Student Government Association: Executive Cabinet Minutes

Monday October 7, 2013

Lee Hall Room 414, 8:00 PM

I. Call to order: The meeting called to order at 8:03 by Stephanie Preston, Student Government President.

II. Roll Call: Attendance was taken; JRB and Technology Coordinator were not present.

III. Committee Reports

i. Vice-President (Nate Levine): Both senate motions this week were tabled. The motions were changing the number of senators and getting more smoking poles on campus. Regarding the number of senators as of now the amendment reads the total number population of the student body divided by 50 changed to divided by 90. They believe this change would make it more prestigious and insure we would forum.

ii. JRB – Judicial Review Board (Andrew Gabney): Not Present

iii. Honor Council (Alice O’Brien): No Report

iv. LAC – Legislative Action Committee (Joe Dolan): LAC is starting to table soon for Turbo-Vote. The election is coming up on Nov. 5th.

v. ARH – Association of Residence Halls (Alyssa Lieurance): ARH had their first on Thursday. They are now working on other events such as bonfire for homecoming. Alyssa will go to a conference during homecoming weekend.

vi. AAC – Academic Affairs Committee (Lavar Edmonds): No Report

vii. ICA – Inter-club Association (Robert Jarvis): ICA meeting, making a how to video on how create an event on org sync to make things easier.

viii. CSA – Commuting Student Association (Claire Pickard): The commuter student breakfast tomorrow in the link of Mason and Randolph Hall, there will be coffee and fruit. Chris porter is making pancakes. 8-10. Also still working on clean up for after homecoming.

ix. DUCC – Diversity and Unity Coordinating Committee (Christian Wideon): No Report

x. Executive Coordinator (Samantha Worman): Homecoming is three weeks away, Sam needs help on Friday the 25th with giveaways, food, and carnival on ball circle. The event is from 4-6 to manage shirts. An Exec. Cab member will need to be with the shirts at all time. On Thursday the 17th there will be a mandatory crowd control training session. Key chains, coffee mugs and t-shirts will be the giveaways and
5 tailgating spots are going to raffled off next week so that they can tailgate for free.

xi.  *Treasurer (Sarah Clay): No Report*

xii.  *Secretary (Amanda Motley): No Report*

xiii.  *Technology Coordinator (Gibran Parvez): Not Present, excused*

xiv.  *Communications Director (Chelsea Koph):* Communications has started making homecoming flyers and door hangers as advertisements.

xv.  *Involvement and Outreach Coordinator (Rad Wan Jarrar): No Report*

xvi.  *President (Stephanie Preston):* Met with the marketing department on Thursday, pictures from the latest photo shoot on campus. They want to hear what we have to say.

IV.  Special Orders:

1)  *Dr. Searcy:*

   - Wanted to talk about two topics.
   - Check in to see how things are going and talk with us
   - **First off: top two things on radar:**
     a.  Homecoming
     b.  Turbo Vote
     c.  Claire: The Rowe street diversion of traffic and safety issues and traffic issues. It has caused a lot of confusion and there have been a lot of students almost hit by cars on the corner of Rowe and Augustine. Twice as much traffic, students who live in that area aren’t prepared for that.
     d.  Rad-One stop sign on Rowe and Augustine, which causes confusion for cars driving in that area
   - Construction area is going to have two gates that will prevent students from going into safety zones.
   - The construction banging noise this past week was piers surrounding points for the trees, they are putting points in so that the historic trees will live. The next three weeks there will be a loud banging noise.
   - In two or three weeks the construction crew will come and do a presentation for campus center.
   - **The Second topic is Reallocation:**
     o  Dr. Searcy is being asked to fill out the template that is related to the budget.
     o  Every function of campus will have a template ranked out and at the end of the day we will have five sets of 20 that will suggest that we will invest more money on.
     o  Priority of this is pushing the resources to the best of its ability.
     o  This is an ongoing process the deadlines are unclear; it will be
at least two years.
  o The main goal is to use the dollars to the best of its abilities.

2) YAF Constitution:
   • Students and Alumni from the YAF came in to discuss the issue of the constitution
     o Present: Tyler smith (Vice of the chapter), Nichole Tardif (Head of chapter), Elizabeth Eiseman (Treasurer) and Delegate Mark Cole.

   a. Nichole- There will not be changes made to the constitution it is Sponsored by YAF, which requires chapters to use the constitution, we will not alienating any students. The constitution was written in 1960.
   b. Claire- I am only speaking for myself but I believe that everyone has the right to organize around the things that they believe in. In the constitution however there are word-targeting members on the university community, in this case people who are involved in communist organizations, I feel like language that is hostile is contradictory to the idea that the organization is place where different political organizations can co-exist. I have a strong issue with the parts of the constitution that targeted communism
   c. Mark Cole- What language did you find offensive?
   d. Claire- Communism is a menace and they have to work against communism in all forms. I think that the language needs to be more focused and not target members of the university community. It creates a hostile environment.
   e. Mark- Capitalism and Communism are so different that it would be hard to have the two not oppose one another. A university is area for diversity and tolerance so just because someone is opposed to communism doesn’t mean they should be not allowed to be a club. You need to have different political ideologies to have lively debates.
   f. Nate- Why do you say you are not political?
   g. Nichole-Young Americans is non-partisan group. It would be against tax status of the organization if they helped in the election. Just a Conservative non-partisan organization.
   h. Meeting was called into a closed session for approximately 20 minutes
   i. Meeting was opened
   j. **Vote: 4-3-1**
      • For: ICA, Honor Council, Senate, ARH; against: AAC, CSA, DUCC; abstained: LAC
V. Announcements:
   1) Malcolm Holmes, Director of University Marketing, will be at Senate on October 23 at 4:30.
      a. Will include a presentation and a Q and A session, so that they can get student input on the marketing strategies.

   2) Turbovote:
      a. Continue to register to vote through Turbo Vote

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 8:57

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda Motley

SGA Secretary