**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2015**

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

**Officer Reports:**

**Jessica Gross, Treasurer**

Jessica informed the body of the budget open house events on September 1st and 8th from 5 to 7 p.m. She announced that this would be a good time for any club president or treasurer to come talk about budget allocations with her.

Jessica informed the body that there would also be a required budget workshop for all club treasurers. She presented that there would be workshops on September 10th from 11 a.m. to 12 and 6 to 7 p.m., and another on September 14th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. She then informed the body that club treasures would only need to come to one of the workshops.

Jessica announced to the body that all final budget requests for 2015-2016 were due on October 1st and that all final reallocation requests for fall 2015 were due October 31st.

Jessica informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $4,360.

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie presented the recommendation for Organization Standing Requirements to the body. SGA recommend keeping the two membership credits but changing the name to SGA credit in order to clear up any name confusion with other credits. She also announced the recommendation to keep the event credit at 1 and absences from SGA meetings at 5 per year. Kassie then presented that SGA was recommending to change the volunteer credit from 1 to 2 per year because SGA is looking to be more service orientated in light of the colleges’ mission of head, heart, and hands. Alex Moon announced that he thought the change of two volunteer credits would be a good idea. Missy Smith responded by saying that it would be difficult for smaller clubs to accomplish another service credit because some clubs only have a limited amount of membership. Ree Palmer asked the body if they wanted SGA to look into proportionalizing volunteer credit with club membership. Missy Smith asked if SGA could look into allowing smaller clubs to partner with other organizations and still receive credit. Daniel Boddie expressed that SGA should insert a clause to protect those that don’t complete the 2 credits. John Evans suggested that SGA meet with each organization one on one and individually make volunteer credits for each. Adrian Lopez announced that SGA should keep it at 1 credit per year because it’s hard enough all already to just get 1 credit. Ree Palmer informed the body that although the volunteer credit has been set at 1 mandatory credit, SGA expects for clubs to do more service then just once. Rebekah Sweat suggested that the SAO should look into reevaluating club rosters and checking membership. Ree Palmer informed the body that the rosters for clubs are very fluid and that several clubs rotate being active one year and inactive the next and so on. She then asked if anyone would like to make a motion on the requirements. Matthew Harry, with a second from John Evans, moved to have the vote at the next SGA meeting so that club representatives could have a week to talk about it with their organizations.

Lauren Hahn won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Jessica Wolinsky, Vice President of Service**

Jessica informed that there would be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 14th from 2 to 7 p.m. She informed the body that they could email SGA, sign up for a specific time slot and that all students would receive a Chick-fa-la coupon for donating blood.

Jessica 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.

**Matthew Murphy, Vice President of Administration**

Matthew gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday’s high was 92 and the low was 69, and was sunny.

Matthew reminded the body that a faculty advisor was needed for SGA and called for nominations. Dr. Yoder, Dr. Richardson, Dr. Marvin, Dr. Taylor, Dr. Lawler, Dr. Sands, Dr. Davis, Dr. Edwards, Dr. Bailey, Dr. Hickman, and Dr. Gregoire were nominated by several students from the body.

Matthew announced to the body that Freshman Class Officer Elections would take place on September 22nd. He also informed the body that Freshman Class nominations will open on September 8th and close on September 15th. Matthew also informed the body that after nominations close, all candidates have a week to campaign until elections close.

**Ree Palmer, President**

Ree Palmer welcomed the body to SGA and expressed how excited she was for this year.

Ree announced a summary of how the 2014-2015 school year went for SGA. She informed the body that SGA helped to pay for part of the new Basketball Courts at Dana with BIG and the Dean of Students Office. Ree asked for the body to give a round of applause to all the bellhops that helped with freshman move in day. She also informed the body that the SGA office got a new Keurig. Ree encouraged the body to come and get free coffee, candy, and food.

Ree informed the body that the Medical Assistance clause is now in the Viking Code on page 29. She encouraged students to read through it and know the policy. She claimed that if anyone had any questions or concerns to email her at Ree.Palmer@vikings.berry.edu

Ree Palmer transitioned into her role as President and moved onto Old Business.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Alex Moon announced that there were several pot holes going down stretch road/the road behind Herman hall and that it made driving difficult. He also asked if more lightening could be added in front of Krannert/behind Krannert because it’s very hard to see other students walking in the cross walks.

Adrian Lopez asked if trashcans could be put back into the residence hall of Dana and also wanted to know if all the lights in McAllister and Evans could be turned off late at night because students feel like it’s a waste of energy.

Rebekah Sweatt asked if SGA could look at putting printers in all residence halls.

Alex Moon asked if more washers and dryers could be put in the Clara residence hall.

Matthew Harry asked if SGA could look into the possibility of opening McAllister and Ford Music building earlier because some students like to study early in the morning.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Alex Moon, Junior Class President Rebekah Sweat, and Sophomore Class President John Delf-Montgomery had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that this weekend was Labor Day Weekend and that there would be a Block Party on Broad Street in downtown Rome hosted by the city of Rome. She also announced that on Saturday, Berry Alumni Greg Robins, would be performing at Schroders for $5.

Rhoxie Ellard invited students to come play Ultimate Frisbee on Thursday, September 3rd at 5 pm on the Intramural Fields.

Brittany Jones announced that the annual Senior Class picnic would be on September 10, 2015.

Alex Moon, with a second from Matthew Harry, moved to adjourn at 7:45 p.m.