**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 6th, 2016**

At 7:03PM, the meeting commenced. John Catton led the invocation, and Teddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Teddy introduced the guest speaker, Ellen Hearn, from Berry College Volunteer Services.

Ellen Hearn informed the body that Berry College Volunteer Services was created to work with students to partner with communities in Rome and Floyd partners. Ellen announced that on October 7th through 11th, Berry College Volunteer Services would be offering an alternative fall break option for students. She stated that the trip would take place in Panama City Beach and students would be focusing on environmental cleanup. She stated if anyone wanted to sign up to please contact her at BCVS@Berry.edu. Ellen Hearn also announced that Make a Difference Day would take place on Saturday, October 2nd. She informed the body that Trunk R Treat will be included again in the service day. Ellen also mentioned a volunteer service opportunity open to all students named the Food Recovery Program. She stated the program looked at areas around Rome that need extra food. In order for students to help with the program, students would either need to donate food to BCVS or help deliver the food to locations such as: the Salvation Army, Soup Kitchen, etc. If any students have any questions or concerns please email BCVS or Ellen Hearn.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew announced that the Budget Workshops for all treasurers would be on, September 6th at 5 PM, September 7th at 7 PM, and September 8th at 11 AM in Krannert Underground. He informed the body that the workshops were required for all club treasurers.

Matthew informed the body that budget reallocations for clubs would be due sometime in October. The Budget and Finance Committee has not set a specific date but it will be sometime in October.

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $11,149.21

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

Kassie asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed as typed.

Kassie moved to vote on the 2016-2017 Organization Standing Requirements. She reminded the body of the recommendations for 2016-2017. SGA recommended keeping the two SGA credits, 2 volunteer credits, 1 event credit and absences from SGA meetings at 5 per year. The motion passed with a vote of 50 approvals.

Alexi Bell won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val presented an SGA credit to the body. She stated that the postcards were in for the Baked Goods and that if a representative from a club came to help put on labels then their club would receive an SGA credit.

Val informed the body that SGA would continue with the Monthly Campus Service project. The project was created to award officers around campus for all their hard work and dedication to Berry. The body voted between House Keeping, Dining Services, and Sports Medicine, and Grounds Crew. Grounds Crew won with a majority of the vote.

Val informed the body that this year she would be leading the Special Projects Committee and that if any students had any ideas or questions to please come talk to her after the meeting or email her.

**Preston Putnam, Vice President of Administration**

Preston gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 95 degrees and a low of 64 degrees.

Preston reminded the body that a faculty advisor was needed for SGA and called for more nominations due to the lack of response from the previous nominations. Dr. Hoyt, Dr. Bissonette, Dr. Lewinson, Dr. Taylor (for the math department) were nominated by the student body.

Preston then opened nominations for Freshman Class Officers. He said that nominations will close on September 13 at SGA, and campaigning may not begin until nominations close. Alex Killingsworth, Caleb Burgin, Marc McLendon, and Ben Walker were nominated for President. Madison McGarrah, Branson Mann, Farhad BostanAli, and Mariana Novakovic were nominated for Vice President. Kelsi Nichols was nominated for Secretary. Tanner Adcock, Robert Kreps, and Matthew Hamblin were nominated for Treasurer.

**Tedric Palmer, President**

Teddy informed the body that the SGA Executive Team will be creating two committees this year. The first committee will be in charge of reviewing the SGA Bylaws and recommending changes for the SGA Constitution, and the second committee will be a Dining Hall improvement committee.

Teddy reminded the body that he is always looking for more speakers for SGA. He stated that sometime in the next few week Gary Waters, Campus Safety, etc. would be coming to speak at SGA. If any students have any other recommendations, email Teddy.Palmer@vikings.berry.edu.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Marcus Ghee inquired about why condoms were not available in the Ladd Center. He stated that Berry teaches about the practice of safe sex but does not offer any options to students.

John Catton asked if the grave of Roany the Pony could be cleaned off. He stated that the grave was located in front of the Ladd Center.

Krista Zalewski stated that there was a light out by the townhouses and that it was very dark.

Megan Michel stated that there was a stop sign missing between Centennial and Cook. It has been missing ever since they cut the tree down by Centennial.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick announced that the senior class officers were looking into live streaming the football game in the Krannert ballroom or Krannert underground on Mountain Day. More information coming soon, Junior Class President Adrian Lopez, and Sophomore Class Vice-President Alexi Bell had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting Summertime Koffeehouse on Friday, September 9th at 8 PM on the Krannert Lawn. After that event, please attend Sweet Frog Night for a 10% Berry discount and $1 off. On Saturday, September 10th KCAB will be hosting Outdoor Game Day on the fields behind Dana from 2 PM to 5 PM.

Marcus Ghee announced BCTC will be hosting Easy Baked Improv’s Welcome Back Show on Thursday, September 8th at 9:30 PM in the Krannert Ballroom.

Whitney Kirkpatrick, with a second from John Catton, moved to adjourn at 7:50PM.