

Student Government Association Meeting

February 6, 2009

SCI 203

Minutes

In Attendance: Dean of Students Linda Nickell, Executive Aid for Vice- President of Student Services, President Bill Mathews, Vice- President Nicole McCoy, Secretary/Treasurer Chelsea Jeffery, Sophomore Commissioners: Nora Mercado (NAG and Spanish) and Matt McHughes, Freshman Commissioners: Jamie Chesser, and FFA representative Richard Renfro.

Freshman Commissioner Shane Ray was absent from meeting because the meeting was set without his knowledge that it was on the first day of his mandatory PT observations.

Bill Mathews called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. The minutes were previously approved and roll was taken. Bill introduced the guest Richard Renfro from the FFA club.

Bill announced that a lot of students have been dropping out of college because of the cost of book and etc. The Student Relief Fund needs to be used in these circumstances and it is administered by Mr. Paul Finney. In order to get the money out to the students either they may come to us or we can suggest someone to give money to.

For old business a date needs to be set to hand out the Halloween Certificates.

Nicole McCoy announced that for Earth Day the trifolds had gone on sale but missed it so will try again next time. Also, she had the idea of if someone brought the chick-fil-a cups back to get re-filled there should be a discount for reusing, but there originally was no price for refills.

Nicole also announced that SGA has sold six Cupid Arrows at the price of five dollars. Also, because of the slow start we will sell them through February 10th and deliver them the next Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. Nora, Matt, and Chelsea volunteered to help sit out and sell the Cupid Arrows.

Bill made a meeting to work on the SGA Constitution for Tuesday the 10th at 1 p.m in the SGA office.

Chelsea Jeffery and Nicole told the group they have started working on an SGA Handbook because SGA desperately needs one. Chelsea handed out a questionnaire sheet that can be turned into Nicole or Chelsea at any time. The questionnaire will help

with changing the SGA Constitution and making the handbook.

Bill next informed the group that Chelsea had made an Absentee Slip that must be filled out when unable to be in the office during your Office Hours. This will help keep everyone accounted for. An e-mail should be sent out to Paul Finney, Linda Nickell, Lisa Kincaid, or Bill Mathews. Along with a phone call made to the SGA Office to make sure the Absentee Slip gets filled out.

Linda Nickell then touched onto Office Policies. She informed the group that SGA is on their last printer ink cartridge; this means the printer is only allowed to be used for SGA related things only. Next, Linda told the group that extra people should not be in the SGA Office alone, hanging out in the office for a long period of time, or even on the computer at any time.

Bill stated next that he and Nicole have figured out that there is so much stuff on the JSCC home page that nothing can be added. Bill would like to see a proposal to be made up to send to Victor saying that the following links should be taken off and located only on JWEB: e-learn, e-learn ROPD, student email, student email ROPD, and much more. He went on to explain that these links do not belong on the homepage and that it should only contain links such as “Current Student (JWEB)” and “Prospective Student”. Also, most student including SGA Officers have no idea what the “GO Green” link is and Bill would like to see it be replaced with a SGA link.

Last, Bill told the group about the March on Capitol Hill. He asked everyone to advertise it today and Monday as much as we can. This will not be the last thing we do because this must be an on going thing or tuition will raise and ten to thirty people will loose their jobs. This is a student driven thing but the communities and some unions are involved. On the march on February 9th there will be seven speakers talking about the need for the state to fund Higher Education. Bill said that he and Chelsea had a long talk with Dr. Blanding which informed the both of them greatly. For Jackson State Community College to have no cuts to workers and more we would need at least the same budget received last year.

Bill moved to adjourn the meeting at 2:56 p.m. and Jamie Chesser seconded.