**SGA Meeting Agenda**

**September 10th, 2019**

The meeting was commenced at 7:03. The Mission Statement was read by SGA President Anna Katherine Drew. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Katherine Drew.

**State of the College Address:**

President Briggs presented a few of the goals that the Board of Trustees have for the 2019-2020 academic year. He discussed the following goals with the body: (1) hire a Dean for Professional Development that will help students create goals for their education to continue to enhance education at Berry, and (2) further develop the Lifeworks Program that helps students grow professionally, while also considering raising pay for student workers without raising tuition in order to incentivize more meaningful work for student workers. President Briggs touched on some of the areas on campus that are being updated and built, which include renovations to Ford Auditorium, the new animal science building, renovating the townhouses, a hotel that will be constructed across from the Rome Tennis Center, and the Spires. President Briggs mentioned that the new hotel and Spires will bring in a lot of meaningful Student Work positions.

President Briggs opened the floor for questions. Jack Boyette asked if anything was changing within the Residence Life Visitation Policy. Jack stated that the current state of the policy is discriminatory towards the LGBTQ community. Jack mentioned that the policy was written in a time far different than the current culture. President Briggs stated that this is not a discriminatory issue, but these policies are put in place to uphold the community's values. He made the point that the values of the community are what draw many students to this campus in the first place. Jack asked for clarifications on the benefits of this policy. President Briggs said that the current policy creates a healthy schedule for students. Jack asked if these rules are put in place to regulate sexual activity among students. President Briggs mentioned the core values of this campus that have allowed for Berry students to be so successful, also mentioning that some students may be made uncomfortable by the implementation of a new policy. Jack asked how the school would function if a transgender student were to attend Berry. President Briggs stated that this has been thought about, and asked to speak to Jack after the meeting.

A member of the body addressed the series of vandalisms that occurred on campus over the weekend. She proceeded to ask why he was allowed back on campus and what safety precautions were being taken to prevent any further vandalism from occurring. President Briggs explained that the student was arrested on Saturday, bailed out shortly after, and escorted back on campus by the Berry Police Department to gather his belongings. Genesis Leggett asked if cameras were being considered as a preventative measure on campus. President Briggs mentioned that Berry has not seen a series of break-ins such as this one in recent years. He also stated that in putting up cameras, privacy must be considered, but that cameras are being heavily considered. Margaret Ashton shared that it would be wise to explore people's views on privacy in terms of cameras. President Briggs discussed the difference between passive and active monitoring. The only time the footage would be viewed would be after something such as the car break-ins occurred and evidence was needed. Amy Borton asked if more blue lights can be placed on campus because they are not very visible. Lindsey Taylor mentioned that they have considered painting the emergency stations on campus a more visible color, as well as placing more around campus.

Grettie Reifenberger asked where the new animal science building would be located. Briggs stated that it would be attached to the back of the McAllister building. A member of the body asked how that would affect parking. President Briggs said that about 20 parking spots will be lost. Margaret Ashton brought up that the class shuttle could solve peoples’ parking issue. Anna Katherine Drew mentioned that there has been a student worker hired to raise awareness about the shuttle system and its daily routes.

**Officer Reports:**

**Max von Schmeling, Treasurer**

Max reminded the body the Budget Request Forms are due on September 17th and they can be accessed via Viking Web.

Max announced that the SGA balance is $15,827.53.

**Mary Ashford Hyde, Secretary**

Mary Ashford asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed as presented.

Mary Ashford asked for the body to continue the meeting using Parliamentary Procedure.

Mary Ashford gave the Weather Report for Wednesday as a high of 97 degrees and a low of 76 degrees.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London mentioned the upcoming blood drive. Tabling will occur f throughout the week and clubs are invited to participate in tabling to receive internal credit. London stated that there is a big need for blood donations due to the hurricane.

London addressed the newest Special Project proposal, the placement of four AEDs around campus. Specifically, the AEDs would be placed in the Krannert Student Center, the Ford Alumni Center, the Ladd Center lobby, and the 4th spot is yet to be determined. Grettie Reifenberger asked the location of the AEDs already on campus. London informed her that there was one in the Cage Center and the Police center, but it would be great to have more around campus to create a safe campus for students and visitors. Sarah Jordan asked if it would be possible to also place trauma kits around campus. London said he would look into it. London presented the $6,000 project to the body, and it was passed as presented.

**David Lindsey, Vice President of Administration**

David thanked all who came to the Solidarity tie-dye event.

David mentioned that Marthapalooza is only a month away, and that internal credit will be offered to clubs who volunteer for Marthapalooza.

David announced that freshman class officer nominations were officially open and would remain open until the SGA meeting on September 17th. All candidates are expected to deliver speeches to the SGA body on September 24th.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine mentioned that those campaigning for freshman class officer positions should be sure to place campaign materials in designated publicity areas on campus, and to be sure not to cover any windows or doors.

Anna Katherine discussed SGA’s plan looking forward. She shared that at the meeting on September 17th, the SGA body will vote on the SGA bylaws regarding the changes to the Secretary and Treasurer positions. She mentioned that Angel Mason, Berry College’s new Director of Athletics, would be sharing changes to the Athletics department and taking questions at the meeting on September 24th.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Margaret Ashton mentioned the natural gas signs around campus. Margaret asked if it would be possible to have someone come to SGA to talk about the sustainability of new and old buildings on campus.

Ally Carpenter asked if freshman students could be exempt from the Can I Kiss You event due to religious reasons. Anna Katherine Drew asked if she could speak with Ally after the meeting.

**Announcements**

Katie Eichols announced that Skate Night would be on Saturday September 14th from 11pm-1am at Skate Zone. Katie also mentioned the Solidarity Week Koffeehouse on Friday night from 8-10pm.

Grettie Reifenberger announced that there are opportunities to write letters to Rome’s first responders on September 11th from 10:30am-12:30pm. Grettie also mentioned that a donation drive would be occurring to help those affected by the hurricane. Finally, Grettie reminded the body that there are always other volunteer opportunities that can be found in the BCVS office in Krannert 251.

Sara Jordan announced that Model UN’s first meeting is at 5pm in Green 306.

Margaret Ashton announced that SAVE would be meeting this Wednesday at 6pm in Krannert 108. Margaret also mentioned that the Vegan and Vegetarian Society would be meeting Thursday at 6pm in Krannert.

Bailey Dingley, with a second from Bryce Nethery, moved to adjourn at 7:34pm.