**SGA Meeting Minutes
October 4th, 2016**

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

Ellen Hearn from Residence Life and Brooke Davis Brown from Berry College Volunteer Services presented Make a Difference Day to the body. Ellen explained that the service day would be held on October 22nd, which is the National Day of Service. The last day for clubs, organizations, students, etc. to register is October 17th. Brooke stated that the form to sign up went out today in a BCVS email. BCVS confirms all organizations and everyone should receive a confirmation email. Ellen stated that on Make a Difference Day students will meet in the Ford Dining Hall. Breakfast will be served and t-shirts will be given out around 7:45 AM and then students will leave for their service sites at 8:45 AM. If clubs and organizations do not want to complete the service day, then students can sign up for Trunk or Treat. Trunk or Treat is a free fall festival for children in the Rome community. There are 3 guidelines that students must follow for the event: 1. Have an event set up for the children, 2. Decorate a Trunk or a Table, and 3. No more than 5 members per trunk. Ellen Hearn stated that the event will be at the Garden Lakes Baptist Church. She stated that if students had any questions to please email BCVS.

**Officer Reports:**

**Matthew Harry, Treasurer**

Matthew informed the body that the Budget and Finance committee decided that all reallocations and allocations for clubs would be due on October 10th.

Matthew informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $14,788.18

**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. 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.

Kassie reminded the body that whenever a person speaks at SGA he or she should state his or her name. She stated that it helps her when writing the minutes.

Cory Hannel won the SGA Prize of the Week.

**Valerie DeWandel, Vice President of Service**

Val announced that SGA would be participating in a Monthly Campus Service. The body voted among Housekeeping, The Alumni Office, and The Office of First Year Experience. The Alumni Office won with a majority of the vote.

Val asked for class officers to stay and speak with her after the SGA meeting.

**Preston Putnam, Vice President of Administration**

Preston gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will have a high of 87 degrees and a low of 57 degrees with a 10% chance of rain.

Preston introduced the new freshman class officers. Ben Walker is President, Branson Mann is Vice President, Anna Katherine Drew is Secretary, and Bobby Kreps is Treasurer.

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 informed the body that there will be no SGA next week due to fall break.

Teddy reintroduced the top of free speech from the last SGA meeting. Teddy stated that SGA and Administration encourages free speech on campus, however the school will not tolerate threatening speech. Dean Heida added that any student can chalk on the sidewalks at Berry. If the writing on the sidewalk is profane or harmful, then the chalk will be removed. However, if the chalk writing does not agree with your political stance, the chalk will not be removed. Dean Heida encouraged students to use more speech if they see a political view that they do not like. Teddy echoed that Berry will always support free speech on campus. John Catton asked what will happen if someone removes something from the sidewalk. Dean Heida responded that administration will talk to the student. Sam Fuller inquired about why students are not allowed to post political signs around campus but can write political messages on sidewalks. Dean Heida responded that the sidewalk has been deemed a free speech area.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

Marcus Ghee inquired about putting condoms in the Ladd Center. Elizabeth Zavodney stated that there were condoms in Evans but Dr. Bucher is in charge of refilling the condom container.

Jessica Gross stated that several of her friends and family were sick due to the BBQ at the Mountain Day lunch.

Alexi Bell asked about the situation regarding the car decals. Kassie Jones responded that she had been yelled at by the Gatehouse due to a malfunction with her car pass. She also stated that it had already been replaced twice and the gatehouse workers were still rude. Bobby Kreps agreed with Kassie. Alexx Beato commented that the Gatehouse/Berry Police were now taping decals on the inside of cars.

Marcus Ghee inquired about the class bus schedule. He stated that he never saw the bus driving around and he never sees it stop in any specific places. Brooke Davis Brown agreed.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Whitney Kirkpatrick announced that the Senior Class Officers had a great turnout at the Mountain Day viewing party. Junior Class President Adrian Lopez and Sophomore Class President Dominic Miller had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

Momo Abdellatif reported on the Political Engagement Committee. He stated that the committee is looking to increase voter turnout for the 2016 election. Momo informed the body that there will be voter registration tables in the Krannert Lobby from 11 AM to 1 PM every day this week. Students can register to vote and request an absentee ballot. Momo also commented that student can go on to the Rock the Vote website and learn how to register from there. A student from the body inquired about not knowing their Social Security number. Momo responded that students would need both their Social Security number and license number to register. Sam Fuller responded that it is very easy to Google “how to register to vote”. Madelin Ryan inquired about if students were allowed to miss school in order to vote. Dean Heida responded that students did not have Election Day off.

**Announcements**

Krista Zalewski announced that KCAB will not be hosting any events this weekend due to fall break. However, on Friday, October 14th there will be a double feature movie night in the Krannert Ballroom. Halloweentown will start at 7:30 PM and Hocus Pocus will start at 9:30 PM. On Saturday, October 15th there will be a fall festival in the Clara Bowl from 9 PM to 11 PM.

John Catton announced that Berry College Republicans will be hosting a Vice President debate watching part in the Morgan-Deerfield lobby on Wednesday, October 5th.

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.

Whitney Kirkpatrick, with a second from Momo Abdellatif, moved to adjourn at 7:48PM.