**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 8, 2015**

At 7:01 PM, the meeting commenced. John Christian Evans led the invocation, and Ree Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ree introduced the guest speaker, Cecily Crow.

Cecily Crow introduced herself as Director of Student Activities. Cecily informed the body that the Grand opening of Valhalla was this weekend. She reminded the body that anyone could pick tickets up at the info desk. She also informed the body that Lagrange is Berry’s opponent. Cecily reminded the body that Berry would be having a tailgate labeled “The Shipyard” between the Moon and Laughlin buildings. The Shipyard begins at 12. Cecily informed the body that you could rent fold up chairs, tables, tents, etc. from the Student Activities Office if anyone wanted to join the Shipyard. Cecily announced to the body that there will be no parking on the grass. Ribbon cutting will be at 4 o'clock for the grand opening. She then asked the body to thank Jordan Epperson for making the new Valhalla t-shirts and then Cecily informed the body that the shirts were still on sale for $10.

Cecily also announced new information about the class bus and its bus route. She informed the body that you could go to the berry website, scroll down to the bottom of page and click on the interactive campus map in order to see the bus route. She also informed the body that the class bus committee was in the process of finalizing bus hours and working to improve the class bus for all of campus.

**Officer Reports:**

**Jessica Gross, Treasurer**

Jessica informed the body that there would also be a required budget workshop for all club treasurers. She presented that there would be workshops on September 10th from 11 a.m. to 12 and 6 to 7 p.m., and another on September 14th from 3:30-4:30 p.m. She then informed the body that club treasurers would only need to come to one of the workshops.

Jessica announced to the body that all final budget requests for 2015-2016 were due on October 1st and that all final reallocation requests for fall 2015 were due October 31st.

Jessica informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $2,896.75

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie moved to vote on the 2015-2016 Organization Standing Requirements. The motion passed with a vote of 57 approvals.

She also presented an upcoming membership credit opportunity for helping KCAB set up and take down the Shipyard on Saturday at the home game. Kassie also announced that if any clubs would like to sign up, see her after the meeting.

Phoebe Wilborn won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Jessica Wolinsky, Vice President of Service**

Jessica informed that there would be an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, September 14th from 2 to 7 p.m. She informed the body that they could email SGA, sign up for a specific time slot and that all students would receive a Chick-fil-a coupon for donating blood. Jessica also announced that any organizations willing to help with the Blood Drive would receive an SGA credit.

Jessica announced that SGA would be participating in a Monthly Campus Service. The body voted between Physical Plant, The Mail Room, and Housekeeping. Housekeeping won with a majority of the vote.

Jessica then 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.

**Matthew Murphy, Vice President of Administration**

Matthew moved to vote on two Faculty Advisors for SGA. The body voted between Dr. Kirsten Taylor, Dr. Peter Lawler, Dr. Vincent Gregoire, and Dr. Randy Richardson. Before voting, Matthew encouraged students to elect professors from different schools. Dr. Taylor received 52 votes, Dr. Lawler received 17 votes, Dr. Gregoire received 17 votes, and Dr. Richardson received 60 votes. Ree appointed Dr. Kristen Taylor and Dr. Randy Richardson as this year’s SGA faculty advisors.

Matthew then opened nominations for Freshman Class Officers. He said that nominations will close on September 15 at SGA, and campaigning may not begin until nominations close. John Catton, Aaron Morrison, Cole Smith, Cori Carmony, Dominic Miller, and Britton Ody were nominated for President. Jessi Moore, Alexi Bell, Mary Grace Gerkin, Mahmood Abolellatif, and Ethan Bryant were nominated for Vice President. Karla Manzanares, Carly Gilfilian, Caroline Stiles, and Taylor Barnes were nominated for Secretary. Ally Smith, Adekale Ande, and Katie Brooks were nominated for Treasurer.

Matthew then opened special election nominations for Sophomore Class Treasurer. George Saboura, Harrison Downs, and Joey Miller were nominated.

Matthew gave his weekly weather report. The high on Wednesday was 87 degrees and the low was 64.

**Ree Palmer, President**

Ree moved to pass a SGA Resolution for the engagement of Matthew Murphy and Brittany Jones. With a second from Matthew Harry, the motion passed.

Ree announced that on September 22th President Briggs would be making his State of the College Report at the SGA meeting. She encouraged the body to form questions for President Briggs and asked for those questions to be sent to the SGA email at SGA@berry.edu.

**Old Business**

Ree announced that residence life would be looking into the washer and dryer concern in Clara. Ree stated that residence life is worried more about the lack of space for installing more.

Ree announced that Chief Abrams was looking into fixing the pot holes and that physical plant would have more information later.

Ree informed the body that Campus Safety would look into opening the Music and McAllister buildings on the weekends. She also stated that the lights that are always on in McAllister were considered safety lights. She said the safety lights were used for Campus Safety so that they could see in the building late at night.

**New Business**

Alex Moon announced that Clara was missing all its trash cans on the halls. Jessica Gross commented that the Townhouses did not have trashcans either.

Dominic Miller asked about the possibility of opening the Ford gym at night.

John Catton stated that the clock tower at Ford was stuck on the same time and asked about the possibility of repairing it. Jessica answered that the Special Projects Committee could look into the possibility of amending the time.

Alexi Bell asked about the possibility of creating a snapchat design for Berry.

Saif Sarfani answered that advancement was waiting on logistics and other technical attributions.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President, Alex Moon, Junior Class President, Rebekah Sweat, and Sophomore Class Vice President Taylor Anthony had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Rebekah Sweatt announced that the Presidents meeting for Campus Organizations would be on Wednesday, September 9th from 5 to 7.

Alex Moon announced that he would like to start encouraging “Spirit Fridays” where students dress up in Berry spirit wear to support all sports teams on campus.

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB was hosting Glow Rage this Friday, September 11 starting at 9. She also announced that KCAB would be hosting the first Skate Night on Saturday, September 12 starting after the game around 11.

Alex Moon, with a second from Phoebe Wilborn, moved to adjourn at 7:43 PM.