**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 12th, 2017**

At 7:00PM, the meeting commenced. Andersen Carter led the invocation, and Kassie Jones led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kassie introduced the guest speaker, Lindsey Taylor, who spoke on the Quality Enhancement Plan.

Lindsey focused on the accreditation process and how Berry College plans to enhance student experience in their time at Berry. One of the ways the QEP plans to pursue that is through the Signature Scholars Program. The process of this program would consist of applying to be a part of the BCC 300 course, completing the course as well as a Signature Learning Experience, and completing an ePortfolio. The main question Mrs. Taylor asked the body was how this process could be presented as exciting and rewarding for students. The Signature Scholars Program would not be a graduation requirement, but a recommendation. Grade wise, the focus of the course would be on reflections, not exams or tests. The goal would be for students to leave Berry with a better grasp on the professional world, and to enter their respective fields and be truly Life Ready.

Ellie Harmon asked Lindsey what the benefit of having a course instead of a workshop would be. Lindsey said that the class focuses too much on reflective pieces for it to be a workshop, and the ePortfolio is only a piece of the class.

Mac Stovall asked if asked what the difference is between an ePortfolio and a blog. Lindsey replied that it’s merely a name difference but the same idea as a blog.

Andersen Carter inquired if this class would be just for juniors and seniors, or for freshmen and sophomores as well. Lindsey shared that it would be best fit for sophomore and junior years because that’s the most natural time in a student’s college career to take the course. That way, students have resumes prepared for graduate school applications before they start their senior year.

Matthew Davis wanted to know if the course would be tied to majors. Lindsey told him that a large focus of the program would be helping students discover the power of learning amongst a variety of people with a variety of majors.

Milton Tama asked if the course would cause tuition to rise. Lindsey said that President Briggs hoped to make the course free for students, but those details would be brought to students later.

Momo Abdellitif requested clarification on course credit. Lindsey informed the body that the course would last fifteen weeks and would be worth one hour of credit (meeting once a week), but that President Briggs wondered if having the course last two semesters and meet biweekly. Kristianna Saelens replied that seniors would want the course to last a semester. Fabian Cummings thought that two semesters would be more suitable for freshmen and sophomores. Rachel Caldwell asked if the course would still be worth one crdit if it lasts two semesters, and Lindsey confirmed.

Joey Miller wanted to know how the course would look to a graduate school. Lindsey shared that it would appear much like a senior seminar would, and graduate school would see the course as a legitimate credit.

Parker Roberts inquired as to how the course would help with accreditation. Lindsey said that the course would show the opportunity Berry provides for students to grow and develop, as well as Berry’s ability to see a need and address it.

If students have any further questions, they can email qep@berry.edu.

**Officer Reports:**

**Milton Tama, Treasurer**

Milton shared that the treasurer workshops would be taking place on September 18th, 21st, and 27th.

Milton announced that the deadline for budget reallocation is October 1st.

Milton informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $15,180.46.

A member of the body asked for times for the treasurer workshops. Milton clarified that the workshops would be at 2:00-2:45, 10:45-11:30, and 11:00-11:30 respectively.

**Anna Katherine Drew, Secretary**

Anna Katherine asked the body to review the minutes. The minutes passed as typed.

Anna Katherine showed the members of the body how to join the SGA group on VikingWeb as well as where to find all minutes and standings. She also reminded all clubs to contact her if they have any questions about their standings.

Anna Katherine requested members of the body to share their first and last names before speaking at meetings.

Anna Katherine reminded club representatives that they may send proxy representatives in their place if coming to every meeting is challenging, that way they do not fall into not good standing due to lack of attendance.

Megan Radosta won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Marc McLendon, Vice President of Service**

Marc shared that since the Blood Drive was cancelled because of Hurricane Irma, a new Blood Drive was scheduled for October 23rd.

Jasmine Gates asked how to know if a club’s potential event would count as service. Kassie Jones responded that it was up to the discretion of the Secretary, Anna Katherine Drew.

Fabian Cummings asked Marc if those who signed up to give blood at the original blood drive would be required to sign up again. Marc said they would have to sign up again, either in person or at redcrossblood.org.

**Will Kenworthy, Vice President of Administration**

Will read the nominations for freshman class officers and asked for any new nominations from the body. No new nominations were reported. Nominations were closed.

Will read the nomination for senior class vice president and asked for any new nominations from the body. No new nominations were reported. Nominations were closed.

Will announced that officer speeches would take place September 14th at 11AM in Krannert Lobby.

Will read the nominations for faculty advisors and moved to vote. Dr. Bailey and Dr. Lady were voted on.

Will told the body that if they wanted to be a part of the Student Affairs Council, they could reach out to him after the meeting.

Will gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 71 degrees and a low of 59 degrees with a 20% chance of rain.

**Kassie Jones, President**

Kassie updated students on the progression of Hurricane Relief. Residence halls raised money for relief kits through Rome Cares. In total, Berry College raised roughly $1000 in 7 days. If the members of the body had any questions about the future plans for Hurricane Relief, they could talk to Kassie after the meeting.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Joey Miller asked if additional bike racks could be installed near the townhouses. Kassie Jones said she would pursue the idea and get back to her.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Anna Walker, Junior Class President Dominic Miller, and Sophomore Class President Bailey Dingley had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Joey Miller announced that if any students were interested in scholarship and grant opportunities, they could contact Dr. Davis for more information and applications.

Jessie Moore announced that Marthapalooza needs more volunteers. Clubs can get SGA credit for volunteering at the event.

Momo Abdellitif announced that Women’s Volleyball would be playing Oglethorpe at 6PM on September 13th and that Football would be playing Rhodes at 6PM on September 16th. Additionally, the football game will be the Pack The House game, so Momo encouraged everyone to attend.

Leigh Hadaway announced that Colleges Against Cancer would be holding a Pink Out event at the football game on September 23rd at 6PM.

Jasmine Gates announced that the Charter Association of Student Educators would be hosting an Education major and minor reception on September 13th at 7PM.

Anna Walker, with a second from Trent Griner, moved to adjourn at 7:51PM.