**SGA Meeting Agenda**

**November 5, 2019**

**Mission Statement**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Class President Reports**

**Bailey Dingley**

Bailey thanked the seniors for participating in the graduation robe survey. There were 211 to participate. Option two, the more upgraded gown with the emblem, won with 162 votes. Bailey asked if anyone has any questions or concerns to please find her or another senior class officer.

Bailey informed the seniors on how to view graduation details on the Berry website. Go to student life, campus events, commencement page for more information about graduation.

It includes information about honors cords. Bailey passed on information from Provost Boyd: “Honors are determined on the Friday before graduation and include all graded work through the student’s last term in school. Honors information will be available at graduation rehearsal."

Bailey looked forward to spring to the 3rd Annual It’s Go Time Fun Run.

Bailey announced that this past weekend, the editors and other select students of the publications attended the National College Media Convention in D.C. Bailey thanked the seniors Cassie LaJeunesse, Caroline Jennings, Andrea Hill, Kendall Aronson, Camille Hanner, Rachel Suma, and Hannah Hardwell for representing Berry well through all their hard work and talent.

Bailey thanked the Mountain Head Resident, Ben Majors, for leading a great late night a couple weekends ago. In Forensics, at the tournament in Cleveland State a couple weekends ago, Senior Sosa Barboza placed 2nd in Impromptu Speaking and 3rd in Program of Oral Interpretation. In athletics, the Berry College men's and women's cross-country teams hosted the Southern Athletic Association (SAA) Championships, finishing fourth and second, respectively. Senior [Parker Roberts](https://www.berryvikings.com/sports/mxc/2019-20/bios/roberts_parker_a7bq) placed in the top-20. The women were led by Senior Meredith Herman who earned a second-place finish. Senior Alyssa Fowler also earned All-SAA first team recognition alongside Herman with a fourth-place spot. The men’s soccer team won against Rhodes College on Saturday, led by senior Jake Williamson with 3 goals. At the swim and dive meet against Centre College, Seniors Sydney Partlow and Grace Bailey took first and second place in the one-meter diving competition to open the meet

**Bryce Nethery**

Bryce, on behalf of the Junior Class Officers, thanked everyone who came out to the Junior Class Cornhole Event on October 26th.

Bryce highlighted some athletes. On thee Swim and Dive Team, Sydney Ragsdale earned the Swimmer of the Week honors from the SAA in her impressive showing against Emmanuel College. There are currently eight other juniors on the team this season.

This past weekend, Kaitlin Ramsey from the Women’s soccer team helped Berry in a penalty kick shootout win against Birmingham Southern in the first round of the SAA playoffs. Bryce wished both the Men’s and women’s teams “good luck” as they head to the second round of playoffs this weekend. Juniors Michael Zhu and Jaden Holcomb both earned Berry’s Offensive Prep Players of the Week for football. In addition, Junior Mark Sommerville won the SAA Defensive Player of the Week after his impressive Pick-6 against Rhodes at home. Bryce wished “luck” to the Berry Vikings as they travel to Centre this weekend and round out their season at home next Saturday.

Bryce highlighted the Forensics Team in their first few competitions of the year. In the Autumn in the Mountains competition, Nadia Clinkscales won 2nd place in Prose Interpretation. In the Cleveland State competition, Nadia got 6th in Prose Interpretation, while Junior Ben Allee got 3rd in Prose interpretation but also pulled out a win in Dramatic Interpretation.

Bryce expressed his and his officer’s excitement to host Mr. Berry in the Spring. Bryce asked that if you have any suggestions on what you would like to see in the 2020 Mr. Berry pageant to contact an officer about your suggestions.

**Sarah Kettler**

Sarah Kettler congratulated all the sophomores who participated in the Forensic Union competitions at Autumn in the Mountains: Rachel Heiter got 2nd place in Dramatic Interpretation and 3rd in Public Narrative, Kalista Shields got 4th in Public Narrative and 6th in Impromptu Sales, Vanessa Fowler got 4th in Impromptu Sales, Rachel Heiter got 1st in Dramatic Interpretation and 2nd in Poetry Interpretation, Colton Wilson got 4th in After-Dinner Speaking and 4th in Radio Broadcasting, Kalista Shields got 6th in Dramatic Interpretation, Zoe Robinson got 3rd in Dramatic Interpretation, Vanessa Fowler got 2nd in Informative Speaking and 3rd in Radio Broadcasting, and Erika Bacerra got 3rd in Rhetorical Criticism.

