**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 20th, 2016**

At 7:02PM, the meeting commenced. Kile Williams led the invocation, and Teddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Gary Waters from Enrollment Management presented to the body the Federal Government FAFSA changes starting in the fall of this year. Dr. Waters stated that originally FAFSA was filed by students in early January and students used the following year’s tax return to complete it. For the fall of 2016, students will file FAFSA in October and will use the previous year’s tax return – in other words, not the most recent tax return. Dr. Waters went on to say that most students will know their financial aid amount by Christmas and can start planning earlier. Momo Abdellatif asked for clarification on how students originally filled out FAFSA. Dr. Waters replied that typically students filled out FAFSA in January and then would insert tax information as it became available from their tax return. John Catton asked if all deadlines for FAFSA would be the same. Dr. Waters replied no and stated that all students will have to begin the FAFSA process in October. They can no longer submit it in January. Kassie Jones asked if students would use 2016 tax information on the FAFSA they file in October. Dr. Waters replied no and stated that students will use their 2015 tax information. Alexi Bell inquired about what students should do if their financial situation changes significantly from year to year. Dr. Waters answered that any student who has a drastic financial situation will have to make an individual meeting with Financial Aid to appeal their granted aid. Dr. Gary Waters stated that if any students had any questions or concerns, they should contact him or financial aid.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew informed the body that the Budget and Finance committee decided that all reallocations and allocations for clubs would be due on October 10th.

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $14,788.18

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie informed the body of an SGA credit. If organizations run a booth at Marthapalooza and have at least 3 workers all night, then the organization will receive a free t-shirt and an SGA credit. Contact Rebekah Sweatt for more details.

Kassie reminded the body of an upcoming volunteer credit, Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 22. She informed the body that any club or organization that participated with 5 members would receive credit. All clubs should submit a Wufoo form online in order to receive volunteer credit for participating in the service day.

Lyman Hinson won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val informed the body of the SGA Baked Goods program. She stated that students could order Honeymoon baked goods through SGA and have them delivered to other students or themselves.

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 92 degrees and a low of 62 degrees.

Preston announced that polls for Freshman Class will open Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM and close at 11:00 PM. He stated that an email will be sent out to remind students to vote. Ben Walker and Alex Killingsworth are running for President; Branson Mann, Farhad BostanAli, and Madison McGarrah are running for Vice President; Kelsi Nichols and Anna Katherine Drew are running for Secretary; and Tanner Adcock and Robert Kreps are running for Treasurer.

Preston asked the body if they had any feedback on the Academic Council Report he talked about at the last SGA meeting. John Catton asked if a date had been set regarding when students could switch until. Preston responded that a date had not been set but he was looking for a recommendation for a date. John answered that a date in the spring semester would probably be best.

**Tedric Palmer, President**

Teddy informed the body that the SGA Executive Team will be having a committee representative meeting Monday, September 26th at 6 PM in the Krannert Ballroom. He stated the meeting will be short and it is just to go over committee representative rules.

Teddy reminded the body that Mountain Day is next week and that the alumni office will be telling t-shirts all next week in the Krannert lobby from 11 AM to 1 PM. He announced that the shirts looked great and will probably sell out fast.

**Old Business**

Teddy informed the body that he spoke with Fraser, the manager of dining services, and they will look into the possibility of opening Java City earlier.

**New Business**

None.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick announced that the Senior Class Officers and Honors Student Union were going to host a live streaming of the football game in the Krannert underground on Mountain Day at 7 PM. Junior Class President Adrian Lopez had nothing to report. Sophomore Class President Dominic Miller informed the body that the Sophomore Class tailgate at Dean Heida’s and President Brigg’s house was not canceled. He stated that students should arrive around 4 PM.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting Berry Spirit Skate Night at Fun Wheels in Rome on Saturday, September 24th from 11 PM to 1 AM.

Maddie Ludvik announced that BCTC production of Peter and the Starcatcher opens Tuesday, September 27 Tickets are $5 and a CE Credit will be offered!

Kile Williams announced that Residence Life will be hosting Morton-Lemley’s late night, “The MoLemmys”, on Friday, September 23rd from 11 PM to 1 AM in the Jewelbox. There will be music, dancing, and food!

Momo Abdellatif announced Saturday’s sporting events. At 12pm Men's Soccer will be playing at the Bob Pearson Field, at 12pm & 4pm Women's Volleyball will be playing in the Cage Center, at 2:30pm Women's Soccer will be playing at the Bob Pearson Field, at 6pm Men's Football will be playing the Valhalla stadium, and Equestrian vs. North Georgia will be located on Mountain Campus.

Whitney Kirkpatrick, with a second from Dominic Miller, moved to adjourn at 7:30PM.