**SGA Meeting Minutes
October 18th, 2016**

At 7:00PM, the meeting commenced. Ben Walker led the invocation, and Teddy Palmer led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Gracie Seacrest presented a Food Recovery Project from Berry College Volunteer services. She stated that BCVS was looking for volunteers that would help pick-up and drop-off food to local food donation locations. Volunteers would pick the food up from Panera Bread, before it closes, and they give you bread. She stated that SGA will offer SGA Credit for those that help. If students would like to volunteer, please email BCVS.

John Catton presented Parliamentary Procedure to the body. He first started off by explaining that his job is more than just vote counting. The Parliamentarian is in charge of making sure that SGA meetings remain in parliamentary procedure. He stated that when speaking at meetings, students should introduce yourself and state why you rise. Why you rise is simply saying the purpose for which you speak. John continued that if a student wants to make an amendment, they should state “I move to make an amendment”. Students should not say “I motion”. Chimara Good was asked to give an example. John also discussed that students are allowed to table conversion to the following week and they are also allowed to adjourn the meeting. John Catton stated that if any students were confused, to please email him or SGA. He informed the body that a chart of parliamentary procedure would be on the back of the minutes next week.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew reminded the body that if a club is trying to use a purchase order, the Berry College Business Office must have the companies W-2 form in order to complete the form.

Matthew informed the body that he is a human and sometimes he does not email immediately back. He asked for students to be patient with him and that he will respond to emails as soon as he can.

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $12,602.85

**Kassie Jones, Secretary**

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

Kassie reminded the body of an upcoming volunteer credit, Make a Difference Day on Saturday, October 22. On Saturday, students should report to the Ford Dining Hall at 7:45. She informed the body that any club or organization that participated with 5 members would receive credit. All clubs should submit a Wufoo form online in order to receive volunteer credit for participating in the service day.

Marcus Ghee won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val informed the body that the Alumni Office was very thankful for their monthly service gift.

Val announced that on November 14th, SGA will be hosting a blood drive. If clubs are willing to work a shift for the blood drive, it will count has an SGA credit.

**Preston Putnam, Vice President of Administration**

Preston gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 90 degrees and a low of 64 degrees with a 10% chance of rain. The sunrise will be at 7:50 AM and the sunset will be at 7:01 PM.

Preston informed the body that he was in charge of the SGA Constitution and Bylaws Review Committee. He stated if any students were interested in being on the committee to please contact him.

**Tedric Palmer, President**

Teddy re-introduced the topic of recycling. There were concerns from students that housekeeping was not separating the recycling from the trash. Teddy stated that he spoke with housekeeping and they were doing their best to separate the two items. Teddy also stated that in order for housekeeping to separate the two items, there could not be any contamination in the recycling. That means no pizza boxes, water in bottles, etc can be in the recycling bins.

Teddy informed the body that he spoke Campus Safety and they are working on getting the decals fixed. Dominic Miller responded that his roommate had recently received a new decal and it still did not work. Kassie Jones responded that her roommate was going through a similar situation. Teddy commented that he would double check with Campus Safety regarding the issues.

**Old Business**

Marcus Ghee asked for an updated on contraception being available in the Ladd Center. Teddy responded that he had a meeting scheduled with President Briggs to talk about the situation. Ben Umberger responded that he did not think the college should purchase contraception for students. He stated that if students are legal adults, they should buy their own. Marcus Ghee commented that he believed it was the schools job to provide more education to students and that he did not understand why the Ladd Center could provide other medicines but not contraception. Adrian Lopez replied that regardless of what your views are, sex is a health topic. Our tuition money goes toward providing health tools and students should have access to all health tools. Val DeWandel asked if sex education fell under peer educators. Trent Griner responded that he is a peer educator and he was unsure if it fell under their job. He stated that he would speak with his bosses about it. Marcus Ghee asked if the school was providing any type of birth control for students. A student from the body responded that girls can see the OBGYN on campus and get birth control. John Catton asked if the body was looking for more contraception or education on sex. Marcus Ghee responded that the body was looking for both.

**New Business**

Chimara Good inquired about the possibility of subway bringing back guacamole and pizza to the serving options. She stated that the subway salad containers have also become smaller. It is concerning for students that Viking Court is taking away healthier options for students. She stated that baby cup carrots, lunch meat, healthier chip options, etc. should be offered in the POD area.

Marcus Ghee stated that the portion sizes at Miso had gotten smaller and prices went up on the food. He asked about the possibility of the school looking into new options for restaurants. Momo Abdellatif commented that it would also be nice if the school could open Chick-fil-A for breakfast. A student from the body responded that the Chick-fil-A could not do breakfast due to no sanitary place to cook the biscuits.

Elli Hayes inquired about the possibility of making groceries more available to students that live in cottages. Rachel Flatt commented that The Life Ready Campaign should take the cottages or alternative living as their next project. Rachel stated that she is a senior, living in a cottage, and she said it was frustrating that the college required she have a meal plan when she has a full kitchen in her living area.

Krista Zalewski stated that recently a car hit a student by the library due to a lack of lighting and visibility in the area. Autumn Bryson commented that the biker was hit because the biker jumped the curb and ran in front of the car. Kelly Ibele stated that she knew 2 people who have gotten hit by cars due to a lack of lighting around that area. She added that there really needed to be more lighting.

Victoria Manning informed the body that “Hillary for Prison” and “Hillary is a rapist” were written on the sidewalks by the townhouses. Teddy responded that students were allowed to express freedom of speech but if anything offensive is written, the school will remove it.

John Catton stated that in the silent part of the library, there is a clock that needs batteries.

Caroline Stiles announced that the bike station by Dana Hall is currently not working.

Mom Abdellatif inquired about the possibility of the school creating more parking for students. Adrian Lopez responded that Dana needed more parking. He had to park by the Townhouses due to the lack of spots over in Dana. Alexi Bell responded that Dana Hall was suffering due to the construction going on in Blackstone. Morton-Lemley residents park in Dana Hall parking due to the construction and it creates a lack of parking.

Chimara Good inquired about the possibility of a new dorm being built. Matthew Harry responded that enrollment at Berry was down, so the possibility of getting a new dorm was low.

Alexx Beato asked if the bathrooms around campus could have more feminine product machines in the bathrooms around campus.

Kassie Jones inquired about a rumor she heard around campus. She stated that there was apparently a list of songs that were not allowed to be played at Berry dances and as adults, students should not be limited on songs. Krista Zalewski stated that she only knew of one song that was requested to not be played. Marcus Ghee commented that Berry events should play all types, genres, etc. of music.

Chimera Good inquired about the possibility of the school offering more KIN classes for students.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick, Junior Class President Adrian Lopez, Sophomore Class President Dominic Miller, and Ben Walker had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will be hosting a Murder Mystery: Death at the Sock Hop on Friday, October 21st from 8 PM to 10 PM in the Krannert Ballroom.

Caroline Stiles announced that there will be a Fireside Chat in the Jewelbox on October 19th at 7 PM. The discussion will be about CE Credit changes.

Kelly Ibele announced that Exercise Science Club will be hosting Color Me Berry on November 12 at 10 PM. The registration deadline is Sunday, October 9th. There is a $20 fee and it includes a t-shirt, snacks, and color packets.

A student from the body announced that Block and Bridle will be hosting Scary Berry on October 20th, 21st, and 22nd. Tickets are $10 for adults and $5 for students.

Whitney Kirkpatrick, with a second from Alexi Bell, moved to adjourn at 7:58PM.