**SGA Meeting Agenda**

**October 1, 2019**

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

**Speaker: Jonathan Baggett, Chief of Police**

Jonathan Baggett addressed the issue of speeding on campus. He informed the body that Berry police do have a radar permit on campus and do operate their radar. Stretch Road is the only location that they can legally run radar on, but they can give tickets on other parts of campus as well. He mentioned that there is also a process for dealing with guests who violate the road laws, and that the Berry police do have the right to escort a visitor off campus if necessary. Anyone on campus can be issued a ticket for a driving violation on campus.

Jonathan Baggett addressed the suggestion of bike lanes. He suggested that a good solution to bike issues on campus is educating the students, faculty, staff and visitors on the safety of bike riding. He touched on some of the bike riding safety protocol and informed the body that in the state of Georgia a bike is considered a vehicle and that it must follow the same laws that a car must abide by.

Margaret Ashton said that if the speeding of cars is addressed, then people riding their bikes on the sidewalk will be solved. Jonathan Baggett mentioned that there have been many bike to car accidents where the bike has come off the sidewalk and hit the car. He said that the bikers have become very upset when they realize they are the ones at fault for the accident due to the law that clearly states that a bike must yield to traffic. He said the biggest solution to these problems involves mostly education.

Erika Sprecher asked how the police can give tickets on main campus where radaring is not legally available. Jonathan Baggett said that they can give reckless driving tickets, but all of the officers have been trained on how to estimate speeds visually in order to give speeding tickets. He explained that a radar is simply secondary evidence.

Member of the body explained her friend’s experience of getting hit by a car; he was knocked off of his bike. Said member was concerned that if she were to ride her bike in the road that she might be hit by a car. She posed the question of how we can make bike riders more aware of bike laws as well as those driving cars on the road. Baggett said that is part of the educating, whether that is through passing out pamphlets with laws on them or having the bike shop bring awareness to the issue.

Margaret Ashton mentioned requiring students to have a light on the front and back of their bike when they register their bike.

Sydney Partlow with Residence Life explained that usually only 50% of the population register their bike; she does not know that this would be the best solution to the problem.

**Officer Reports**

**Max von Schmeling, Treasurer**

Max announced that the October BFC Deadline will be on the 22nd of October.

Max gave a second reading on BFC Allocations. He informed the body that $5,176.45 was being allocated to 7 clubs that applied for money. A motion was made to pass the allocations. He said his next steps will be to email the allocation to the Dean of Students for approval. The clubs receiving the allocation should be getting an email soon about what allocations the 7 clubs end up getting approved for.

Max announced that the SGA Account Balance is $14,177.41.

**Mary Ashford Hyde, Secretary**

Mary Ashford passed the minutes with minor changes.

Mary Ashford gave updates on the Instagram along with the recent raffle won by Eva Proels.

Mary Ashford gave the Weather Report for Wednesday as a high of 97 degrees and a low of 69 degrees.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London reminded the body on the upcoming Blood Drive for November 11th

London spoke about the increase of Baked Goods Orders after the post cards were sent out.

London also asked that the body let him know if they had any suggestions for the Special Projects Committee.

**David Lindsey, Vice President of Administration**

David gave updates on the faculty members that were asked to be Faculty advisors. New recommendations for the faculty advisor positions were made by the SGA body, and 3 faculty members were decided on to ask.

David gave the election results from the Freshman Class Officers nominations.

David informed the body that Run Off voting for the Freshman Class President and Secretary will occur from 5p.m. on Wednesday to next 5p.m. on Tuesday, and he announced that any campaigning can be done up until Wednesday, October 2nd at 5p.m.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine expressed the open ongoing invitation for students to speak with her about speaker recommendations for SGA Meetings.

Margaret Ashton asked if Fraser Pearson with Dining Services could come back to speak this year.

Hunter Berry asked if Dean of Personal and Professional Development could come and speak.

Margaret Ashton asked if someone could be brought in to speak about service/ emotional support animals. Lindsey Taylor asked if Margaret was asking for more of a process-oriented explanation.

Anna Katherine explained that on Saturday, October 19th David Lindsey will be giving a report to the Board of Trustees on her behalf and said to let her know if there is anything that anyone would like for him to address. If so, email sga@berry.edu.

**Old Business**

Margaret Ashton asked for an update on the cutting back of t-shirt making.

Anna Katherine informed her that the subject had not been addressed yet.

**New Business**

Sarah Jordan expressed her concerns regarding the lack of turn out and school spirit at football games. She suggested that we should mark off a student section so that the parents do not sit in the student section.

Margaret Ashton expressed her frustration with the Beanery filling up non-reusable cups in order to then fill up people’s reusable cups. She sees that this is simply counterproductive and that it defeats the purpose of people using reusable mugs in the first place. She sees that there is some sort of disequilibrium within the policy and regulation of the Beanery and the POD and that it should be addressed.

Erika Sprecher mentioned that her fire exits do not open in her space of living and that this seems to be a campus wide problem.

Lindsey Taylor announced that on Monday, October 7th at 5:30p.m. in MAC Auditorium there will be a Visitation Policy Town Hall in order to discuss the history and the why behind the policy.

**Announcements**

Grettie Reifenberger announced that Make a Difference Day is on October 26th from 8a.m.-12p.m. She said that the first 250 to sign up get a free t-shirt and that a sign-up link has been sent out from BCVS@berry.edu.

Kayla Hill announced that the Sunshine cottage will be hosting a fundraiser for the Hospitality House of Rome for the Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event on Friday, October 25th from 11a.m.-12:45p.m. Male faculty, staff, and students will be fundraising by walking in high heels on Broad Street.

A Marthapalooza representative announced that they really need help with the cleanup crew, which starts at 1a.m. on Sunday, October 6th following Marthapalooza. Anyone who volunteers will receive a free t-shirt. There are still 3 booths available for volunteers to sign up.

A Member of Block and Bridle informed the body that they will have a meeting to discuss the plans of Scary Berry.

Member of the body informed the students that BOLD’s Zip Line will be open from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday, October 3rd. Also, Outdoor Soccer and 3v3 Basketball registrations are due October 17th.

Bailey Dingley, with a second from Bryce Nethery, moved to adjourn at 7:32p.m.