Student Government Association: Executive Cabinet Minutes

Monday November 11, 2013
Lee Hall Room 414, 8:00 PM

I. Call to order: The meeting called to order at 8:04 by Stephanie Preston, Student Government President.

II. Roll Call: Attendance was taken everyone was present but Executive coordinator and Honor council president.

III. Committee Reports
   i. Vice-President (Nate Levine): We have a motion senate is going well. Increase numbers for the spring. Focusing and targeting certain groups.
   iii. Honor Council (Alice O’Brien): No Present, Excused
   iv. LAC – Legislative Action Committee (Joe Dolan): Meeting with Dean of Students to begin talking about lobby day. If anybody wants to do lobby day get in contact with LAC.
   v. ARH – Association of Residence Halls (Alyssa Lieurance): Mr. UMW was last week and it was successful. We raised 789 dollars for Brain cancer.
   vi. AAC – Academic Affairs Committee (Lavar Edmonds) and working on proposal for transfer international baccalaureate credits. We are the only school besides UVA that does not do this.
   vii. ICA – Inter-club Association (Robert Jarvis): Constitution for Stand up Paddle board Club. They Iready recognized by SAE wants to be recognized by ICA.
        4-1-3 it passes.
   viii. CSA – Commuting Student Association (Claire Pickard): No Report.
   x. Executive Coordinator (Samantha Worman): Not Present, excused.
   xi. Treasurer (Sarah Clay): No Report
   xii. Secretary (Amanda Motley): No Report.
   xiii. Technology Coordinator (Gibran Parvez): No Report.
   xv. Involvement and Outreach Coordinator (Rad Wan Jarrar): Opinions on SCHEV. Go to these schools and talk to schools about going to schools and talking to kids with a low graduation rate.
President (Stephanie Preston): Meeting with the Board on Friday and Saturday and all reading the reports. Golda Eldridge is going to come next and is in the middle of constructing leadership and wants feedback. DEC 2nd Dr. Searcy is coming back. Proposed that Dr. Searcy coming once a month.

IV. Special orders:

1. Dr. Levin, Provost of the University came to the Executive Cabinet Meeting.
   - Taking an initiative to the faculty through the Academic Affairs Committee
   - We want to bring change to who can walk in commencement.
   - Presently you have to have completely finish your degree and that is uncommon
     1. Most colleges do not require that UVA requires it
     2. CNU, GMU JMU VCU all allow students to be a certain amount of credits shy but still participate in commencement.
   - They would not be graduating even if they were 1-3 credits shy. With this program, they would need to be able to finish these courses over the summer and they would have to finish these as soon as possible. They would not be getting a degree in commencement but it would just be an opportunity for these students to be able to walk with students that have gone to college with.
   - Faculty is looking at 6-9 credit leeway option
   - Usually we have a dozen or so students who have students who need this exception.
   - We hope would be to draw a clear line and know that if you need more credits than this you cannot participate.
   - THIS IS A PROPOSAL.
   - INPUT:
     a. Rad: I think that is a great idea but would we have to cap it at 9 credits? What if they need 12 credits and could take it all in the summer?
     b. Claire: I would be weary of capping it off of 9 I think it should be 4.
     c. Amanda: would it include Internship and senior seminar classes?
     d. Provost: Yes
     e. Christian: Would it be capstone to a certain amount of years?
     f. Provost: No I don’t think so because I think the number of people who would fall into that category would be really slim. We want to encourage people to finish.
     g. Stephanie: I think we should keep it at one to two classes. My other concern is finishing classes they need. I think they should be registered in those classes before they get offered the opportunities to walk.
     h. Provost: I agree I think that it’s a good idea.
     i. Nate: I do not know about the idea about making people commit because we do not know the classes are available.
   - Do you think we should make this known and have the student body aware of this policy?
a. Claire: No because it seems to stop people from taking advantage of it would be to keep it on case-by-case bases.
b. Christian: I think that it’s an adult decision and people who are in this situation are missing out on graduation and loss the appeal.

- Do we think the process of needs more discussion? Should it be brought to senate?
  a. Stephanie: I think that it was brought up in senate my senior year, and it feel through.
  b. Provost: I am hopeful that it will get through the faculty.

2. Senate motions:
   a. Motion that academic services accredit all elected student body positions the same as athletic programs as one credit hour without a grade per semester. Therein incentivizing student involvement in student government as well as rewarding those participating currently
      i. Discussion:
         1. Lavar: It would have to go through curriculum committee
         2. Sarah: It is hard because some people do not do as much as other student, as say the president.
         3. Rad: The discussion in senate was that it would be more structured if passed.
         4. Lavar: The wording which is supposed to be similar to athletics would you have to registered for the class.
      
   ii. Motion is tabled.

3. Veterans group on campus is interested in working with us on sending letters to soldiers overseas.

- Students write cards even place cards at the nest where students can sign and send them over in the nest.
  a. SGA will be working on putting together this letter campaign and will be tabling in the nest and in Seaco in the coming weeks.
  
  b.

V. Announcements: Dr. Searcy is coming to senate on Wednesday.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:23 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Motley

SGA Secretary