that there will be no Catholic Mass held on Sunday.
- Senator Ponce announced Comedy Night which will be held tomorrow at Vets Hall from 8-10pm.
- Senator Ponce announced that trip on Saturday the 9th for the Strongest Link from 10-3pm.
- President Mitchell announced that during the Holidays it would be kind if SGA got together and visited the kids at the North Shore Community Hospital. Senator Barry noted that SGA could accompany the Kwanzaa group on Thursday. President Mitchell noted that he could e-mail the hospital to see when it would be best to stop by and visit the kids.

**MOTION:** Senator Holmberg made a motion to adjourn.

Holmberg/Brennan  
(Unanimous)

**XV. ADJOURNMENT TIME:** 6:23

**SUBMITTED BY KELSEY SULLIVAN**