

SGA Minutes

1-10-22

Attendance

Officers	Sophomores	Junior	Seniors	Sponsors
Nathan Kim	Wyatt Aiken	Destiny Buchanan	Sinmi Adeyemo	Ms. McMaken
Eugene Min	Saku Cui	Connie Chieh	Holt Templeton	
Elbread Roh	Fiat Le	Albert Le	Sanju Mupparaju	
Dinali Jayasena	Lex Mroczko	Zoi Moon	Muhammed Shalan	
Ava Dowden	Mekhi Stennis	Jacob Schneekloth	Ella Nichols	

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Statements

Nathan states that this is the first meeting of 2022 and wishes the seniors good luck on graduation.

The quote of the day regards around the glass being half empty and full, and how there will always be opportunities for the glass to be filled.

Parliamentarian – Dinali Jayasena

Dr. Barik, an ASMS alumna from 2000, will be tomorrow's assembly speaker. A K-Pop Lo-fi instrumental will be played before the meeting. The Speaker will be discussing his topic in-person.

Ms. McMaken adds that due to COVID regulations, some people will be put in the balcony.

Sergeant at Arms – Ava Dowden

A PO Form was submitted for new store stock. There will be a resupply of items soon.

Ava also adds that students asked if food was allowed in the Media Room. The librarian has stated only water is allowed in the library.

Secretary – Elbread Roh

Elbread mentions that Goody bags ideas are being finalized, and that his committee will be meeting this week to discuss preparing the necessary paperwork for the event.

He also notes that SASC is still keeping track of STAP, and he will be notifying students part of STAP about making sure to attend 1-1 meetings with their STAP advisors.

Treasurer – Eugene Min

Eugene states that the new speakers are here and have been stored in the SGA closet in the Boy's Dorm.

The next point of concern is ASMS Unite Club. This club collaborates with the Dumas Wesley Center, where ASMS students can engage in triweekly tutoring sessions with underprivileged children. The club is not sponsored by the SGA but has a lot of processes revolving around the ASMS. They were rejected for SGA sponsorship because they did not require a budget. A change in policy was made, so now they have to be a club in order to provide for transportation. On the ASMS Teams page, Eugene supplies to the SGA the paperwork done by the Unite Club.

Sam, the ASMS Unite Club president, speaks about how the Dumas Wesley Center is understaffed. He explained how he takes student tutors to teach the children there. Sam applied to be an SGA club, but his club was rejected due to not requiring a budget. Sam was then notified after the break that his club won't be able to provide transport due to not having SGA sponsorship. Sam wants to make sure that transportation will be provided. He emphasizes that the ASMS Unite Club is a service organization where there are many available service hour opportunities for students.

Holt asks if the club will ask for a budget once they become SGA sponsored. Sam states they do not need money.

Destiny asks if the club limit for this term applies to the Unite Club. Eugene responds that he spoke with Mr. Barry, in that although the SGA club limit is full (25 clubs), he is willing to make an exception for this club.

Ms. McMaken notes that clubs should only be added during the spring but states the SGA can vote on making an exception for the Unite Club. It should be noted that this club has met all of the requirements for the term.

Ms. McMaken asks Sam to step out for the SGA vote, to ensure vote privacy.

Nathan makes a motion on sponsoring the Unite Club. Nathan states that this vote is urgent. Mekhi seconds this motion.

Vote: Giving SGA sponsorship to the Unite Club

- Approve: 20
- Rejected: 0
- Abstained: 0

The motion passes unanimously. The Unite Club will be given SGA sponsorship and be given transportation opportunities.

Nathan asks if Eugene has anything else to say for his updates. Eugene states no.

Vice President – Dinali Jayasena

Last week the SGA had dodgeball on Sunday, and next week there will be a Karaoke event. Due to the two-week PO restriction, there are a lack of events. Every other week in Winter term however is blocked with events.

Prom is happening on March 26 in the Moonlight Ballroom at the Battle House. It will be from 7 – 11 PM. An afterparty will occur where students will be able to eat at Prom. Dinali has been delegating tasks to AC. March 2 is the goal for everything to be finished and organized.

The theme for Prom will be revealed next week. More updates will be provided as the term continues.

President – Nathan Kim

Nathan states that there was one SGA T-shirt submission. Zoe created the design, and she produced a dragon design. The shirt has colors that the SGA agreed upon. She is willing for a vote in the future regarding the T-shirt. Nathan approves of the design, but states that others are free to provide design alternatives. He is hoping that SGA will have T-shirts by the beginning of Spring term.

Nathan also explains Mega Musical Chair changes. This was once a fundraiser event where students participated in musical chairs. Last year, the fundraising aspect was not possible, but this year there is a possibility to attain this goal. The tentative date for this event is around early May on a Monday after school. Policy Committee will be working on this project.

Sponsors

The Residential Life team is working on improving water systems at ASMS by looking at plumbing resources and other processes.

The SGA sponsors were looking at improvements for PO forms. One of the biggest issues was that the PO forms were being prematurely sent to certain people. The terminology of the PO forms also confused people, and so there were delineations to reduce confusion. Due to all of this, the approval signature portions of the PO forms have been updated. Clubs will need the SGA Treasurer to sign the form. Class Officers will need the Class Treasurer to sign the form. Peer Advisors would sign themselves under the “Organization President”.

Nathan recommends there should be a citation on the form explaining to students that the signatures of the PO form will need to be in order.

Ms. McMaken adds that these forms will be updated on the SGA website accordingly.

Eugene will be making an announcement to notify students of these changes in the PO form system.

Ms. McMaken tells SGA members to guide students and streamline the process to making PO forms easier to fill out.

Closing Remarks