

SGA MEETING MINUTES

10-5-20

Attendance

Officers	Sophomores	Juniors	Seniors	Sponsors
Caroline	Dinali	Chinonye	Jamya	Mr Barry
Marie	Zoi	Eugene	Carson	Mrs McMaken
May	Ava	Elbread	Joe	
Nathan	Tatiana	Sinmi	Cole	
Joy	Destiny	Sanju	Cary	
Ella				

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Statements

- May and Nathan welcomed everyone to SGA and said they are excited to start the year. Even though it may be virtual, they have high hopes that we will make good changes and promote a positive student body and atmosphere.

Parliamentarian, Ella Nichols

- Using Yammer: Interestingly, on Yammer posts cannot be sorted by time stamp, which means some posts will go unnoticed. She will be talking more with the IT department to see how this can be fixed. For the next two weeks, announcements will not be given at assembly but rather posted on teams.
- Assembly: Dr Allen from UAB will be speaking the next two weeks via zoom about diversity.

Sergeant at Arms, Nathan Kim

- Pi Store Introduction and Updates: Pi Store is run by the Sergeant at Arms and sells snacks, ASMS merchandise and school supplies. Every few months SGA reps will sign up to run Pi store twice a month. It is usually open from 8 to 8:45 Monday through Thursday. It is not yet decided how Pi Store will operate due to Covid, but after he discusses it further we will have a plan.

Secretary, Caroline Nelson

- Student Teacher-Advisory Board: Caroline is still meeting with Mr Barry and Mrs McMaken about how we can feasibly create the Advisory Board during Covid. We cannot say much during this time, but we want to have it ready for next year to officially start.
- Starting the AST: The AST will be different this year and more information will be needed before it can begin. We will be asking teachers for two students who excel in each subject area to be AST tutors.
- Planning the Rest of the Projects: Some other projects planned for this term include goody bags, test prep, a round table discussion with the student body, and resume building labs.

Treasurer, Marie Naylor

- CLC Overview: CLC is the committee on campus that turns students ideas into reality. In the past they have renovated the game room and hung lights in the courtyard. Twice a term they will host calls on the all school page to get student body input. This year Marie wants to get a TV room renovation and is working with May and Dr Hoyle to set up a mural committee.
- Budget for the Year: This year's budget will be different. Fall and Winter term will have one combined budget. There will also be a club budget pool in case certain clubs need to request more money as well as an executive pool in case Key Club, Homecoming or other places need to ask for money.
- New Club Forms and Budget Approval: This year the CLC will be more strict with accepting clubs. They want to emphasize that clubs need to be specific and precise when filling out their budget request forms. Ella will post a link with fillable pdf club forms. There will be no club interest form since it is easy to forge online. Forms will be due Sunday night and we will discuss club approval next week.

Vice President, Joy Buchi

- Activities Committee Description: AC plans the events on campus and heads traditions such as big scream and polar bear plunge. Joy emphasizes that Covid will make the events this year be more creative. Winter Formal and prom are the biggest events and they will be worked on throughout the whole year.

- Small WF Update: Winter Formal was initially scheduled for November 7, which is very close. Homecoming is also scheduled for November 13. To avoid conflict of interest and to better prepare Winter Formal, Joy proposes to move it to January and Marie seconds it.

Agree: 21

Opposed: 0

Abstaining: 0

The motion passes unanimously.

President, May Jung

- Introduction of Committees and Policy Committee Change: We have three committees AC, CLC, and AAC. AAC works behind the scenes to make sure students are on top of their studies and to reward students for their hard work. CLC is where students can really see their ideas being implemented around campus and has the most student communication. It promotes a more positive and friendly environment, especially during Covid. AC is outwardly just throwing events, but those are the memories you look back on and it helps its members develop good leadership skills. Instead of a fluid policy committee we will have three set members with one from each grade, much like CLC and AAC. More students can join in addition, but we will have those three students always there. Policy Committee is not supposed to create structural change, like reversing student handbook or outlandish policies, but to initiate student lead projects and ideas to create more of a community. May created a Microsoft forms for reps to rank what committees they want to join and if they want to be in policy committee. Caroline will be sending final committee members sometime tonight or early tomorrow.
- Communication and Points to Consider as SGA officials: Covid-19 really changes how this year will run, so we have to be flexible and open minded. We should use this time to be even more creative and implement positive change. We should not get stuck on what we have to do, but how the student body will benefit. We need to maintain open communication between SGA, sponsors, and the student body. If an idea works out, there will be more opportunities in the future.

Sponsors

- Mr Barry Mr Barry said we need to work more on meeting mechanics but we can learn that in the future. He wants to do an icebreaker to get to know everyone. The SGA constitution was revised with minor changes and it will be sent out tomorrow and it will be discussed at the next meeting.
- Mrs McMaken She reiterates that she wants a good connection between both faculty and students, and especially with the leadership team. They want the student body's help to accomplish their vision which, starts with open communication. We are being entrusted with opportunities, and we get out of SGA what we put into it. Credibility is also very important in SGA. We must be excellent in all we do but also give grace to each other. There will be hiccups throughout the year but we must be kind and forgiving when they occur. If you are having trouble, reach out and above all else be proactive.

Closing Remarks

- The form is in the chat and needs to be filled out ASAP. Caroline will email the list of reps in each committee tonight and committee heads will be setting up meetings tonight.