**SGA Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2016**

At 7:00PM, the meeting commenced. John Catton led the invocation, and Ree Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Lindsay Norman the Assistant Dean of Residence Life presented housing updates to the body. Lindsay stated that room selection would take place during the week of April 11th. She informed the body that all students would receive an email about the time for their room selection. Students who need a proxy for room selection can still register for one but they need to contact residence life immediately. Lindsay moved on to discuss changes involving summer housing. She informed the body that due to maintenance in MoLem, students will be living in Dana and the Townhouses. Sophomores and freshman will be placed in Dana and all upperclassmen will be placed in the townhouses for no additional housing prices. Meal Plans for the summer will also be changed. Lindsay did not know specific meal plans but she stated that plans will now include flex bucks and dining hall swipes. Rebekah Sweatt inquired if students would be allowed to use to-go boxes in the dining hall during the summer. Lindsay responded that to-go boxes will be an option but students will not be allowed to get a box and eat in D-Hall. Krista Zalewski asked about the process behind picking townhouses. Lindsay responded that students will be allowed to pick a roommate but not suitemates. Ree Palmer inquired about whether or not upperclassmen could live with sophomores. Lindsay responded that students living on campus during the summer will need to find a roommate that is in their specific cohort. Elli Hayes expressed concern about room reclaiming and freshman in MoField. Lindsay responded that freshman would not be allowed to room reclaim in the living learning communities. Lindsay thanked the body for their time and stated that if anyone had any questions or concerns with residence life to please contact her.

**Officer Reports:**

**Jessica Gross, Treasurer**

Jessica informed the body that the Budget and Finance Committee is reviewing all budget allocations for 2016-2017 and all spring 2016 reallocations. She stated that if anyone had any questions or concerns to please email her or the SGA Accountant, Matthew Harry.

Jessica informed the body that the SGA account balance is $1,875.37

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

Kassie asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed with minor spelling errors.

Kassie informed the body of an SGA volunteer credit for clubs. On Friday, April 8th, from 6 PM to 1 AM Relay for Life will be outside on the Cage lawn. She stated that if clubs wanted to receive credit, they needed to contact Joey Miller for signup. Kassie informed the body of another SGA volunteer credit for clubs. On Saturday, April 16th, clubs can volunteer to help Sunshine Cottage with Row Down the River. Kassie announced that Jessica Wolinsky was directly involved with Row Down the River, so if people had specific questions to email her.

Kassie announced that there would be options for 3 SGA credits coming up. Clubs can help with the Blood Drive on April 14th, Final Exam Kits on April 27th, or Food for Finals on April 27th. She stated that she would announce more options here in a few weeks but that SGA Credits are limited because the semester is almost completed.

Kassie announced all credits must be turned in to SGA by April 27th.

Alexi Bell won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Jessica Wolinsky, Vice President of Service**

Jessica informed the body that there would be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Thursday, April 14th from 2 to 7 PM She informed the body that they could email SGA, sign up for a specific time slot. Jessica also announced that any organizations willing to help with the Blood Drive would receive an SGA credit.

Jessica announced that SGA would be participating in a Monthly Campus Service. The body voted between Career Center, Lab Computer Assistants, Call Center and Student Activities. The Career Center won with a majority of the vote.

**Matthew Murphy, Vice President of Administration**

Matthew reopened nominations for class officers for 2016-2017 due to gaps in the ballot for senior class president and junior class secretary. Krista Zalewski and Jessica Gross were nominated for senior class president, Kristian Willingham was nominated for junior class secretary, and Momo Abdellatiff was nominated for sophomore class treasurer. Matthew reminded the body that all officer positions were open for more nominations. He stated that nominations will close at the next SGA meeting.

Matthew gave his weekly weather report. He announced that the high should be 69 degrees with a low of 50 degrees.

**Ree Palmer, President**

Ree informed the body that SGA that the rescheduled Grand March will take place on April 23rd at 11 AM. She stated the traditional colors should be worn.

Ree informed the body that SGA will be sending out committee applications between now and the next meeting. She stated that SGA places students on about 30 to 35 committees each year. Applications are looked over by the executive team and the SGA President Elect for 2016-2017.

**Old Business**

Ree informed the body that the potholes down stretch road will be taken care of this summer.

Ree stated that Physical Plant had fixed the door at MoLem.

**New Business**

Marcus Ghee inquired about the process behind trying to make the Dining Hall better for students. He stated that lately the food had been extremely undercooked and overall just not good. Ree responded that Fraser Pearson, the manager of dining services, speaks at SGA meetings once a year and he usually looks for feedback. She encouraged the body to write feedback down for the dining hall or speak directly with dining services. Ree stated that they are open to hearing student concerns.

John Catton informed the body that a window at Barnwell Chapel had been busted. He stated that Physical Plant had put boards up to replace the window for now, but overall he wanted to know if there would be a specific date for when the window would be replaced. Ree responded that she was unaware of the situation and would look into it.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Alex Moon and Junior Class President Rebekah Sweat had nothing to report. Sophomore Class President Adrian Lopez announced that the sophomore class would be holding a clothing drive from April 11th to April 15th. Adrian stated that boxes would be placed in different locations around campus so students could drop off clothes at any time and any place, Freshman Class Vice President Alexi Bell thanked the body for participating in writing letters to senior citizens.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting a Masquerade Formal on April 9th from 9 PM to midnight at the Forum in Downtown Rome. Tickets will be on sale until Friday, April 8th at the Krannert information desk.

Joey Miller announced that Relay for Life will be on Friday, April 8th from 6 PM to 1 AM on the Cage front lawn. Clubs will receive volunteer credit if they participate.

Lindsey Harrison announced that Mount Berry Church will be hosting a Night of Prayer and Worship on Friday, April 8th at 8 PM until Saturday, April 9th at 8 AM.

Serena Kargbo announced that MISP will be hosting a Flint, Michigan cleanup discussion on April 19th in the MAC Auditorium at 6 PM. She stated that the event will discuss specifics of what students can do and how they can get involved. Kassie Jones commented that if students bring 2 cases of water to the MISP office then they can receive SGA credit. If you not only bring water but help MISP deliver the water then clubs can receive volunteer credit.

Valerie DeWandel announced that the Berry College tennis team would be playing in two matches on April 9th and April 10th. The games both start at 9 AM.

Alex Moon, with a second from Feebo Wilborn, moved to adjourn at 7:45 PM.