

Student Government Association Meeting

Minutes

November 10th, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 5:05pm. Director Puglisi and Chief Justice were absent. The Minutes of November 3, 2009 were approved. Senator Menke Motioned to amend the Agenda/seconded by Senator Wolff to include Constitution 09-10 #16: The Towson University Geographic Society, and Constitution 09-10 #17: The Towson Accounting Club. Motion PASSED with a vote of 25.0.0.

Guest Speaker(s):

Mr. Joe Oster: Mr. Oster spoke to the Senate about the new electronic sign boards that have been installed in the Union and in the Liberal Arts Building. The boards will be used to announce meetings, speakers, etc. that will be here at Towson. The board that is installed by the SGA Suite will be used basically by the SGA, so that Student Organizations can announce their events, and meetings. The live screens should be up and running after the Thanksgiving break. Art Services, and Design and Pub are developing a template for SGA, CAB, and all the other organizations on campus. Towson police will also have emergency access.

Committee Reports:

Appropriations:

- ❖ **Finance Bill 09-10 #4:** Concerning the allocation of \$320.00 for the Anthropological Society of TU to attend a conference. **FAV w/amendments.**
- ❖ **Finance Bill 09-10 #5:** Concerning the allocation of \$197.50 as a supplemental for the College Libertarians for a political debate. **FAV.**
- ❖ **Finance Bill 09-10 #7 & #8:** **FAV Pending documentation.**

Government Operations:

- ❖ **Constitution 09-10 #15: Impact Movement.** **FAV**

Commuter Student Rep-Semsker: No report.

Diversity Rep-Shabazz: E.R.A.S.E. the Whiteboard, Diversity Forum, November 18th from 8-11pm in the Potomac Lounge.

Sport Clubs Rep-Retzbach: Please see Shorts.

Greek Life Rep-Chambarry: Please see shorts.

Resident Student Rep-Sikorski: Fifteenth teams participated in the Scavenger Hunt, with the Scandalous Scavengers winning.

USMSC-Senator Dickerson: Attended the meeting that was held Sunday, November 8th at Coppin State. Some of the topics discussed were improving financial literacy, and designing programs so that students will be prepared; and also not approving funds for obscene programs.

MHEC-Torrence: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- ❖ Senator Kazanecki motioned to Pass Constitution 09-10 #15: Impact Movement. Motion **PASSED** with a vote of 25.0.0
- ❖ Senator Wolff motioned to Pass/seconded by Senator Crudele Resolution 09-10 #22 concerning the approval of changes to the constitution and bylaws of the Student Education Association (SEA). Motion **PASSED** with a vote of 24.0.1.
- ❖ Senator Kazanecki motioned to pass, w/ amendments/seconded by Senator McDade Finance Bill 09-10 #4: Concerning the allocation of \$320.00 for the Anthropological Society of Towson University to attend a conference. The senate voted to reduce the requested amount to \$72.50, to be in agreement with the SGA Financial Policy. Motion to accept and **PASS** this bill's amended allocation received a vote of 25.0.0.
- ❖ Senator Dickerson motioned to pass/seconded by Senator Cooper Finance Bill 09-10 #5: Concerning the allocation of \$197.50 as a supplemental for the College of Libertarians for a political debate. Motion **PASSED** with a vote of 25.0.0.
- ❖ Senator Norris motioned to pass/seconded by Senator Welsh Finance Bill 09-10 #7: Concerning the Student Government Association's allocation of \$920.00 for the Pakistani Student Association's holiday celebratory event. Due to a lack of information, this vote was **TABLED**.
- ❖ Senator Johnson motioned to pass/seconded by Senator Barrett to pass Finance Bill 09-10 #8 concerning the allocation of \$195.84 for the Art history Club's trip to Philadelphia, PA. Motion **PASSED** with a vote of 25.0.0.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- ❖ **Matt Sikorski-Resident Life Rep** is looking into the possibility of getting banners for the 4 residence towers.
- ❖ **Adam Jackson-Brotherhood** expressed his frustration at the lack of support that he feels the SGA shows towards students in need. He feels that with the recent rash of problems of racism on campus, and certain students being targeted, that the SGA should stand up more for these students.

STUDENT CONCERNS:

- ❖ **Steven Crudele-Senator** reminded students that the H1N1 shots are still available.
- ❖ **Adam Jackson-Brotherhood** questioned as to why students have to take a grammar test for Mass Comm. This test is 15% of the grade, and worth 200 points. Senator Kangas and Anthony Puglisi, Academic Affairs will check with faculty and get back to him with an answer.

COMMUNICATION FROM:

President Graf

- ✚ The study Break with President Caret is Thursday, November 19th @ 3:30pm in the SGA Resource.
- ✚ The President's from Salisbury will be in the office on Friday, November 13th @ 1:30pm.

- ✦ SGA Member of the Week is Anthony Puglisi, and the Senator of the Week (11/3/09) is Senator Megan o'Rourke.
- ✦ All those participating in the Night Walk should meet at the Potomac Patio.
- ✦ Senator McDade – only two people signed up for the NY Times meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 11th Free Donuts and Free T-shirts. Email Lauren if you can make it.

Treasurer Murphy

- ✦ Pick up your budgets that are in the SGA Office
- ✦ Appropriations and Government Operations meeting Monday @ 7pm, and Tuesday, @ 7:30pm. These meetings are in the Senate Office, and they are mandatory.
- ✦ Senators need to send letters to their groups that need to attend the FSC meetings.

Attorney General Koller

- ✦ There will be a constitutional Committee Review Meeting, Tuesday after the meeting.
- ✦ Putting together a Prove It calendar.

Chief of Staff Fields

- ✦ Director of the Month is Sean Lawlor.
- ✦ The President's from Salisbury and UMBC will be in the SGA Office, Friday @ 1:30pm.
- ✦ Delegates from the Country Georgia will be in the office on Wednesday, between 4-5pm. They will have an interpreter with them.

Dir. of Athletics-Wolfe

- ✦ Battle of the Greeks Basketball game, Friday @ 7pm at the TC.
- ✦ See Shorts

Dir. of Campus Activities

- ✦ **See Shorts.**

Dir. of Legislative Affairs-Hong

- ✦ Any questions or information you have for Annapolis, be sure to give it to Angie, so that she can take it with her.
- ✦ Urged Senators to call and set up appointments to meet with their Senator or Delegates

Dir. of Student Groups-Campbell

- ✦ Thanked everyone who went to take a picture with Kangi.

Dir. of University Communications-Lawlor:

- ✦ The 2nd survey on Meal Plans will begin on November 19th. Please sign up if you are available to help.

Chair-Vice President Steinberg

- ✦ Don't forget to sign up for your one-on-one's.

ADVISOR REMARKS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Senator Ferbish: Infinite Praise Concert, November 21st in the Chesapeake. FREE

Senator Balogun: Mr. & Mrs. Black Talent Showcase hosted by Delta Sigma Theta, Sunday, November 15th @ 7pm in the Union.

Senator Pomerantz: Hillel Bake Sale, Thursday, November 12th from 10am-2pm in the Union, Coffee and Hot chocolate, November 9th from 7:30am-11:00 pm.

Vice President Steinberg: Weekly emails on Listserve by Wednesday night. Senators are to send it out to their groups by Thursday, Friday at the latest.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion was made to adjourn at 6:35pm. It **PASSED** with a vote of 24.0.0.