**SGA Meeting Agenda**

**September 24th, 2019**

The meeting was commenced at 7:04 pm. The Mission Statement was read by SGA President Anna Katherine Drew. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Anna Katherine Drew.

**Speaker: Angel Mason, New Director of Athletics**

Angel Mason discussed Committee on Athletics, which includes Faculty, Staff and Student Representatives. She explained that in the past representatives have been elected through SGA and have been preset. In the future, she would like for one representative to be preset and the other to be voted on by the SGA body in order to create a well-rounded committee. She stated that just because one is not a student athlete does not mean that they cannot serve on the committee. She would like for the SGA body to continue to have conversations about voting on a committee representative and the best process for the selection. She announced that the first committee meeting will be held next month, and that the SGA body will not be voting on a representative committee member this year. She explained the flexibility of this election process and the flexibly with the voting process.

**Officer Reports**

**Max von Schmeling, Treasurer**

Max announced that the Budget Finance met last week for the first time to discuss the club allocations. He discussed which requests were approved and which were denied, while presenting them on the board. After giving the BFC Allocation First Reading, he stated that we will vote on the decisions next week.

Max announced that the SGA Account Balance was $14,234.41.

**Mary Ashford Hyde, Secretary**

Mary Ashford asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed with minor changes.

Mary Ashford gave the Weather Report for Wednesday as a high of 93 degrees and a low of 66 degrees.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London gave a Baked Goods Postcards Update.

London mentioned the next Blood Drive on November 11th that will count as an internal credit for clubs.

London stated that if anyone ever has any ideas or questions about the Special Projects Committee to feel free to reach out to him.

London opened the floor for any questions.

Noah Miller asked what the Special Projects Committee was. London explained that the committee body is comprised of the Vice Presidents from each class officer board and himself. The committee is in place to try and find ways to enhance student life on campus. He mentioned some previous examples of special projects, such as the AEDs.

**David Lindsey, Vice President of Administration**

David took nominations for SGA Faculty Advisors. The body voted on faculty advisors, and a consensus will be announced at next week’s meeting.

David mentioned that next weekend is Marthapalooza, and that there is a need for help from clubs and organizations to help at booths. He said that the signup were sent out last week to club presidents. Clubs will receive an internal credit along with a t-shirt for working a shift. Member of the body asked how many people need to volunteer in order to count it as an internal credit. David responded: 2. Member of the body said that they had received an email saying that only one volunteer was needed. David said because it will be 4 hours, he sees it best that 2 people work this specific event.

David announced the Freshman Class Officer speeches.

David informed the body that voting will open at 8pm 9/24/19 and will close next Tuesday at 5 pm. David clarified that it is the end of campaigning and that all campaign materials must be taken down, unless it is a permanent post on social media. He also stated that there is nothing wrong with candidates encouraging freshman to vote as long as that are not specifically asking them to vote for themselves.

David walked the body through the process of online voting on Viking Web. He informed the body that you can only vote if you have the hours of a freshman; If one has more than the hours of a freshman, you can vote in the SGA office with an in-person ballot.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine gave a Dining Hall Update. She talked with Fraser Pearson, Director of Dinning Services. He is going to order new forks for the salad bar and more red bowls for the soup section; a new clock was also order. The Dining Hall is going to try and add fish to the grill area. She talked with him about meatless Monday. Anna Katherine said that we will talk more about meatless days so that we can figure out what will serve to the students best.

Anna Katherine mentioned that in Viking Court they will be getting almond and soymilk as requested by a sophomore.

Anna Katherine asked what kind of produce the students would want in the Pod.

Margaret Ashton mentioned we should have whole fruit like oranges because cut fruit will produce more plastic waste. Noah Miller asked that the fruit being provided is seasonal. Shelby Sims requested fresh vegetables such as broccoli. Joanna Clark would like to have berries. Ally Carpenter asked if we could have local and organic produce.

Anna Katherine gave a Speeding Update. She said that the speed limit is 25 mph, and it is 40mph on Stretch. In order to have a radar you much have a permit from the City of Rome. The only place where our campus police have a radar for is on Stretch. Anna Katherine updated the body that speeding tickets can be given, but the only place they can be fact checked is on Stretch.