Sarah Kettler highlighted a few athletes. Laura Beier received the SAA Volleyball Defensive player of the week for the fifth time. Joe Wallace received the special teams player of the week for the berry vs. Rhodes game.

Sarah wrapped up by recognizing Hannah Runner who plays the role of Catherine’s understudy in “Proof” on Nov 20th-24th.

The Sophomore Class will be hosting a cook out event on November 16th before the football game. Come by for burgers, hot dogs, and fun times! There will have music and games! There will be tabling in Krannert the week before the event to remind you all to come out!

Sarah Kettler touched on some issues the student body had brought to her. The main issue that many students were having is lighting outside of Dana at the connection in 2c headed outside to the parking lot by the tennis courts. Students were just wondering if lighting could be looked at.

**Oscar Resendiz**

Oscar announced that in the Forensics Union in the “Autumn in the Mountain” category there were 3 placing freshmen: Morgan Thoem won 3rd in Communications Analysis and 5th place in Public Narrative, Anna Rich won 6th in Dramatic Interpretation, and Mea Acton won 6th in Public Narrative. In the Cleveland State category, there were 2 placing freshmen: Anna Rich won 4th in Dramatic Interpretation and, coming in for a third time, Morgan Thoem won 2nd place in Rhetorical Criticism.

Oscar announced Sports updates. Basketball season is about to start with the first Men’s game being on the 8th and the first female’s game being on the 9th. Cross Country had their SAA Cross Country Championships on Saturday where Freshman Bradshaw Lathbury and Owen Jorden were in the fourth-place winning running team. Bradshaw was one of the top two finishers for Berry. In tennis, Freshman Colt Doster was awarded his scholar athlete honors and on the women’s side, Freshmen Allison Ivey, Emily Kaszubowski, and Sara Myers were awarded the same scholar athlete honor.

Oscar gave a D-hall update. He spoke with Fraser Pearson about the issues that many freshmen were having with the unlimited plan. Fraser said that they have not made any changes to any policy thus far but that they’re still currently working on their promised happy medium from a couple weeks ago.

Oscar recognized different ways for freshmen to get involved. Berry College Volunteer Services BCVS has an office right out in the Krannert Lobby or you can talk to them through their email at BCVS@berry.edu. There are also a lot of clubs around campus that offer opportunities great opportunities.

Oscar announced the changed to registration and gave some registration tips.

**Officer Reports**

**Max von Schmeling, Treasurer**

Max announced that the Budget Finance Committee deadline is November 12th.

Max stated that the account balance is $12,456.04.

**Mary Ashford Hyde, Secretary**

Mary Ashford passed the minutes with minor changes.

Mary Ashford gave a Social Media update about the recent Meet the President Instagram live.

Mary Ashford updated the body on the Outreach tabling event that will be occurring next Thursday from 11-1 in Krannert.

Mary Ashford gave the Weather Report for Wednesday as a high of 72 degrees and a low of 51 degrees.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London announced that the Blood Drive will be on November 11 form 2-7 p.m. He asked clubs to please volunteer to table in Krannert for an internal credit. An email with a link to sign up has been sent out to all students.

London gave a Special Projects update. He explained Project Committee’s plan to purchase a set of furniture made by Vikings Furniture. This furniture will be placed outside of the POD.

Margaret asked if there would be any landscaping involved in this project. London explained that it is simply furniture. The body passed the proposal given by London.

A student of the body asked about placing bird houses around campus as a special project.

A student of the body asked if there is positive feedback with regards to this seating area if Berry could create more outdoor seating spaces around campus.

A student of the body asked who would be keeping up with the maintenance of the outdoor furniture. London explained that there will not be specific people designated to the cleaning of the furniture, but he hopes that students will be responsible enough to respect the space.

