

SGA Meeting Minutes
11/30/04

Call to Order

9:00PM by A. Jones

Attendance

The following members were present: A. Jones, A. Fink, W. Miller, J. Armstrong, W. Brotherton, J. Dehaven, J. DeRamus, A. Gibson, V. Jackson, J. Kindler, J. Looney, B. Music, J. Rotty, B. Rutledge, R. Saunders, G. Gerassimides and M. Tooley.

The following Non-Senate members were present: S. Gregory, L. Fields, D. Overstreet T.Tzetvanova, and Julie Ludwick

Approval of Minutes 11/9/04 and 11/16/04

On motion of J. Rotty, the minutes were approved.

Budget Requests

S. Gregory offered apologies on behalf of D. Thompson about all of the complicated issues and problems associated with the SGA Budget.

S. Gregory introduced the official fund request form that must be filled out and signed to receive funding.

On motions of A. Fink, the Senate approved the expenditure of the following:

Freshman Class Community Service Project: \$125.00

-Eden, TN Community Center Grounds Work- Money for food, transportation, Gloves, etc.

Freshman Class Program: Cruel Intentions: \$250.00

-Spades/Poker tournaments, flanked by dance and karaoke competitions, and raffles.

Students for Free Tibet: 12 Mile March to Chicago: \$50.00 (Opposition Heard)

-Money to assist in fuel expenses.

On Motion of W. Miller, the Senate authorized the expenditure of \$510.00 for Berea Gone Wild, with the understanding that if Coalition authorizes funding, that the Senate is reimbursed in the amount approved by Coalition.

On motion of B. Rutledge, the Senate authorized the expenditure of \$330.00 for the upcoming Junior Class Programs (Dance, Donut Breakfast in Finals week, and other programs).

On motion of S. Gregory, the Senate authorized the expenditure of \$220.00 for SGA promotional t-shirts to give out at Berea College basketball games, with the understanding that the expenditure will be made only if Coalition does not approve this item.

Executive Council Business

S. Gregory noted that a Faculty Committee Survey is being created to give to Faculty Committee Chairs (to evaluate the Student Representatives of the Committee, and learn how the SGA can help the committees).

S. Gregory also noted that a Student Satisfaction Survey is in the works.

L. Fields announced that as of Thursday, December 2, that the Office of Public Relations Secretary would be vacant. He asked that anyone who may have an idea of who can fill that position contact Shane and him.

The Senate Recessed at 10:00 P.M. for Ten Minutes

The Senate resumed business at 10:10 P.M.

SGA Funding-Gus Gerassimides

Gus spoke a great deal on the subject of the SGA's role in the funding process.

Clubs and Organizations Flow Chart:

There is a central group that is involved in funding and programming oversight. This includes the Student Life Council (SLC), Campus Life, Accounting Office, and Special Programs. It is this group's responsibility to ensure that all clubs and organizations maintain fiscal responsibility.

From this group, we then have five different areas where clubs/organizations exist. These areas also are able to give funds. These areas are:

1. SGA
2. Academic Departments: These groups chiefly support major-related clubs/athletic clubs/music groups.
3. Labor Program
4. Student Life (Coalition for Community Building handles much of the funding requests here)
5. Outside Groups (Mortar Board, Vincit Qui Patitur, National Honorary Societies)

A group seeking funding for an event may propose to any of these groups for funding.

A Recent History of SGA Funding

At one point, the SGA played a major role in funding. The SGA's budget provided a great deal of money for funding. Groups who wanted to request would go to the SGA to request funding.

A few years ago, the SGA decided not to take a major role in funding. As a result, the Coalition for Community Building was established, for the sole reason to consider programming requests. SGA money set aside for club/org funding was given to the Coalition.

Recently, the SGA has begun to take a larger interest in club/org. funding. Last year, the SGA had a nearly \$5,000 budget surplus. The SGA gave out about \$3300.00 of that surplus to clubs and organizations who came to the SGA to request funding. It was the goal of the previous year's SGA to institute a policy of handle to budget requests.

The current SGA needs to consider what it's role in funding needs to be.

New Items for Pending List

B. Music: Consider looking into +/- grading policy. A number of Nursing majors have raised concerns about the effects of this policy on their ability to remain in the Nursing program. (Refer to Leanna Lance, Student Rep. to Academic Program Council)

A. Gibson: would like to have SGA T-Shirts with member's printed name and position. (Refer to Budget Committee for Consideration)

B. Music: Consider requesting that some major academic buildings remain open until at least Midnight (Presser, Draper, Alumni)

Announcements, Praises, and Apologies

-J. Rotty- Raised concern that we go over the allotted time in our discussions. Asks that we stick to allotted time, or allow for more time from the beginning if discussion is going to be long.

-A. Gibson (concurrence by B. Music)-We are not as committed as we should be, or striving to do what needs to be done to the best of our abilities.

-Happy Birthday to Josh Hoke (12/1/2004)

-Gus Gerassimides offered praise for taking an honest look at what we have accomplished, and offering an honest criticism of where we are lacking.

-A. Jones offered praise to faculty members (especially Gus Gerassimides and Michelle Tooley) for their commitment and advice

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

-A. Jones also encouraged committees to meet other times in the week (not only at the times allowed at SGA meetings)

-Tomorrow: BC vs. Transylvania Univ., 7:00 P.M., Seabury Arena.

-Reason for the Season- Toni Tzetvanova and D. Overstreet will be representing the SGA at the Reason for the Season party next Friday (December 10, 2004). They will also purchase the presents on the wish lists provided by Phillip Sutherland to Andrew Jones. A. Fink offered her assistance if needed.

Senate Adjourned at 11:10 P.M. Next meeting (our last of the Fall Semester) will be Tuesday, December 7, at 9:00 P.M. in the Student Org. Lounge, Alumni.

Please direct any questions or comments about the minutes to the Clerk at millerw@berea.edu.