**SGA Meeting Minutes**

**October 31st, 2017**

At 7:04PM, the meeting commenced. Jake Hager led the invocation, and Kassie Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kassie asked the body to participate in a moment of silence for sophomore Joseph McDaniel, who passed October 28th, 2017.

Kassie introduced the guest speaker, Trent Griner, Peer Educator.

Trent spoke to the body about grief. He stressed that grief is a process, and that rallying as a community in a time of hurt is important to help each other through the process. If anyone needs any help, the Counseling Center is available for appointments. Kassie added that the Chaplain’s Office is available for anyone who needs it.

**Officer Reports:**

**Milton Tama, Treasurer**

Milton presented the second reading of the budget allocations. Dominic Miller, with a second from Anna Walker, moved to vote on allocations. The allocations were passed with a majority vote.

Milton informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $14,047.77

**Anna Katherine Drew, Secretary**

Anna Katherine asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed as typed.

Anna Katherine congratulated the Berry College Theatre Company on completing all of their credits first.

Anna Katherine informed the body of Operation Christmas Child. The collection week for shoeboxes begins November 13. Clubs must show their shoeboxes to the Chaplain’s Office by November 16. If a club makes two shoeboxes and pay for the shipping label, the club can get a volunteer credit.

Bailey Dingley won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Marc McLendon, Vice President of Service**

Marc informed the body that the next blood drive would be November 9.

Marc reintroduced the Giving Back Project and asked the body to nominate 3-4 departments to be recognized for their work on campus. The Academic Success Center, Chaplain’s Office, and Counseling Center were nominated. The body voted that the Counseling Center should receive the recognition.

**Will Kenworthy, Vice President of Administration**

Will shared the plan for Mr. Berry for spring semester. He asked the body to send any theme ideas his way.

Will gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 71 degrees and a low of 54 degrees with a 10% chance of precipitation.

**Kassie Jones, President**

Kassie told the body that if they had any qualms, questions, or concerns with the registration process, they are more than welcome to voice them to her.

Kassie reminded the body that Gary Will would be speaking at the SGA meeting on November 7, and SGA would not meet on November 21 due to Thanksgiving Break. Additionally, Lindsay Norman would be speaking soon about residence halls, residence life recruitment, and the green team initiative.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

A member of the body asked if Wufoo forms were required if a club participated in Make A Difference Day. Kassie Jones confirmed that Wufoo forms were required.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Anna Walker has nothing to report.

Junior Class President Dominic Miller informed the body that the Junior Class Officers would be hosting a fall festival on November 15 at 7PM.

Sophomore Class President Bailey Dingley had nothing to report.

Freshman Class President Noah Beck invited the body to stop by the Freshman Class Officers’ Fall Forum on November 2nd from 11-12PM in the Krannert Lobby.

**Committee Reports**

Kassie Jones reported on behalf of Caroline Stiles for the Cultural Events Credit Committee that clubs must submit CE Credit applications for spring semester by November 20.

Joey Miller from the Office of Student Scholarship shared about the different grants available for students on campus, including the research travel grant, Richardson Grant, grants for just freshmen, etc. Joey reminded the body that research isn’t just for students within the Science departments, but research is an option for all students. The Office of Student Scholarship is located in McAllister 219, and any student looking to find a mentor or research topic is more than welcome to stop by.

**Announcements**

Karolyn Olsen announced the main events of the upcoming weekend. A trivia night would be hosted in the Krannert Ballroom on November 3 from 9-11PM. Comedian Pete Lee would be performing in the Ford Auditorium on November 4 at 9PM.

Leigh Hadaway announced that Colleges Against Cancer would be hosting a No Shave November beard competition as well as an awareness competition. If competing for best beard on campus, students must submit a clean shaven picture on November 1 and a beard picture on November 30. A campus wide vote will take place, and the winner gets a free t-shirt and bragging rights. If competing for awareness, students register for the event and whoever gets the most support wins 100 flex bucks for next semester. The winner will be notified December 1 at 12AM.

Brook Davis-Brown thanked all who participated in Make A Difference Day. Brook informed the body that the Food Connection needs more volunteers to take food Thursdays at 9AM. Anyone interested in volunteering can email Gracie Siegrist and Anna Claire Tucker.

Anna Walker, with a second from London Elrod, moved to adjourn at 7:26PM.