

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF JANUARY 24, 2006

MLK ROOM CAMPUS CENTER

4:30PM

ATTENDANCE:

Absent: A. Lavoie

Arrived Late: J. Runyan, S. Bishop, S. Gelarderes

Left Early:

Guests: Meghan Griffin (SSC Log), Mathew Delman (SSC Log), Sasha Rosen (MassPIRG)

I. MINUTES: President Cogliano accepted the minutes from the last meeting.

II. PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- President Cogliano welcomed the senate back from break.

MOTION: President Cogliano entertained a motion to appoint Pat Vitalone to Junior Senate.

Mazza/Morrison
(Unanimous)

- President Cogliano announced the open seats for sophomore and junior senate. He also announced that the sign holders have been purchased but they need to be assembled by the senate. They are currently in the basement of the campus center. There have been signs made up advertising the SGA hotline for the holders.
- President Cogliano announced that Ellen Goldblatt will be coming to the college on February 23rd at 4pm in Veterans Hall. She was a keynote speaker from the NCSL conference the Executive board attended in Florida.

III. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Vice President Mitchell announced that the SGA sweatshirts will arrive in two weeks. Mitchell also announced the five speaker series that the NCSL offered to the attending colleges. It will be available at Salem State through satellite in February.
- Vice President Mitchell mentioned the Relay for Life email he sent over the break. The Kickoff party will be January 31st at Peabody City Hall but the actual 48 hour walk for the American Cancer Society will be in June.
- Vice President Mitchell announced Shamrocks for Dystrophy that he will need volunteers for.
- Vice President Mitchell contacted two bicycles companies about Salem State College protocol bikes for the Vikings Go Biking Program.
- Mitchell mentioned the Blood Drive on February 13th in Vet's Hall and that the field development at central campus has started with land surveying.
- Vice President Mitchell announced that he has spoken to Dean Stol about visiting the Plumber's Home in Salem which is an adolescent male orphanage. The purpose of the visit would be to start a Big Brother program for the boys with the students.
- Vice President Mitchell announced the 13 Billion dollar budget cut on the Budget Reconciliation Bill and that it has not yet passed. Mitchell read a letter from NASFAA urging students to contact their representatives to oppose the Bill.
- Chair Bowling mentioned that he has contacted our senators Kerry and Kennedy who both opposed the Bill. Bowling also urges students to call and thank their representatives.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Treasurer Mazza announced the importance of February and budgets. The groups and clubs will be presenting budgets that will be approved for the next fiscal year. He mentioned that the Budget Committee has been made and if the members have any questions they can contact Assistant Treasurer Meadows.
- Mazza announced that he will be handing over most of his responsibilities to the Assistant Treasurer considering this is his last semester as Treasurer.

V. PUBLIC RELATIONS:

- Executive Porter welcomed the senate back and mentioned that he is excited for the semester.

VI. SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Secretary Bottoni announced that there are two junior, one freshman, one senior, and five sophomore seats available on the senate. Bottoni also mentioned that new office hours are needed and senators can sign up in the SGA office. Bottoni also announced that the attendance policy will start over for the new semester which is three consecutive and seven total absences.

VI. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- **RULES**

- **STUDENT LIFE**
- Chair Gelarderes would like to meet with her committee after the SGA meeting.
- **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS**
- **GOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS**
- Chair Bowling announced his committee meeting on Thursday at 4:30pm in the presidential room. Bowling also asked students to think about where the budgets cuts are going and how important the issue is to them.
- Dr. Brossoit announced State House Day on April 12th. Bowling mentioned that Salem State College sends students for the day to speak with representatives.
- **JUDICAL AFFAIRS**
- **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

X. OLD BUSINESS:

- Vice President Mitchell announced the basketball games tonight at 6 and 8pm.
- Secretary Bottoni mentioned the idea of a raffle at a home basketball game to support athletics. The prize could be a bookstore gift certificate or SSC sweatshirt. She will need volunteers to attend a game.

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- President Cogliano handed the senate a survey relating to their thoughts about the organization.
- President Cogliano mentioned the idea of having more collaborative committee meetings. This would allow the committee members to work on other committee if they wanted. Cogliano also mentioned meeting over dinner at Chartwells. Cogliano wants to develop criteria for meetings by next week.
- Dr. Brossoit mentioned the lack of student attendance and input at the college committee meetings.
- Vice President Mitchell mentioned the speaker series flyers that he would like to receive back from all the senate members.
- President Cogliano would like to revisit the goals and review the accomplishments of the senate from this year at some point this week.

XII. DISCUSSION/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Chair Gelarderes was wondering about the internet use by students. Chair Greenman mentioned that the goal of the program is to have all information via internet. Gelarderes has heard concern about students finding on campus jobs. Senator Mailloux advised her to tell students to visit salemstate.edu/SEO for the student employment office.
- Senator Smith announced the RHA Snowdown event on Tuesday January 31st at 7pm in Vet's Hall.
- Dr. Brossoit announced the postponing of the MLK candlelight vigil which will be in February. Dr. Brossoit also mentioned Kate Cole who will be doing a Practicum and attending SGA meetings.
- Senator Charbonneau announced the sale of Winter ball tickets which are \$35 a

- couple and \$20 a person. The event is next Friday.
- Senator Milan announced the sale of Celtics tickets in the PC office from 11-1pm. The game is February 10th and the tickets are \$10. Senator Finn announced Jenn Runyan's birthday on the 28th of this month.
 - Sasha Rosen from the gallery introduced herself as the new MassPIRG campus organizer. She also mentioned that the Budget Reconciliation Bill will cut 800 million dollars from welfare. She is also looking forward to working with SGA.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT 5:25pm

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

/Bishop
(Unanimous)

SUBMITTED BY RITA BOTTONI