**SGA Meeting Minutes
October 25th, 2016**

At 7:01PM, the meeting commenced. Jamie Collier led the invocation, and Teddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gary Will from Emergency Management presented information about the car decals that open the gates for students. He stated the campus safety made a plan to put decals on freshman and rising junior cars. Originally the school ordered decals that could go on the outside of the car, however, when campus safety put the decals on the outside of the freshman and rising junior cars, several of the decals did not work. The company Berry uses for the decals, ran tests to find out why the decals were not working. They came to the conclusion that the decals simply just did not work. Gary Will stated if any students have any more problems to please see campus safety. Berry is in the process of receiving brand new decals that should all work. Gary Will also addressed parking tickets. He stated that if a student gets a parking ticket, students have 5 days to file an appeal. When you file an appeal, you go in front of the appeal board and they decide if your ticket is void or not. 3 students, faculty, and staff sit on the board. He informed the body that students can write an appeal or speak in front of the board. He stated that if you request a conversation with the board, please show up to your given appointment. Before closing, Gary Will stated that Georgia is in a very bad drought and very prone to fires. He encouraged the body to please be careful and to not start any fires.

Dr. David Slade presented new suggestions from academic council. Dr. Slade stated that Berry has been exploring community engagement classes called Academic Community Engagement class (ACE). The purpose of the class is to provide learning in the community and to attach a service component to the course. Dr. Slade informed the body that the school has a Carnegie accreditation and they have challenged the school to put in more community engagement classes. Conrad Sharpe asked what an example of a service project would be. Dr. Slade responded that it would simply just be one class that uses service throughout the entire class. Spanish 290 and its work with English as a Second Language would be an example of an ACE class. Jason Hatfield asked if the ACE class would show up on a student’s transcript. Dr. Slade stated that currently it would not show up on the transcript but that it could eventually lead to that. Momo Abdellatif asked about when the curriculum would go into effect if passed in the council. Dr. Slade responded that the curriculum is already in place on campus. The only thing that would change is more ACE classes would be available. Kassie Jones asked why this idea came to academic council. Dr. Slade responded that the council wanted to officially put it in the catalog and add more transparency to the classes.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew asked the body a Financial Trivia question. A student from the body won a bag of tea.

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $12,602.85

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

Kassie asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed with minor grammatical corrections.

Kassie informed the body that all club and organization standings were posted on the SGA VikingWeb page. She showed students that if they log onto Viking web, go to the community tab, and click on SGA – then students can access the volunteer/event Wufoo form and updated standings. She stated that if anyone had any questions about standings to please email her. She reminded the body to submit a Wufoo form for Make a Difference Day.

A student from the body won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val announced that on November 14th, SGA will be hosting a blood drive. If clubs are willing to work a shift for the blood drive, it will count has an SGA credit.

**Preston Putnam, Vice President of Administration**

Preston gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 80 degrees and a low of 57 degrees.

Preston reminded the body that SGA and the Campus Carrier sent an email to the student body in order to vote in a mock presidential election. He encouraged students to vote and to tell their friends. He informed the body that the results will be published in the campus carrier later next week.

Preston informed the body that he was in charge of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee. He stated if any students were interested in being on the committee to please contact him.

**Tedric Palmer, President**

Teddy re-introduced the topic of contraception being available at the Ladd Center. Teddy informed the body that he met with President Briggs over the weekend and they discussed contraception being a personal health item. The college does not have the responsibility to provide individuals with personal products. He stated the Ladd Center will speak with you about sex education if students have questions or concerns. Ashlyn Foskey informed students that they can make an appointment with the Ladd Center to speak with the nurses about condoms, educations, etc. Marcus Ghee asked if condoms would be available students. Teddy responded that the school would not be proving condoms. Teddy encouraged Marcus to approach the student affairs committee regarding the contraception.

**Old Business**

Victoria Manning stated that “Hillary Clinton is a rapist” is still posted outside on the townhouse sidewalk.

**New Business**

John Catton stated the when signing up for KIN classes, the classes do not specify the physical assessments involved. He inquired about the possibility of adding the physical assessments in the description so students with disabilities can make other arrangements for classes.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick, Junior Class President Adrian Lopez, Sophomore Class President Dominic Miller, and Freshmen Class President Ben Walker had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Valerie DeWandel presented on the Special Projects committee. Val stated each year the special project committee meets in order to enhance the Berry campus for students. She stated that sometimes it is hard to find something to add to campus or enhance because the committee sometimes needs more ideas. John Catton stated that the campus should have more crosswalk lighting like the crosswalks in front of Herman Hall. Dean Heida responded that the crosswalk lighting cost around $35,000 for each crosswalk to be done. Alicia Cole stated that SGA should look into trimming the bushes and trees by the library in order to improve lighting. Conrad Sharpe stated that more lighting was needed around campus. Val stated that the committee was looking into putting in lighting as the special project. Kassie Jones stated that the committee should not be in charge of adding more lighting and that the school should cover that cost because it is a safety hazard. Alicia Cole inquired about the purchasing of lights for individual students, so that when students walk in the crosswalk cars would be able to see the light the student has. Hillery Rolle stated that the campus needs to put more lights on stretch road. She added that only having one light can be very dangerous. A student from the body stated that the light on stretch road is only there because it has an emergency call box on it. Bobby Kreps commented that students should be more careful when crossing at night because it is very hard for cars to see.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting the comedian, Ivan Pecel, on Friday, October 28th at 9 PM in the Ford Auditorium. KCAB will also be hosting a Halloween dance on Saturday, October 29th from 9 PM to 12 PM in the Ford Gym.

Krista Zalewski announced that Finals Fest applications would be going out on Friday, October 28th. She encouraged all students to apply.

Marcus Ghee announced that Easy Baked Improv will be hosting their Halloween show on Thursday, October 27th at 9:30 in Evans Auditorium.

A student from the body announced that Valkyrie will be hosting their magazine release party on Tuesday, November 1st from 7:30 PM to 9 PM in the Jewel Box. There will be food!

Alexi Bell, with a second from Marcus Ghee, moved to adjourn at 7:50PM.