

Student Government Association Meeting

November 7, 2008

Room CLBG 1E1

Minutes

In Attendance: 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 Commissioner Nora Mercado (Spanish Club), Jessica Transou, and Matt McHughes, SGA Freshman Commissioners: Eric Henson Jr., Jamie Clement, and Shane Ray, Savannah SGA Vice-President Basil Williams, Savannah SGA Faculty Advisor Tylean Garner.

Bill Mathews opened the meeting at 2:01 p.m. Chelsea Jeffery read off the minutes from the previous meeting, no objections were made, minutes approved. Roll was taken.

First, Bill Mathews introduced and welcomed SGA's new advisor, Linda Nickell, who will be taking some responsibility away from Mr. Paul Finney. She expressed that she is looking forward at working with us and will have an open door policy when it comes the SGA members. If any anyone has any questions they can go to her, and Lisa Kincaid will remain to work hand-and-hand with SGA.

Bill announced that the play "Sherlock's Last Case" will be put on by the Theater Club on November 20th through 22nd at 7 p.m.

Next, Bill addressed the ADHOC committee asking them members if any progress had been made. In response to no work as a group having gotten done Bill appointed Nora Mercado as Chair Person for the committee. Bill told them there purpose is to see what can be done t change the SGA Constitution. It will be her responsibility to set up meetings and people with proposals should give them to her. Lisa Kincaid recommended that at the ADHOC Meetings deadlines for each section should be made and met. Shane Ray and Matt McHughes volunteered to help. Bill informed them that call changes should be done before the end of next semester, and proposals for sections 1-5 should be done by the next SGA Meeting, November 21st.

Nichole McCoy announced that she attend her IRP Committee meeting. Bill made it a point that every member of SGA should announce at the SGA Meeting's when and how there committee meetings went. No one should reveal any information discussed at the meeting; only that you went and what the major topic was about. He also told the group that everyone must be

on time for all their meetings, including SGA meetings, to ensure they are representing SGA well.

Nichole announced that the Halloween Family Fun Night was a lot of fun but a lot of work. She told the group that about fifty people attended, mostly children, and SGA has never held an event of that scale before.

Nora Mercado gave an update at the meeting about the Christmas Float. She and Bill have already built half the float, and she, Chelsea, Matt, and Rafael took the remaining pieces of last year's float apart. Next, the skirting will need to be completed, along with the peanut Characters. There will be a snow blower blowing snow into the Snow Globe; it was voted that no glitter will be added. Also, it was suggested that Snoopy and his house can go over the generator on the bed of the truck. After this meeting at 4 p.m. and Saturday at noon there will be more work done to the float, but also at any time anyone can work on the float and follow the illustrations that will be drawn up.

Bill informs the group about TISL in place of Andrew MacArthur. He informs the groups that the JSCC TISL Representative will be bringing 5 or more bills with them. All bills that have not been submitted yet by TISL members will need to be done ASAP. The group will leave by 6 a.m. Thursday Morning.

The Dodge Ball Tournament turned out to be a huge success. Even though SGA took over the event at the last minute; over two hundred dollars has been brought in so far.

Next, Bill talked about his expectations for attendance from SGA Members. At the Halloween Family Fun Night and Dodge Ball Tournament the attendance has been pretty good. Bill went on to say that from this point on if anyone says they will be at an event or it is SGA sponsored you must be there. There must be a higher standard for the SGA members and the group must show they are putting forth an effort. Last but not least, on time means five minutes early. Linda suggested that, for every activity, there should be one elected person in charge to make sure everyone is where they are supposed to be, and if for some reason someone cannot commit to something, the person in charge will be the contact person.

Next, e-mails sent to the SGA e-mail address will be answered by Chelsea Jeffery. This will ensure the questions are not answered more than once or in different ways. If anyone would like to know how the question will be answered or would like some input e-mail Chelsea directly at cjeffery@student.jsc.edu.

The Halloween Costume Voting took place after the meeting was adjourned. The results were Kids First Place K1, Second Place K7, and third Place K9. The Adult Funniest Costume went to Rafael Mercado, Scariest Costume A1, Most Original A15, and the Best Over-All Costume went to Adult Superman A9.

Next a vote on whether SGA wants to be involved in the Spring New Student Orientation. The activity will take place in January the week before school starts. Bill passed around last semester's program and informed the group that it will take a couple weeks of planning will be needed to pull the event off successfully. The vote was unanimous; SGA will take part in the Spring of 09 New Student Orientation.

Basil Williams gave his report on the activities currently taking place on the Savannah Campus. Basil was excited to tell the group that their office hours have been worked out and that attendance has picked up. More people have started attending the Savannah SGA Meetings. They were able to raise sixty dollars for St. Jude. Also, Basil expressed that Faculty has gotten involved with spirit week and will be giving extra points to people who dress up. The group was very impressed and expressed it with clapping.

Nichole informed that the 2009-2010 SGA elections will be held online. J-WEB will have a box on the website where students will click and be able to vote. It was decided that the pop-up online login elections will not work because it would be unfair to the other groups on JWEB. During admission time in the spring the Freshman Commissioners will be in the Student Union encouraging the students to vote, because their elections will not be until the Fall semester.

Last, Bill informed the group that Matt will be taking his place at the SPEC meeting next Friday at 1 p.m. because he will be out of town with TISL.

The SGA meeting ended at 3:07 p.m. and at 3:28 p.m. voting for the Halloween Costumes ended.