**SGA Meeting Minutes
November 1st, 2016**

At 7:00PM, the meeting commenced. Trent Griner led the invocation, and Teddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Cecily Crow from the Student Activities Office presented information about the class bus and campus transportation. She stated that Tracey Esmenn is the coordinator for the class bus and is charge of the hiring process, route, etc. Cecily reminded the body that the class bus and its route will never be perfect. She stated that the students and staff can continue to improve but there will always be one or two complaints. Cecily reminded the body that the class bus is not a taxi service and it does have a route it follows. She stated the new class bus schedule was put in all students mailboxes at the beginning of the year. The schedule is also available on vikingweb. Marcus Ghee inquired about the possibility of labeling the mountain and main campus buses. He stated that it is hard to differentiate the two. Cecily responded that there were two types of buses and they both make two loops per hour. The mountain bus is an old looking van and it does do one loop on main campus before going back up the mountain. Ben Walker inquired about the timeline for getting a new mountain campus bus. Cecily Crow responded that the school is looking at purchasing electric shuttles for campus. Cecily commented that she was unsure of the timeline but options were being looked into. Conrad Sharpe inquired about the identifiers for the mountain bus and main campus bus. Cecily commented that both buses had signs on them. Conrad replied that we should make them larger so students can identify them better. A student from the body inquired about the possibility of getting a bike rack on the class bus. Cecily responded that she would look into the possibility. Marcus Ghee inquired about the process of picking drivers for the class bus. Cecily Crow responded that all the drivers had to be approved by Berry and trained by Tracey Esmenn. Marcus commented that he has seem some class drivers be very reckless while driving. Cecily reminded the body that if they had any other questions, comments, or concerns to please email her.

Hannah Rivers the student Healthy Life Coordinator from the Ladd Center presented the Berry Strong program to students. She stated that the purpose of the program is to inform students about wellness. The program decided to create an app for Berry students in order to inform them about all areas of wellness. The program came up with 7 categories that are all addressed in the app. Hannah stated that the app should be available to all students by the end of the week. She gave an example of what the app would look like. Hannah stated that there would be a nutrition tab on the app. Student can put in their calories, food, exercise, etc. The app will also include when clubs and organizations meet, an intramural schedule, making appointments with the Academic Support Center and Ladd Center, etc. Conrad Sharpe inquired about students being able to make comments on the app. Hannah explained that any student can leave comments on the app, however, you have to use your berry email on the app – so your name will be attached to whatever you say. Marcus Ghee commented that the app should include an area about sexual and mental health. Hannah Rivers responded that the Peer Educators will have a segment on the app regarding sexual health. Hannah informed the body that the app will also have a feedback tool available and students can request information through that tool. She stated that if students had any other comments or questions, they can contact her.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $12,602.85

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

Kassie asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed with minor grammatical corrections.

Kassie informed the body that club representatives could not just sign in for SGA and stay at the meetings for 5 or 10 minutes. She stated that clubs will not receive sign-in credit and that if SGA representatives are unavailable to stay at meetings then they need to speak with their other club officers.

A student from the body won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val announced that on November 14th, SGA will be hosting a blood drive. If clubs are willing to work a shift for the blood drive, it will count has an SGA credit.

**Preston Putnam, Vice President of Administration**

Kassie presented the Vice President of Administration report. She stated that Preston was in a Provost Search Committee and would not be able to attend the meetings.

Kassie gave the weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 82 degrees and a low of 58 degrees.

Kassie informed the body that Preston was in charge of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee. She stated if any students were interested in being on the committee to please contact Preston. She stated that this would be the last week to express interest.

**Tedric Palmer, President**

Teddy informed the body that he would be taking a walk around campus with a representative from campus safety. He stated the purpose of this is to look for areas around campus that may need more lighting. He invited that body to go on the walk with him and if any students were interested to please contact him. Kat Pugh stated that their needed to be more lighting between Green and Evans. Brooke Davis Brown stated that their needed to be more sidewalk by the library. She stated that the area by Thomas Berry just sort of cuts off and its very dangerous. Emily Smith stated more lights on the ground, like the lights in front of Herman Hall, would be more beneficial. A student from the body responded that the expense for the lights in the ground are more than $25,000. Another student from the body stated that at the University of Georgia, they had lights that stood by crosswalks and had flags attached to them. Marcus Ghee stated that the school should really look into adding more lights for students. He expressed that it is a necessary expense for student safety.

**Old Business**

Marcus Ghee stated that “Hillary Clinton is a rapist” is still posted outside on the townhouse sidewalk.

**New Business**

Mauricio Coria-Moreno reintroduced the topic of political sidewalk chalking’s. He stated that there were a large amount of new drawings outside of the McAllister building and specified that he was offended by them. Marcus Ghee commented that hate speech should not be free speech. Drew Sparks added that the most offensive drawing in front of the McAllister building was the words safe space with a line drawn through them. Marcus Ghee inquired if anything could be done about the drawings. He stated that the drawings have made it online and have been posted to social media. Mauricio Coria-Moreno stated that there was a drawing of a brick wall with the title “build that wall” and that someone had made it look like a dead body was posted onto it. Dominic Miller responded that the outline of the body was a left over chalk piece from a KCAB event. Adrian Lopez spoke to the effect that the chalking’s were offensive. Marcus Ghee stated that students should not be limited on speech, however, he believes a line needs to be drawn regarding chalkings that make students feel unwelcomed and unsafe. Adrian Lopez, Marcus Ghee, and Mauricio Coria-Moreno raised more concerns about the chalkenings. Cory Hannel commented that although he did not personally agree with the chalkings, he did not agree with previously stated comments about disbanding the chalk drawings. He stated that preventing students from expressing their opinions, even on sidewalks, is a form of removing freedom of speech. He stated that the only way to fight speech is with more speech. Following these comments, parliamentary procedure was broken and members of the body began to talk over one another. Kassie Jones interjected and reminded the body that SGA was not a place to argue with other students. Kassie Jones, with a second from Dominic Miller, moved to table the conversation until the next SGA meeting. Marcus Ghee inquired about when something would actually be done about the chalkings. Dean Heida encouraged the body to find their voice. She stated that SGA can make a proposal to stop chalking on campus but she warned that students should be careful for what they ask for. Dean Heida stated that students should write more speech to counter the speech they do not like. Teddy Palmer stated that if any students had any more concerns they could speak with him and Dean Heida after the meeting.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick, Junior Class President Adrian Lopez, and Freshmen Class President Ben Walker had nothing to report. Sophomore Class President Dominic Miller stated that the sophomore class officers were hosting a class tailgate at the game on Saturday, November 5th from 12 PM to 3 PM.

**Committee Reports**

Elizabeth Zavodny delivered a Writing across the Curriculum report. She stated the committee decided on everything that they presented on last year and they were going through the writing intensive courses at Berry. Every writing intensive class has to be examined for accreditation purposes.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting a viewing of the Jungle Book at the DeSoto Theater, on Friday, November 4th at 8 PM. KCAB will also be hosting a Black Light Game Night on Saturday, November 5th from 9 PM to 12 PM in the Krannert Ballroom.

Krista Zalewski announced that Finals Fest applications were due on Friday, November 4th. She encouraged all students to apply.

Jessica Cannon announced that Valkyrie is hosting their magazine release party on right now from 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the Jewel Box.

Dominic Miller, with a second from Ben Walker, moved to adjourn at 7:55PM.