Student Government Association

9/23/13

PAC 220

Christin Austin, Student Body Secretary

Call to Order
- Julianna Swanson called the meeting to order at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary’s Report (Christin Austin):
- The assembly was in full attendance and a quorum was announced.

Adoption of Minutes:
- A motion was moved by CJ Clarizio to approve the minutes as read from the September 16, 2013 SGA meeting.
- Matthew Roddy seconded the motion.
- The motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Report (TJ Kelly):
- There was no change in the budget; SGA budget still contains $28,786.74.
- The Budget Committee met last Friday and was presented with the first budget request of the year.

Committee Reports:
- Student Affairs Committee: Jean Sampson was elected as the committee Chair. Furthermore, the committee voted on Lincoln Laureate Scholarship candidates as well as an Emerging Leader Scholar.
- Library Committee: The Library Committee met this week and discussed a few things. First, the library is getting Kindles to loan to students with a variety of book selections. Also, the library is working on moving the archives that are currently in the Chapel to the library and presenting them in a display case. Lastly, the renovation of the library was briefly spoken about. The complete renovation is projected to take five years.

Public Relations Report (Taryn Butler):
- Elections have not been up due to an electronic problem, but should be up this week.
- Homecoming: The homecoming court should be announced Tuesday.
Bearcat Games: The games start Sunday. Taryn Butler will be sending out an email with further details soon.

Parade: SGA will have a float in the homecoming parade. Again, Taryn Butler will be sending an email with all the details.

Bully Week: Bully week is November 17-23 and the PR Committee will be deciding on the activities for that week soon.

Fundraiser: One fundraising event this year will be something around Breast Cancer Awareness and SGA hopes to collaborate with other organizations on campus in order to coordinate this fundraiser.

Change for Change: This will be another fundraiser in which change will be collected and given to either Wounded Warriors or St. Jude’s Children’s Hospital.

Current Business:

- Election is currently not up on blackboard, but should be Tuesday or shortly after.
- Lucas Barker thought that campaigning week overall went well.

Old Business:

- Julianna Swanson emailed Dr. Joni Bastian regarding the concerns that were brought fourth from students at the last SGA meeting. Dr. Bastian’s responses are as follows:
  - **Feminine Products**: Dr. Bastian thought that this was a great idea and the SGA Executive Board will be working on a formal proposal to present in order to get more of these products around campus.
  - **Dress Code**: There is no official stance. Joni would be willing to support this if the student body wants this as well as SGA. However, there doesn’t seem to be a lot of support.
  - **Food Service Committee**: There actually was a food service committee a couple of years ago. If this is something that SGA would like to get started again, it would be ideal to include RHA. Also, a student survey regarding the food service on campus would be helpful.
  - **Recycling Centers**: Dr. Bastian said they are looking in to fundraising for recycling center. SGA would collaborate with the Sustainability Committee.
  - **SGA’s voice**: Because of prior years, SGA has not had a voice in standing committees. However, Dr. Bastian is working to change this because she believes that SGA is going in the right direction and is stronger and more responsible. She recently sent an email to all faculty asking them to consider giving SGA back it’s voice in these committees.

New Business:
• **Budget Request:** Campus Ministries presented a budget request to the Budget Committee for their trip to Israel. They requested $4,500. However, the committee voted to present the amount of $3,375 to the general assembly to be voted on.
  - *Tj Kelly moved to accept the proposal from the budget committee to give Campus Ministries the amount of $3,375.*
  - *Lauren Haukapp seconded the motion and discussion followed.*
  - *The motion carries with two abstentions (Lucas Barker and Tj Kelly).*

• **“Play it Forward:”** Dr. Dennis, Dr. Bastian, and Tim Harrison wanted SGA to possibly think of ideas in order to collect funding for Boulder, Colorado flood relief. The assembly brainstormed and thought about asking for donations at sporting events admissions as well as “storming the dorms” and asking for change from students. Please contact Joni with other ideas.

• **Study Abroad Day:** This event will be Tuesday, September 24th and is a great way to show support to students as well as the Year of Diversity. There will be a lot of fun events hosted throughout the day.

• **“In Living Color:”** SGA received information regarding “In Living Color.” This is an event that will be in St. Louis that is designed to promote diversity. It is October 26th and the cost at the door is $12.50 per person.

• **National Leadership:** The National Leadership Conference for SGA is next week/weekend in St. Louis. Last year Darren Meeker, Christin Austin, and Tyler Wallin attended this conference and found it very useful. However, next week is a busy week for McKendree considering it is homecoming. Because of this, the assembly plans to attend a different conference this year.

**Open Session:**

- Christin Austin acknowledged and thanked our guest, Jeffrey Pharris, for attending our SGA meeting.
- Ashlyn Beasley reminded the assembly that the group, Kazual, who has appeared on the show America’s Got Talent, will be in the Quad on Wednesday at 6:30.
- The disability Awareness group meets Tuesday at 4:30 in PAC if anyone is interested in attending those meetings

**Adjournment:**

- *Lauren Haukapp moved to adjourn the meeting.*
- *Mary McKee seconded that motion and the motion carried unanimously.*
- *The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.*
Members Present:
Julianna Swanson
Tyler Wallin
Christin Austin
T.J. Kelly
Taryn Butler
Lucas Barker
Ashlyn Beasley
C.J. Clarizio
Mary McKee
Matthew Roddy
Morgan Roscow
Stephen Harris
Lauren Haukapp
Daniel Rodriguez
Rhoda Warner
Keo Mills

Members Not Present: None

Advisors Present: Sarah Klucker

Guests Present: Jeffrey Pharris

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK, BEARCATS!

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GUEST, JEFFERY PHARRIS,
FOR ATTENDING OUR MEETING!