**SGA Meeting Minutes
September 4th, 2018**

At 7:01PM, the meeting commenced. Bryce Nethery led the invocation, and Anna Katherine Drew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Anna Katherine introduced the guest speaker, Dr. Stephen Briggs, President of the College.

Dr. Briggs began his State of the College address by discussing the renovations that have already taken place, are in progress, and are in the future of Berry College. He shared the details of the renovation of the Ford auditorium that should start construction in late May which will continue into the fall semester. He also informed the body of a new Animal Science wing that will be added on to McAllister Hall after a little more fundraising is completed. President Briggs announced more specific details about The Spires starting construction in October when the Board of Trustees is on campus. Dr. Briggs also shared the benefits of having The Spires in such close proximity to our campus. He mentioned the revenue it would bring and the vast number of jobs it would offer to students. Shelby Newland asked about The Spires having a separate entrance to campus, Dr. Briggs responded with The Spires will have its own gated entrance. A member of the body suggested that the Spires use solar panels, President Briggs mentioned that electricity is cheap in the state of Georgia so The Spires would actually lose revenue if it had solar electricity. Alex Killingsworth asked how many jobs would be taken from main campus to help The Spires. Dr. Briggs answered that currently Berry has more students that want jobs than Berry has to offer, so this new development will only help create more meaningful jobs that make students life ready. President Briggs then announced the marking initiatives that have taken place this summer to help market Berry in a more effective way. He emphasized the fact that students at Berry value a place that combines academic study with practical hands on experiences. A partnership is the new goal. President Briggs opened the discussion for any questions, comments, or concerns. Griffin Davis asked how students would be informed of the new marketing developments. Dr. Briggs said later this month there will be presentations led by the creative firm for all of campus to hear what they have developed. Josie Hadaway asked if The Spires residents were anyone who wants to live there or just alumni. Briggs said only 15% of the residents are alumni and that the other 85% are people that will be great mentors and connections for Berry students.

President Briggs concluded his presentation by thanking the students for their attention. He stated that if any students had any questions they could contact him through email or email SGA.

**Officer Reports:**

**David Driskell, Treasurer**

David announced that the Budget and Finance Committee (BFC) will re-allocate and hear appeals from clubs at a meeting soon.

David shared that allocations have not been deposited into club accounts but that it will be processed soon.

David informed the body that the SGA Account Balance is $7,428.32

**David Lindsey, Secretary**

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

David reminded the body to submit WuFoo forms when clubs have completed events.

David reminded clubs that a BCVS representative is at every meeting if there are any questions regarding volunteer opportunities.

**London Elrod, Vice President of Service**

London shared that the first blood drive of the year would be held on September 17th.

London mentioned that there is a sign-up sheet for clubs to table the week before the blood drive for an SGA credit.

**Nate Maiwald, Vice President of Administration**

Nate read the nominations for Freshman Class officers. Treasurer: Savanna Wilkes, Nate Roberson, Eva Proels. Secretary: Isabelle Hill and Sarah Kettler. Vice President: Mary Ashford Hyde and Stephen Mathis. President: Claudia Evans, Savannah Kelley, Noah Miller, and Peyton Wilbanks. No more nominations were received. Nate closed nominations.

Nate read the nomination for Sophomore Class Secretary: Rebecca Raines. No more nominations were received. Nate closed nominations.

Nate then gave a timeline for elections. Next week, September 11th at SGA we will hear speeches from the candidates. Then a week of voting will occur. On September 25th we will have our new class officers.

Nate then asked the body for faculty advisors. Dr. Bailey, Hope Willoughby, and Dr. Delzer were nominated.

Nate gave his weekly weather report. Wednesday will be partly cloudy with a high of 90 degrees and a low of 73 degrees.

**Anna Katherine Drew, President**

Anna Katherine took nominations for speakers at meetings. The Financial Aid Director and the new Student Diversity Initiatives director were nominated. Lyman Hinson questioned who should an SGA speaker be. Anna Katherine responded with, an individual that will share information pertinent to the student body.

**Old Business**

None.

**New Business**

None.

**Class President Reports**

Senior Class President Maddie Jordan, Junior Class President Bailey Dingley, and Sophomore Class President Bryce Nethery had nothing to report.

**Committee Reports**

None.

**Announcements**

Caroline Stiles announced Leadership Fellows is going to be hosting a leadership conference on September 22nd from 9 AM-12:30 PM. The topic will be Leadership Under Pressure.

Diamond Newsome announced that Solidarity Week will take place the last week of September.

Sara Jordan announced PALS would have a meeting this Thursday at 7PM and that they will be an event planning club.

Grettie Reifenberger from BCVS announced two volunteer opportunities. Tuesdays and Thursdays there is ELS tutoring 5PM-6PM and there is tutoring for kids 3PM-5PM. Contact BCVS for more information.

Jack Padget announced Easy Baked Improv will host their first show Thursday at 9:30PM in Evans Auditorium. They will hold auditions Next Thursday September 13th.

Emanuel Hill announced next Thursday the Jazz Concert Series begins in Ford Auditorium at 7:30 PM.

Shelby Newland announced that the Writing Center is open.

Maddie Jordan, with a second from Caroline Stiles, moved to adjourn at 7:48 PM.