

Student Government Association Meeting

October 24, 2008

Room CLBG 1E1

Minutes

In Attendance: Vice-President of Student Services Paul Finney, Athletic/Activities Director Steve Cornelison, Dr. Jean Ashmore from Memphis University, SGA President Bill Mathews, SGA Vice-President Nichole McCoy, SGA Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Jeffery, SGA Sophomore Commissioner Nora Mercado (Spanish Club), SGA Freshman Commissioners: Eric Henson Jr. and Shane Ray, Savannah SGA Vice-President Basil Williams, Savannah SGA Faculty Advisor Tylean Garner, Spanish Club Vice-President/PTK SGA Representative Andrew McArthur, and SGA Freshman Commissioner Nominees: Jamie Clement and Linda Powers, SGA Sophomore Commissioner Nominee Matt McHughes, Art Club Sam Doumitt, and Theater Club President Nikki Martin.

Late Attendance: SGA Sophomore Commissioner Jessica Transou (Philosophy Club)

Bill Mathews opened the meeting at 1:59 p.m. Chelsea Jeffery read off the minutes from the previous meeting, no objections were made, minutes approved. Roll was taken.

Basil Williams gave his report on the activities currently taking place on the Savannah Campus. The week of Halloween there will be a Halloween Costume Contest, participants will receive prizes and all money raised will be given to St. Jude. The second week of November will be a Spirit Week. The days will include: Jersey Day, Cameo Day, Pajama Day, and Rock Star Day. Also, bins will be placed around the campus for the food drive in support of the JSCC Food Bank.

Next, Bill Mathews introduced Dr. Jean Ashmore representing Memphis University. She informed the group that she wanted to remind people that Memphis University classes are offered on the JSCC Campus and the office is located in the Student Union. On the JSCC Campus she can do everything the main Memphis University Campus can do, besides financial aid. Students are able to get their Masters or Doctrines in most fields like: Education, Nursing (online), and Business Management.

Mr. Finney expressed his excitement about the JSCC TISL Delegates and Senator. The Group includes Bill Mathews, Andrew McArthur, Eric Henson Jr., and Jessica Transou. Andrew McArthur gave the group a report on the meeting the TISL Representatives attended on October 19th. The entire JSCC TISL Representative group attended the meeting plus an observer, Chelsea Jeffery. In the meeting the group learned how to write bills, how to conduct the preliminary session correctly, and more. Also, Andrew informed the group that if anyone has any ideas for a bill they would like to see passed the TISL members want to hear ideas and would like the campus's support.

In order to make the process of changing the SGA Constitution more effective Bill Mathews decided to make an Ad-Hoc Committee. The committee includes: Basil Williams, Jessica Transou, and Nora Mercado. The Ad-Hoc Committee was appointed.

Next order of business was getting Halloween Family Fun Night Volunteers committed. Positions for volunteering include: one person for Tiki Bar, two people for Food Table, one person to work the Audio/Video, three people for Photo Costume Contest, and five people to run games with children. A sheet for volunteers to sign up and leave their number was passed around. Setup will take all-day the day of and the function starts at 6 p.m. on October 31st.

Bill informed the group that at the last Christmas Float meeting it was settled that the float would be a Charlie Brown Snow Globe. Still up for discussion is what and who will actually be inside the snow globe. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 3rd at 3 p.m. in the Physical Plant Building behind the Gymnasium.

Next, Nominations for Commissioners began. Question asked to all nominees were: 'If we were to choose you, is your schedule in a place to workout with SGA's? And would completing your mandatory 4 hours per week of office work be a problem?' Nominee for Sophomore Commissioner Matt McHughes spoke first, then Nominees for Freshman Commissioner Linda Powers and Jamie Clement. All three said they would have no problem finding time to commit to SGA, and that completing the required 4 hours per week of office work would be no problem. The Nominees were asked to leave during the voting process. Chelsea began the voting with Freshman Commissioner, ending in a relatively narrow victory for Jamie Clement. Next, Chelsea addressed the issue concerning Nominee for Sophomore Commissioner Courtney Thornton. A discussion on whether she should be considered as a valid nominee was held. The main topic was that she had been sent several emails informing her of

this meeting and that Nicole had spoken to her earlier and had reminded her that we would be voting on the Commissioners today. She (Courtney) stated that she would be there. After her being absent for this meeting as well as the October 10th meeting we took a vote and the outcome was unanimous that she should not be considered as a nominee and that Matt McHughes would be given the position by default.

Next, Nichole read a proposal given by a student, Ashley Ladig, to do something about the cigarette butts littering the school grounds. She pointed out that littering, if seen by law enforcement, can lead to a heavy fine and maybe the same should be done on campus. Smoking on campus is a privilege and that warning the student body that the privilege could be in jeopardy could possibly be a solution.

Reminder that October 30th at 6:30, the Art Club will be having a spaghetti and movie night. The price will be \$5.00 for singles and \$8.00 for couples.

The SGA meeting officially ended at 3:02 p.m. and everyone was given a 10 minute break before the official SGA Orientation began.

Steve Cornelison opened the SGA 101 Orientation at 3:16 p.m. and adjourned at 4:25 p.m.. Because I needed to give my complete attention to the orientation, Bill Mathews excused me from taking the minutes for it.