

## **Student Government Association Meeting**

February 20, 2009

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### Minutes

In Attendance: Vice President for Student Services Paul Finney, Executive Aid for Vice President for Student Services Lisa Kincaid, President Bill Mathews, Vice President Nicole McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Jeffery, Sophomore Commissioners: Jessica Transou and Matt McHughes, Freshman Commissioner Eric Henson Jr., and Theatre Club President Nikki Martin.

Sophomore Commissioner Nora Mercado and Freshman Commissioner Jamie Chesser left before the meeting was adjourned by President Bill Mathews.

Bill Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. The minutes were read and Jessica Transou made a motion to accept and Eric Henson Jr. seconded, minutes approved. Roll was taken and Bill introduced the guests Mr. Paul Finney and Lisa Kincaid.

Nikki Martin first gave a report on the Activities Board. She informed that it has been hard to meet with people unable to make the set times for meetings. From 12:15 until 3 p.m. in the Science Auditorium movies will be played for Black History Month. Also, on February 27<sup>th</sup> from 9am-3pm, ten foot screens will be set up in the student union so student will be able to play Halo3, Dance-Dance Revolution, and Guitar Hero. Also, she announced that they will be having there second meeting the last week of February some time.

Nora next spoke about the Nation Against Genocide Club. The club now has a website [endthegenocide.webs.com](http://endthegenocide.webs.com) which has various links to JSCC and [savedarfur.org](http://savedarfur.org). Nora said to go onto the [savedarfur.org](http://savedarfur.org) website and watch the videos because that is the reason why they have the NAG Club. Also, the husband of a Holocaust survivor will be coming sometime next month.

Nicole attended her IRP Committee meeting at 12:30 earlier today.

Bill announced that SGA officers need to sign up for Baseball concessions. There are three spots where SGA will be doing it with another club but the list of dates in the office marked in red are during SGA meetings. So far we have earned around three hundred dollars. Bill suggested that prepackaged sunflower seeds need to be sold. Matt

addressed that no one has signed up for concession when we are sharing with another club. Bill informed that SGA will try and let the other club take care of concessions but we will step in if needed.

Nicole announced that the Valentine's Day fund raiser had been a success. The group sold all 24 of the Cupid Arrow's and for future reference more could have been sold. The total amount raised and donated to the Student Relief Fund was \$135.50.

Bill addresses the SGA Constitution meetings and how SGA Officers need to attend or SGA will not make their deadline to change the Constitution. A two-third majority needs to be there. The meetings will be on Tuesdays at 1 p.m. in the conference room beside Lisa Kincaid's Office.

Next Nicole read her proposal for Earth Day. Five posters will need to be made with different elected topics about going green. Finney added that SGA could attain help from JEA on research information, reports, and flyers. Vote was taken, Earth Day approved.

Nichole next proposed her idea for SGA to use bank slips. Finney suggested that SGA make sure the Business Office is fine with this process. Bill took vote to approve the use of bank slips if the Business Office doesn't mind the use of them, proposal approved.

Jessica updated the group on the on-line elections for SGA. She announced that Victor would like SGA Officers to do a pre-voting process to make sure no glitches will happen. Simply go to JWEB and vote more than one time and make sure you are only allowed to vote one time. This test will last from March 1<sup>st</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup>.

Bill addressed the proposal from Jessica about the changing of commissioners to senators. He explained that SGA will wait until the SGA Constitution is changed before SGA officially changes our names. This is for two reasons; first this should help motivate SGA members to finish the constitution. Second that way the changing of officer names will come in effect with the next elected members.

Jessica announced that she had found a student that is in need of a donation from the Student Relief Fund. The students name is on file in the SGA office, and over Christmas break her house burnt down and lost all of her belongings, including two new puppies. Recently she has been having a hard time paying for school supplies and she

graduates this year. Chelsea asked how much money Jessica thought would be a good amount. Jessica said Linda Nickell was supposed to get a price figure. Bill said \$250 should be a good amount. Bill took a vote to send a proposal; vote pass a proposal should be made.

Bill addressed the conduct of SGA Officers missing office hours, SGA meetings, and committee meetings. Bill also said that messages on phone should be checked while in the office. Chelsea said she would post the process to check the messages in the office. Finney continued by stated that office hours are our responsibility and at the end of the year the office hours submitted is what helps decide if SGA members get all of their stipend money. Bill asked Chelsea as secretary to count the hours of officers at the end of every month to help keep every officer up to date as to whether they are behind and need to make up hours.

Next SGA needed to decide what to do about the three accounts they have. Chelsea was elected to write up the proposal to be presented at the next SGA Meeting.

Bill next addressed the Activities Committee and the SGA working together. SGA members agreed that SGA should have a voice on the committee and SGA should appoint one person to be elected to the position. The committee should be treated like every other committee, in the sense that if the SGA representative is unable to attend another SGA member should take his/her place. Finney suggested that SGA propose to permit one person as permanent member of the committee with voting rights. Bill took a vote to write a proposal, unanimous, Chelsea will write up the proposal.

Next the members at the meeting discussed the resent rumors of the possibility of TBR and THEC margining because of the resignation of the UT President and TBR Chancellor. Finney explained that this opened a door to end the two tear system in place now.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:33 p.m., Jessica seconded.

5/8 people present and vote on co-sponsoring with NAG for a book drive unanimous.