**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 15, 2015**

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

Ree introduced the guest speaker, Lindsay Norman.

Lindsay introduced herself as Director of Residence Life. She informed the body that she graduated from Berry in 2005 and is excited to start her journey with Residence Life. Lindsay announced to the body that she was at SGA because she wanted to answer any questions that students had.

Rebekah Sweatt asked if there was any news on the trashcans not being in residence halls. Lindsay answered that trashcans were already available for residence halls, they just wouldn’t be located right outside of student’s doors. She then announced that trashcans leave a better appearance/smell when they’re not directly outside doors. Tyler Kaelin asked if Berry would be switching to an online housing selection process. Lindsay responded that Residence Life was working on launching a program. She informed the body that they would be meeting with another school that has an online system to try and create a better plan. Jessica Gross inquired about whether or not more washers and dryers would be added to dorm rooms. Lindsay replied that if Berry were to increase laundry equipment, Residence Life would need to make sure all equipment was being utilized and that students are using everything properly. Brittany Jones asked how students could encourage others to use laundry equipment correctly. Rebekah Sweatt recommended that we could have a chart that shows students how to do laundry correctly. Alex Moon asked if Residence Life could look into putting shelves up in the laundry rooms. Lindsay Norman asked the body if students would feel comfortable with putting shelves in. The body agreed that shelves could help. Ree Palmer announced that most of the laundry timers don’t accurately represent when laundry will be finished and that if they read properly, it could probably help reduce laundry problems. Daniel Boddie informed Lindsay that there is always one washer or dryer in residence halls that is always out of order. Lindsay responded that students should contact Residence Life if they had any problems with laundry equipment and that if anything was broken they should report it to them. Brittany Jones inquired about looking into more effective summer housing for students that don’t have a meal plan during the summer. Lindsay Norman informed the body that all the feedback received tonight was wonderful and that she would take it back to Residence Life and discuss all options with them.

**Officer Reports:**

**Jessica Gross, Treasurer**

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 there would also be a BFC Representative Social in Late October so that all club presidents and BFC representatives could meet and be more comfortable talking with one another.

Jessica informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $2,896.75

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie informed the body that there was a SGA requirements checklist attached to the agenda and that if any organizations had any questions to speak with her after the meeting.

Mahmood Abdellatif won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Jessica Wolinsky, Vice President of Service**

Jessica informed that there was a great turnout at the Blood Drive. She announced that 91 people donated which calculated to 71 pints of blood.

Jessica announced that housekeeping won the Monthly Campus Service of the month and that they would be receiving donuts for breakfast for all their hard work and time commitment.

Jessica then 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 the SGA account.

**Matthew Murphy, Vice President of Administration**

Matthew announced that nominations for Freshman Class Officers and Sophomore Class Treasurer were officially closed and that campaigning could officially begin.

Matthew gave his weekly weather report. The high on Wednesday was 83 degrees and the low was 56. There was also a pollen alert for Floyd County.

**Ree Palmer, President**

Ree announced that on September 22th President Briggs would be making his State of the College Report at the SGA meeting. She encouraged the body to form questions for President Briggs and asked for those questions to be written down and placed in a pile in the back of the ballroom.

Ree informed the body that the Office of First Year Experience was hosting a speaker on September 29th at 7:30 and that because SGA does not want to conflict with FYE, the SGA meeting on that day will begin at 6 pm.

Ree informed the body that she was looking to recognize students, faculty or staff around campus. She said if anyone had any nominations to please email her at SGA@berry.edu .

**Old Business**

Ree announced that campus safety was looking in to the possibility of extending McAllister hours.

**New Business**

Mahmood Abdellatif announced that he got a parking ticket because he was parked in a Faculty/Staff space. He said he didn’t care about the ticket but that he was more concerned about the parking space because the “F/S” sign was very faded, which is why he parked there in the first place. Ree answered that she would talk with physical plants.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Alex Moon announced that the Senior Class picnic was on Wednesday at 5:30 on the Green lawn, Junior Class President, Rebekah Sweatt, and Sophomore Class Vice President Taylor Anthony had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB is hosting a Koffeehouse at 7:00 pm in front of Krannert. She informed the body that there would be two painting sessions offered. She said if anyone would like to sign up for a session to email KCAB or signup in the Krannert lobby during lunch. Krista also announced that KCAB would be hosting a movie night on Saturday at 9:00 pm on the football field. The movie they will be showing is Jurassic World.

Lainey Battles announced that Exchange Club will have a booth for students to register to vote in Krannert Lobby on Tuesday, September 22nd from 11 AM-2 PM and again from 5 PM-7 PM.

Tyler Kaelin announced that Marthapalooza is two weeks from Saturday. He said that if any club or organization was interested in sponsoring a booth or interested in volunteering to see him after the meeting. He also announced that students would receive a free t-shirt for volunteering! Rebekah Sweatt added that there would be a Marthapalooza information session on Thursday in Krannert 217.

Taylor Anthony, with a second from Mary Fronk, moved to adjourn at 7:50 PM.