

SGA Meeting Minutes

September 19, 2018

Members Present:

Jake Fortin – SGA President
Lauren Cornell – Executive Vice President
Nick Anastasi – Financial Controller
Mariah O’Hara – Advisor to SGA
Erin Rossetti – Director of Student Life
Jonathan Davis – Dean of Students
Bryanna Smith – Peer Leader
Trevor Utton – RA Rep
David Pardy – Gaming Community/Anime
Lauren Hyde – AMS/NWA
Allison Lanfear – CAB
Geena Duffy – Kingdom Crescendos
Alex DaSilva – Ultimate Frisbee
Ben Press – Rugby
Shake Oakley – Ski and Ride
Veterans Association – Kyla Smith
Abby Salvadore – SAAC
Sarah Sickles – Class of 2020 (?)
Max Thurber – Cultural Ambassadors
Christopher VanCamp – MEISA
Becca Feateux – The Critic
Anthony Maurice – Class of 2022

Motion to start meeting

I call the meeting to order at 8:05pm – Allison Lanfear
I second – Lauren Hyde seconded
Anthony Maurice Called
All approved

Approval of last meeting minutes

I motion to approve the minutes – Allison Lanfear
I second- Anthony Maurice
Lauren Hyde Called
All approved

Student Body Comments

Anthony Maurice took this time to introduce himself as the Class of 2022 Representative.

The general fund is at approximately \$29,000 currently after the purchase of the mountain bikes.

Lauren Hyde Motion to table Intervaristy Christian Fellowship's Constitution until next meeting with hopes that they will be there.

Alex DaSilva seconded the motion

Ben Press called

All approved

The Critic is moving their meeting times, so they can attend CAB meetings to report on the upcoming events.

Jake updated the representatives about the coffee mugs for free coffee Wednesdays– this idea may go to the Johnson campus and see if their SGA would like to also adopt this practice.

Meeting information from President Collins

- All students are welcome to gather at the President's house for cookies and fireworks with the President
- Wednesdays and Thursdays and every other Friday President Collins is on campus.
- *57 Bus* author will be at Johnson (this is the common read for the Johnson campus this year) and President Collins has invited all Lyndon students to attend.

Updates from VSCSSA:

- Jake explained the makeup of this board to the SGA reps
- There are open positions for the e-board.
- Johnson has composting in their resident halls. Jake would like to invite Jessica from Johnson to one of the meetings. Jake would like this to be a common policy amongst the two campuses.
- Jake opened the floor to the reps to speak about the Tobacco Free Policy
 - Representative DaSilva stated that students are just going to smoke anyways (like in the parking lot). He feels that the cigarette butts will be more noticeable and spread out around the campus and surrounding areas.
 - He suggests that there should be butt trash in areas so there is less seen
 - Representative Press asked about holding tobacco on campus and if it is allowed but as long as it is not smoked.
 - Representative Sickles has not seen a difference as she knows so few who smoke.
 - Representative Smith has seen students smoking in the middle of campus and would like to know the consequences
 - E.V.P Cornell explained the process of consequences and approaching students who smoked
 - Representative Pardy asked for clarification about what e-cigs and juuls
 - Representative Sickles asked if marijuana was against the rules
 - Assistant Director O'Hara explained that marijuana is federally illegal and therefore illegal on campus.
 - Representative Maurice asked what if someone continuously breaks this policy.

- Director Rossetti explained the range of sanctions for this policy. It is generally an educational approach unless there is damage.
- Ability for students to go to the State House to speak about funding to the colleges
- Is there the ability to do CPR training free to all students on all campuses?
 - Representative Smith asked if we could have first aid training tied to this course.
 - Representative Press asked if students would need to pay for this course.
 - President Fortin and Rep Salvadore explained that previously it was a free course at a first come first serve basis.
 - Sports Management used to complete this course for all students.
- Natasha Lewis (Vice President of Community Relations from Castleton University) will be attending the next GBM about a program called Safe Ride

CLUB UPDATES:

- **The Critic:**
 - Would like to update their club constitution for the executive board elections. This amendment would allow them to vote in new members in the middle of the year in the case of an opening in their board.
Allison Lanfear motioned to approve their amendment
Anthony Maurice seconded
Ben Press Called
All Approved
 - Has a word press website
Attempting to consolidate their social media sites
Trying to collaborate with EJA majors for more stories
- **Peer Leader Rep:**
 - 4th week check-ins are currently happening with the First Year Students
 - Planning a registration carnival in early November
- **RA Rep:**
 - Marquis Pollard is now in Whitelaw/Crev
 - Family and Alumni weekend is this weekend
- **SAAC Rep:**
 - Many alumni games are happening this weekend
 - Planning on helping the local special Olympics chapter – there will be a haunted trail that they need volunteers for.
- **CAB Rep:**
 - DIY Luminary Event – approx. 50 participated
 - Marina Franklin, 9pm in the theater
 - Oktoberfest – there will be s'mores at the fire pit
 - Bingo is on Saturday at 5:30pm in the Bole Gym
 - Community Celebration – 7-10pm for students
 - 8:30pm is the Fireworks on Saturday

- October 2nd is the CAB Carnival
- AMS/NWA Rep:
 - 9/20 there is Skybern training – helps you correctly identify certain weather events – open to everyone
- Rugby Rep:
 - New players, but we need new students.
 - Saturday at noon is the alumni game
- Ski and Ride Rep:
 - Skate trip next weekend in Burlington – hopefully there will be school vans available
- Cultural Ambassador Society Rep:
 - Just elected new e-board members
 - Event next Thursday, showing a movie about German Steamboats in Africa – there will be a panel with the producer of this movie
- Veterans Rep:
 - New e-board
 - Would like to secure the Six String Soldiers for their conference
 - 10,000 grant from Vermont Veterans Fund
 - Would like a name plaque on the veterans wall
 - Going through marketing to get a new logo
- Kingdom Crescendos Rep:
 - Has secured their space
 - Approx. 20 members
 - Would like to work with the Twilight Players for their holiday Spectacular
- MEISA Rep:
 - Has two shows this weekend
 - Oktoberfest
 - HAC will have freshman bands on campus

Lauren Cornell:

- April 26th is the set date for Spring Day
- Attempting to find more ideas for themes
 - Idea of a new beginning (NVU Spring Day)
- Logo is already assigned to a student who created the logo last year
- Still attempting and looking through class rep applications
- We are looking to fill the Vice President of Communications position

Nick Anastasi:

- Going to be creating a financial workshop

Jake Fortin

- Town Halls will be starting up

News 7 Updates:

- IT will be working closely with the station

- They are still attempting to find someone to fill the position

Adjourn

Allison Lanfear motioned to adjourn the meeting

Kyla Smith seconded

Anthony Maurice Called

All approved