

Student Government Association Meeting

January 22, 2009

Room CLBG 110B

Minutes

In Attendance: Dean of Students Linda Nickell, SGA President Bill Mathews, SGA Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Jeffery, SGA Sophomore Commissioners: Jessica Transou (Philosophy Club) and Nora Mercado (Spanish Club), and Mathew McHughes, SGA Freshman Commissioners: Jamie Clement-Chesser and Shane Ray, Theatre Club President Nikki Martin, and observer Justin Baynes.

In Late Attendance: SGA Vice-President Nicole McCoy.

Bill Mathews open meeting at 3:30 p.m. Minutes were approved from the previous meeting ahead of time, roll was taken. Also, Bill welcomed guests of this meeting: President of the Theatre Club Nikki Martin and observer Justin Michael Baynes.

Nora Mercado from the Spanish Club announced a Duo Concert that will be held in the Aires Auditorium February 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. The musicians will be Carlos Casita on guitar and Amanda Biers on piano.

Nora made another announcement for the Nation Against Genocide club about the possibility of a son of a Holocaust survivor may come and tell his mother's story. The son wrote a book, soon to be released, about his mother's story and how she kept her past from her husband for 40 years of their marriage.

Linda Nickell gave the recap on the meeting January 21 on the New Student Orientation. She explained how well the Orientation went, and how the format was better than in the past years. Only minor detail will need to be changed. For this summer's Student Orientation, Monster.com's "College Virtual Road Trip" will come and speak for thirty minutes.

Bill decided the AD-HOC Committee should include every SGA members to insure changes are made to everyone liking. There are only five more meetings until all proposals to be in to make sure the SGA Constitution changes.

SGA meetings set at this time will not work for Eric Henson Jr.'s work schedule explaining his absence to this meeting. Meetings will now be in room CLBG 213 at 2 p.m. on Friday's of February 6th and 20th, March 6th and 20th, and April 3rd and 17th, and May 1st.

Nikki Martin explained that the Christmas for Cade went better than ever. She explained that even now you can never get his house shoes off of him and he loved all his presents. His

father greatly appreciated all we did for his son and him. Pictures of Cade's Christmas morning was pasted around.

Since it has been so long since the Dodge Ball Tournament and Halloween Party Bill suggested giving the Awards out at the Award Ceremony at the end of this year. Everyone was in agreement.

Nicole announced her Valentine's Day idea to the meeting. She expressed since we do not have enough time to have a dance, SGA can sell cupid arrows with balloons, candy, and personalized letter. To deliver the item to the recipient we would go to the class five minutes before in order to not disrupt class. She explained the items would sell for five or ten dollars and selling would be the first week of February. Chelsea suggested having a drawing for a free dinner for two at a restaurant if people buy these cupid arrows as an incentive. Nicole, also, would like to celebrate Earth Day in April. Her idea she presented is to have a setup in the Student Union of "How to go Green" and watch the movie "Bio-Dome".

For Black History Month Linda Nickell, from the Activities Board, said there will be a Film Festival during February. Possibly play President Obama's Inauguration Speech, which tied into Chelsea's idea of connecting Presidents Day, which is on Feb. 16th, with Black History Month.

Bill announced Easter will be the same activity as last year but the Activity Board will be over it.

Jessica told the meeting that she and Jamie had been speaking with Victor trying to get SGA elections onto J-Web. She said the pop up box will not work, but now Victor is working on a way to make sure every student only votes one time. Jessica said she has told him that we still would like the same format voting ballot with the picture and quote for every candidate.

Bill asked the group if SGA would like to do concessions this year at basket ball games. The group agreed to do the concessions for the Student Relief Fund.

Linda next handed out papers to the group. She explained that during the free massages during Dec. the students took surveys. What she handed out were answers on the survey that had to do with SGA.

Bill informed the group that he and Lisa had been working with Victor getting the SGA webpage in a spot easier to find on jscc.edu. So far progress has been made with having the "Student Life" link at the top of JSCC's homepage. Nicole also added, she researched Austen

Peay's SGA websites and the officers have their Office Hours posted online under their pictures. The group was in agreement that that was a good idea. Linda expressed her concern for the safety of the officers if we post our hours.

Matt told the group that he and Chelsea attended their Student Aid and Relief Committee January 7th. Jessica, also, went to her Athletics Committee meeting. Nicole asked someone to fill in for her at her IRP committee meeting but they forgot, so she attended late.

Bill adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.