A student of the body asked if an order could be placed to replace the broken chair outside of Centennial. Lindsey Taylor explained that they are looking to replace that chair and that there are individuals who frequently renew and replace the furniture.

**David Lindsey, Vice President of Administration**

David recognized the second Faculty Advisors, Dr. Mullens.

David took recommendations for a Mr. Berry theme. He asked that all other recommendations be sent to the Berrysga email to then be relayed to the Junior Class Officers. A voting poll may be sent out to the student body.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine gave a Visitation Policy Committee update. She announced that an email will be sent out soon to a randomized group of students to form focus groups this Thursday or Friday. All focus groups will be held before Thanksgiving and tabling will be held after Thanksgiving. They will be holding office hours to hear out students as well.

Anna Katherine announced that she will be reporting at the Alumni Council meeting this Saturday, November 9th along with the SGA Class Presidents. She also explained that she has meetings with President Briggs once a month and attends many other meetings as well. She asked that students contact her if there is anything that students would like for her to voice at any of these meetings.

**Old Business**

Margaret Ashton asked what the status on the bike paths was. Lindsey Taylor explained that she had a discussion with Brian Erb with regards to the project. Berry is working with the city of Rome to connect the bike paths being built in the city of Rome to potential bike lanes on Berry’s campus. The path would come from behind the police cottage up to the Welcome Center. They are trying to complete the project within the next 6-12 months. They feel that with the increased usage of bikes on campus constructing bike paths on campus would be beneficial. Lindsey Taylor also had conversations with Chief Baggett and Gary Will about bike safety on campus and how it should be enforced. They are looking towards educating both bikers and drivers on campus.

Margaret Ashton asked what next steps she should take to try to reduce the amount of t-shirts printed. Anna Katherine recommended that she start by talking with Student Activities Office.

A student of the body asked if the bike path will be going through the cow pastures outside of Berry. Lindsey Taylor explained that she is not completely sure where the bike path will be located. They are still in the process of figuring out where the path will be located.

Shelby asked for an update on the fresh fruit in Krannert. Anna Katherine explained that Fraser Pearson was looking into that.

A student of the body mentioned an issue with a light on the service entrance. Lindsey Taylor updated the body about her conversation with Chief Baggett and Gary Will about the light. The main issue they are trying to navigate is the fact that there is not power on that end of the road. They are looking into different resolutions.

**New Business**

Lindsey Taylor welcomed Dr. Boyd, Dr. Slade, and Penny Evans-Plants to come discuss the current issues with the new registration system. Online registration was unsuccessful for most 5 o’clock registers. They decided to create new time slots and to push back everyone’s registration times. They proposed the new registration schedule. They also explained that they plan to revert to their old registration method. They confirmed that any successful registrations would be deleted.

A student of the body expressed their concerns with regards to the freshmen not being familiar with the new system. It was explained that all the BCC classes will be informed on the new method.

Bryce Nethery asked if any of the registration times were being combined. They explained that no time slots would be combined. Hunter Berry asked why Berry does not use a better system. They explained that the system they use is one of the best on the market currently. Also, if they were to get a new system it would take at least 2 years to transfer all of the data from the current system. A student of the body asked if the plan would be saved on students accounts. They explained that they will give students enough time to retrieve their plan.

A student of the body asked that there be bike racks be placed and moved at Green, Hackberry and Herman.

**Announcements**

KCAB announced that on Friday, November 8 from 8-10 p.m. in the Ballroom, they will be hosting a Play Back BINGO event. They will be outsourcing the event with another company. The song that is played will coincide with the BINGO card. There will be food and prizes.

BSA announced that on Saturday from 10-1 a.m. in the Ballroom, they will be hosting a Spring Break themed block party.

Berry College Chaplins Office announced that on Sunday, at the Forum Propaganda will be having a concert at 7 p.m. with a $10 ticket price.

Margaret Ashton reminded the body that the Swap Shop is open in Dana every week day from 6-8 p.m.

Bailey Dingley, with a second from Bryce Nethery, move to adjourn the meeting at 7:27pm.