**SGA Meeting Minutes
April 2nd, 2019**

At 7:01PM, the meeting commenced. Anna Katherine Drew led a moment of silence, read the mission statement of Student Government, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anna Katherine Drew introduced the guest speaker, Debbie Heida, Chief of Staff.

Debbie began by introducing her topic of the night, Personal and Professional Development. She shared that multiple task forces have taken place to improve the student experience in this area. Debbie shared the new things that will be implemented in the near future. Berry will be replacing Plan4ward with a mobile app that is easier for students and advisors. Reflection will begin to be integrated into work. Finally there will be new mentoring teams. The Center for Personal and Professional Development will be the new name for the Career Center. There will be a person assigned to each academic school to help students with their specific career goals. There will be more robust training for level 4 and 5 student workers. The changes are evolutionary not revolutionary. Debbie then opened up for questions. Diamond Newsome asked if freshman will be required to meet with the new career assigned person. Debbie answered that it the hope, that each student will have another person to help navigate Berry. Claire Voltairel inquired when the mobile app will be available. Debbie said she is not sure yet. Anna Katherine Drew asked why LifeWorks is more marketable than Student Work. Debbie said Student Work gets lost in comparison to other colleges. LifeWorks also gives students language to help differentiate their experience from others to employers.

**Officer Reports:**

**David Driskell, Treasurer**

David announced that BFC met on Sunday and will finish up this Sunday.

David encouraged clubs to respond to budget specificity emails.

David announced the SGA Account Balance: $3,874.19

**David Lindsey, Secretary**

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

David reminded the body of the credit deadline on April 17th. This means all WuFoo forms must be submitted by this date.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London announced the next blood drive: April 15th.

**Nate Maiwald, Vice President of Administration**

Nate announced class officer voting opens 8pm and will go to 5pm next Tuesday.

Nate gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will be sunny with a high of 73 and a low of 47.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine announced that committee applications are due April 19th.

Anna Katherine announced Honors Convocation is on Thursday at 6pm.

**Old Business**

Jack Boyette gave a recap of the last meeting. Henry Aultman inquired about the next step for this process. Lindsey Taylor said it could move to Student Life Council but the council will not move to make a change without a thorough and intense discussion of the policy. Quentin McTeer asked how quickly this could be done. This process cannot be completed before fall because summer is coming up. Jeb Blount referred to the argument that visitation hours keep us safe but safe from what? A member of the body recommended changing locks and gave the example of Dana Hall. Matt Blakely announced his support for change because the visitation is fairly unenforceable. Sara Pierce made the point that at Berry you are very likely to see someone walking in a towel because we are a residential campus so students are always walking through the halls. Shelby Simms recommended a different visitation situation. Diamond Newsome posed the question why does visitation begin at 10am when classes start at 8am. Eva Proles mentioned how does one deal with a roommate conflict if one student has a significant other who wants to stay over all the time if visitation is 24/7. Jack Boyette brought up that all roommates have to deal with this issue about getting permission from the other roommate. Diamond Newsome suggested that roommates take their contracts more seriously.

**New Business**

Bailey Dingley wanted clarification about why we have a full minutes for the moment of silence. Bryce Nethery said we shouldn’t force people to pray and a minute can be excessive. Suliema suggested people can pray before SGA. Bailey Dingley was in support of just reading the mission statement. Elliott mentioned that students are not coming to SGA to pray and the entire minute feels like an excessive length and a waste of time. Claire Voltarie bought up that Berry students are so busy and do not get a moment to reflect so this is an important thing to include in the meeting. Maddie Jordan said that 30 seconds would be plenty of time to calm the body down but she said if the moment of silence is removed, so should the mission statement. Mariana suggested shortening the time of it and naming it something different. Mary Grace Von Thron was in favor of renaming it.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Maddie Jordan announced that they will be doing a canned food drive this week.

Junior Class President Bailey Dingley thanked everyone for attending the It’s Go Time Fun Run.

Sophomore Class President Bryce Nethery thanked everyone for attending the cornhole tournament. Freshman Class President Savannah Kelley had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Kenzie Smart from Block and Bridle thanked the body for attending Battle on the Mountain last weekend.

Shelby Sims announced that Dogfight the musical opens next Tuesday.

Maddie Jordan, with a second from Caroline Stiles, moved to adjourn at 7:51 PM.