

**SGA Meeting**  
**March 03, 2010**  
**Jackson Campus C-213**

**Call to Order:** Chelsea called the meeting to order at 01:02 PM.

**Roll Call:** VP of Student Services Paul L. Finney, SGA Advisor Lisa Kincaid, SGA President Chelsea Jeffery, Secretary /Treasurer James R. Fowler, Sophomore Senators: Nora Mercado and Jessica Weatherspoon, SGA Freshman Senators: Holly Hollingsworth, Brandon Holt and Jessica Nichols, , Biology SGA Rep. Eva Atripp, Spanish Club Rep Taylor Martin, and SNA SGA Rep Lisa Marie Cook.

**Minutes:** Approved via e-mail.

**Announcements:** WRAP- Women's shelter for rape victims was destroyed by fire. They are in dire need of any monetary donations. They will hold a pancake breakfast on March 27 at the Baker's Rack –Down Town- between 7am and 10am. Chelsea asked that all who can attend please do.

**Committee Reports:**

Chelsea attended the Student Presidents Council meeting in Nashville February 19. At the meeting w they all talked about what each SGA group is doing and ways to get people involved. They also talked about the new law that was just passed affecting the way that funding is distributed to colleges.

Mr. Finney gave an overview.

Currently JSCC gets funding on how many students are enrolled on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of the Fall Semester. The new law states that colleges will get funding on how many students graduate.

The purpose of the new rules is to get more people to graduate before moving on, which could be a good thing because .....but could also cause problems with funding because,,,,,

The bill would also insure that all courses would transfer from community colleges to four year colleges. Presently it is hard to transfer certain courses from community colleges in the TBR System to colleges in the UT system and students are finding themselves retaking courses they have already taken. With the new law passed in Legislation JSCC is talking about having a cutoff date of one or two weeks before class starts to register for school.

Mr. Finney says the bill has a lot of good stuff but the question is how it will pan out. The Government is wanting a Vice Chancellor just for Community Colleges.

Chelsea went on to say that they went into the meeting knowing that the bill had passed and there was nothing that could be done. SGA presidents didn't know about the bill until it was too late. The main concern is what it is going to do to the community colleges since the vast majority of students who attend are not coming to graduate but rather to further their careers or to get ready for a four year college. JSCC has done several things to help its case. They recently won the national math award, Bell Wether, for its SMART Lab .

Chelsea informed the group that another Student Body President's Meeting will be held on March 27. At the meeting, among other things, the SGA Presidents will be interviewing the TBR Student Representative nominees.

The equation for the funding has not been finalized yet but it is being worked on. Chelsea has an actual copy of the bill if anyone wants to read it. Just let her know and she will get it to you. It is expected to take another year or so before the bill takes effect.

Chelsea talked about a new bill that has been introduced by Senator Woodson that would change full time status from 12 hours to 14 hours. The Federal law is 12 hours so this would make Tennessee Law different than the national law. This would have both logistical as well as financial issues. It is hard enough for students to take twelve hours and maintain a good GPA as it is. Also most classes are offered mainly in 3 hour increments which would have to be changed. The TBR SGA Presidents decided that each school would put together letters of opposition from each college and send them to the State Legislation. Chelsea read the letter she composed and asked the officers if they agreed if they would please sign it.

The Diversity Committee met during the past week. Nora gave a brief overview of the meeting. They discussed the number of applications received to date from each category: Non Traditional, Non Native, and Single Parent. They will meet again and review the applications again at a later date. The Diversity Committee has been able to get the group "Arrested Development" to have a show at Oman Arena on March 27, 2010 at 8 pm to help raise money. The tickets will be \$10.

### **Old Business:**

- ❖ Holly gave an update on Twitter. Still not having any followers but will continue to make posts.
- ❖ James gave an update on Face Book. There are 29 friends to the site and he will keep putting information pertaining to the SGA on the site.
- ❖ Chelsea talked about the Group Page on j-Web. She told the group that SGA could post photos and student could leave comments.
- ❖ Chelsea talked about the Humboldt visit and what was found out while visiting there. The biggest issues were the lack of books in the Library and some SGA officers are trying to help them get some more books.

- ❖ Chelsea talked about meeting with the Learning Strategies classes. The presenters were Nora, James, Raven, Brandon, and herself. They handed out surveys to the students and she gave an overview of the questions and the range of answers each received.
- ❖ Chelsea gave an overview about last year's remodeling of the SGA Constitution and about Article VII about the SGA Representatives. It has been going on a trial basis since last May. She gave out a copy to everyone and asked them to read over it. At the next SGA Meeting, there will be a full discussion and vote. If anyone needs an extra copy of the proposed and current article, one was uploaded to the SGA Goup Page.

### **New Business:**

- ❖ Chelsea-Legacy binder Proposal. The Secretary/Treasurers Legacy Binder Prototype was showed the group as an example of what was recommended to be purchased and used for the President and Vice President. Then SGA discussed whether the Senators would like a Legacy Binder to share. The group voted on just one to share for the Senators. Raven made the motion to approve the proposal and Brandon seconded. The proposal was approved.
- ❖ Chelsea-Club Information Sheet Proposal. She told us about the design changes on the Club Information Sheets and where we stood on getting commitments from the clubs to help pay. She made a proposal to go ahead and have all the sheets made using the SGA funds that would be put back as or if the groups agreed to help pay the cost. Jessica talked about whether we need the sheets for the Theatre Club since the Theatre Department will cease to exist after this semester. It was decided that the answer is no. Nora made the motion to accept the proposal while Jessica seconded with the proposal passing.
- ❖ Brandon made a proposal for a Dodge Ball Tournament. Chelsea read the group all the details. SGA has tentative dates but are waiting for the Athletic Department Director Steve Cornelison to confirm. Concessions will be offered for the clubs to take. Eva made the motion to accept, Brandon seconded and it was passed.
- ❖ Chelsea made a proposal for SGA promotional pens to be purchased with SGA funds. She gave everyone a copy of the proposal and then read the information. Nora made the motion to accept, Jessica seconded the motion, and it passed.
- ❖ Chelsea talked to the group about the upcoming elections for President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and Sophomore Senators. The newly elected officers will take the Oath of Office in August before the Fall Semester starts. March 26 is the deadline to turn in your petition and the Elections are April 5-9. SGA will make announcements of Face book, SGA Group Page, and Twitter.
- ❖ SGA Advisor Lisa Kincaid suggested that Chelsea make a deadline for the Legacy Binders to be ready for new officers. Chelsea set the date as the last meeting in May.

❖ Nora made motion to dismiss and Brandon seconded.

Chelsea Jeffery adjourned the meeting at 2:17 p.m.