

Student Government Association Meeting

December 5, 2008

Room CLBG 1E1

Minutes

In Attendance: Vice-President of Student Services Paul Finney, Dean of Students Linda Nickel, Executive Assistant to VP of Students Lisa Kincaid, SGA President Bill Mathews, SGA Vice-President Nichole McCoy, SGA Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Jeffery, SGA Sophomore Commissioners: Nora Mercado (Spanish Club), Jessica Transou, and Matt McHughes, SGA Freshman Commissioner Jamie Clement, Savannah SGA Vice-President Basil Williams, and Savannah SGA Faculty Advisor Tylean Garner.

Bill Mathews opened the meeting at 2:03 p.m. A two-third vote was taken on-line; Secretary Chelsea Jeffery will no longer read the minutes from the previous meeting only if all SGA members were present and accounted for. Roll was taken.

Mr. Finney spoke briefly and congratulated everyone who worked on the float for their hard work. He explained some details of changes in tuition and classes that may happen due to shortage of money. These changes will be made by TBR for every college in Tennessee. Nora touched more on the Christmas Float, describing the painful but still acceptable 2nd place received.

Next, Bill Mathews answered questions about the “PTK/SGA Game Night” at the Lexington campus. He explained that Lisa Kincaid spoke with someone at the campus and they felt that SGA meant any kind of student involvement. Lisa informed them that they will need an appointed SGA vice-president and senator in order to use SGA’s good name on an event. That night Bill explained he will personally go to the campus with the SGA Constitution and give them a more formal explanation of the rules.

Nora announced the Spanish Club will be having a Movie Night at 6 p.m. if anyone would like to attend.

The following people have said they will be able to help with the Lexington Float: Bill, Chelsea, Zach Livelli, Rafael Mercado, Melissa Joe, Jessica, Jamie, Nora, Matt, and Nichole. Bill told the group to be at the Physical Plant by 4 p.m. the day of the parade because the parade will start at 6:30 p.m.

Bill next told the group that reviewing the proposals to change the SGA Constitution will need to be done in a separate meeting. Maybe, suggested by Chelsea, having the AD-HOC Committee e-mail proposals to everyone and have a J-Web discussion for the Ad-HOC's benefit.

Basil took the floor to update the group about the Spring New Student Orientation. So far, the plan is to have a walking tour with checkpoints of advisors to answer questions, have some sort of a student panel with the theme what they wished they had known before they got to college, and have games like jeopardy. Basil announced that the next meeting will be December 12th at 10 a.m.

Basil gave his Savannah Campus Report first saying that he has had a wonderful year and Ms. Garner has been excellent. The fruit baskets will be delivered to the community next Tuesday and five thanksgiving baskets were given out to needy families.

Bill explained that the food pantry needs to be used and that Nichole made flyers that are still being approved. Also, the Faculty Staff Lunch is December 12th at 11 a.m., SGA is invited and the deadline to sign-up to go is today.

Bill gave his ending remarks saying he has had a great time this semester everyone's done a lot of work, had a lot of fun, along with interesting arguments, and commended everyone's work in SGA.

SGA meeting ended at 2:49 p.m. As a group, all SGA members finished and turned their end of the year point sheets into Chelsea and Bill.