Anna Katherine explained that speed tables, like the ones outside of Krannert, are being looked into being placed on the roads behind McAllister to Deerfield and one further down Opportunity Drive from the library to Laughlin.

Anna Katherine asked for the body’s opinion.

Thomas Harlan asked for one to be put in place between the library and the Dana TB area.

Member of the body said that people still speed over the speed tables, and asked if they could look into radaring. Anna Katherine said that Chief Baggett has rented out a radar trailer that will be placed around campus over the next few weeks. Member of the body asked if a light could be placed by the second entrance to Berry, not the main gate.

Member of the body asked if a bike lane could be put into place so that bikes do not have to ride on the sidewalk illegally. Noah Miller discussed that if we are going to talk about adding a bike lane then we need to widen the roads because some of them are already small. Margaret Ashton said we just need to make more people aware instead of widdening the road/ adding bike lanes so that those walking on the sidewalk are not injured by someone riding their bike.

Blake Dean asked for clarification on why it is illegal to ride a bike on a sidewalk. Noah Miller stated that it is Georgia State Law. Shelby Sims mentioned that bikes are not allowed on the sidewalk because of service dogs; She said it would be a good idea to have someone to come in and talk about safety in general. Ally Carpenter suggested adding a bike lane on the sidewalks instead of actually on the road.

Member of the body posed the question of what is more dangerous, riding a bike on the sidewalk or the road.

Anna Katherine Suggested that Chief Baggett coming to discuss any safety issues.

**Old Business**

Nate spoke about his working with Special Projects at SAO for the Class Shuttle in order to answer some of the questions asked at previous meetings. He addressed his attempts to raise awareness for the services that the class shuttle provides. He mentioned that every 15 minutes the shuttle makes a loop around campus, and the schedule is now finalized and in the back on cards. The schedule will be emailed in a campus wide email, posted on the Berry’s Campus Transportation Page, and posted posters throughout campus.

Nate opened the floor for any questions.

Margaret Ashton expressed her excitement of how quickly the shuttle bus issues have been addressed. Margaret asked for clarification on the shuttle schedule. Nate explained that the listed times and locations describe the time that the shuttle would be at said location.

Nate discussed that there are not enough students needing shuttles in the later hours after 4pm, which is why there has not been action taken to extend the shuttles operation hours.

Shelby Sims expressed her concerns with those who live on Mountain Campus and if they get stranded on Main. Nate informed her that they have their last bus round at 11pm, and that he is not in charge of the Mountain Campus bus.

Nate asked that anyone with questions talk with him after the meeting.

**New Business**

Margaret Ashton suggested that regulations be placed on how many t-shirts that we print, considering the heavy environmental impact. She said that it is not necessary to print t-shirts for every.

Member of the body asked if the gift shop can carry Berry socks, and to possibly have socks instead of t-shirts for different events.

**Announcements**

Blake Dean, member of the Endowed Lectureship Committee, sought out potential speakers the students would like to have speak at the next lecture. He said that there have been four recommendations that have been given. He asked that if anyone has any recommendation to email his at [Blake.Dean@vikings.berry.edu](mailto:Blake.Dean@vikings.berry.edu) or [Sga@berry.edu](mailto:Sga@berry.edu) . He mentioned the 4 recommended: Steve Wozniak, Co-founder of Apple, Ben Cohen and Jerry Greenfield, Ben & Jerry’s, Craig Menear, CEO of Home Depot, and Nicholas Kristof, Pulitzer Prize Winner.

Blake opened the floor for recommendations. Member of the body suggested Greta Thunberg.

Berry College Volunteer Services informed the body that they were still collecting donations for Hurricane Relief Drive. BCVS also mentioned that Make a Difference Day is on October 27th, and that clubs and individuals should sign up. BCVS Mentioned any ongoing service projects like Food Connection. They said to come by their office if you are interested. BCVS Compassionate Paws is this Saturday with shifts 1-5pm.

Savannah with Honors Student Union announced this Sunday 1-3pm at College Chapel Lawn there will be a Tie-dye and ice cream social.

Katie Eichele announced KCAB will be hosting Karaoke Night, Saturday 8-10 in Krannert Underground.

Amy Borton with SAVE said that there is a meeting tomorrow in downstairs Krannert 6-7pm.

Bailey Dingley, with a second from Bryce Nethery, move to adjourn the meeting at 8:03pm.