**SGA Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2016**

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

Dr. Tasha Toy of the Multicultural International Student Program Office passed out save the dates for Martin Luther King Jr. service weekend. She informed the body that the weekend would be full of activities to celebrate the holiday on January 18th. She announced that the movie Selma would be playing on Friday, January 15th, KCAB would putting on a Welcome Back Dance on Saturday, January 16th, Gathering of the Faith in the Ballroom on Sunday, January 17th, and Service Day on Monday, January 19th. She informed the body that more information would be available closer to the weekend.

Fraser, the Director of Dining Services, announced to the body that he would like to have student feedback about the dining hall. He stated that he was looking for specifics from students in order to make the dining hall fit to everyone’s needs. He also announced that this spring there will be menu changes for the dining hall and that there will be more of a variety. Michael Dunn inquired about the grill changing its menu on Fridays. Fraser answered that he had gotten feedback from students that they liked breakfast foods, so one Friday a month breakfast foods would be available. Bethany Harris stated that students like spinach in their Mongolian dishes and that sometimes it takes more than 1 bowl and that the dining service workers get upset about that. Fraser answered that students are welcome to use as many bowls as they want. Jessica Gross inquired about Miso in Viking Court. She stated that a lot of students have been sick after eating the food. Fraser responded that he would speak with the workers and see if they could stop that from happening. Tyler Shephard stated that the food in the dining hall is not consistent. He said a good example would be the grill food because the hamburger meat was usually dry and the chicken was tender and juicy. Momo Abdellatif inquired about opening the Chick-fil-A earlier to serve breakfast food. Fraser stated that dining services tried to do that a few years ago and it wasn’t successful enough. A student from the body inquired about bringing back chicken wing Fridays. Fraser stated that he would look into the possibility. Madison Kirkland asked if the dining hall could pre-make the veggie burgers. Fraser said that veggie burgers usually get dry and hard if they sit out too long but that he would look into it. Kevin Little asked if the dining hall looked into making whole milk an option for students. Fraser stated to the body that he would ask about it. Fraser then announced to the body that he was short on time. He announced that any student could email him with questions, comments, or concerns.

**Officer Reports:**

**Jessica Gross, Treasurer**

Jessica informed the body that the Budget and Finance Committee had approved the reallocations for the following: $350 to Orgullo for Espuma, $375 to BSA for Black History Month, and $100 to Ultimate Frisbee for Gas/Tournament Travel.

Jessica stated to the body that the final meeting for BFC for the semester would be on November 17th.

Jessica informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $3,378.36

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie announced that Food for Finals would be on December 6th from 9 PM to 11 PM. She encouraged the body to bring cans to donate. She stated that clubs could sign up to volunteer during the event and receive SGA credit.

Kassie informed the body of an SGA Credit for clubs. If organizations participated in Operation Christmas Child and donated two or more boxes, they could receive credit. Kassie informed the body that if they had any questions to please email her.

Elischa Pierre won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Jessica Wolinsky, Vice President of Service**

Jessica informed the body that on November 30th, the Monday after Thanksgiving, SGA will be hosting a blood drive from 11 AM to 4:30 PM. She announced that if anyone had any questions or would like to volunteer to email her at Jessica.wolinsky@vikings.berry.edu.

**Matthew Murphy, Vice President of Administration**

Matthew informed the body that he wanted to thank everyone who came to help him put up the Christmas lights in Kilpatrick Commons.

Matthew gave his weekly weather report. He announced that the high should be 78 degrees with a low of 47 degrees and 100% chance of rain.

**Ree Palmer, President**

Ree informed the body that on December 1st there would be no SGA and that there would be Lessons and Carols in the chapel. She encouraged all students to attend.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Reece Parker stated that students cannot see the speed bump in front of Physical Plant and he inquired about it be repainted.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class Vice President Lainey Battles announced that the Senior Class would be holding a book drive from September 25th to December 1st and that there will be a box in Krannert for people to put their donations in. Junior Class Vice President Valarie DeWandle, Sophomore Class Vice President Taylor Anthony, and Freshman Class Vice President Alexi Bell had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB would be hosting Noah Guthrie on November 20th, in the Jewel Box at 9 PM.

A representative from BCTC announced that Berry College Theatre Company was showing "Women in Arms", on Nov. 12-14 and 19-22. Student tickets are $5.

Lainey Battles announced that the Exchange Club was participating in a clothing drive and that boxes for people to donate would be placed around dorm lobbies. All clothes will be going to the Hospitality House.

Ree Palmer announced that the Nutcracker had tickets on sale now for $10. Performances are on November 20th at 7:30pm, and November 21st at 2 pm and 7:30pm.

Alexi Bell, with a second from Matthew Harry, moved to adjourn at 7:59 PM