

## SGA Minutes

11.08.21

### Attendance

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

### Pledge of Allegiance

### Opening Statements

The thought of the day is “We stay hungry, we devour, put in the work, put in the hours”. This is a motivational quote which describes that SGA members can be successful through hard work. It is taken from Dwayne “The Rock” Johnson.

### Parliamentarian – Dinali Jayasena

Dinali states that representatives will have to sign in for assembly sign-ups 3 times. Representatives are required to sign people in. It is a mandatory duty. Tomorrow, ASMS has a veteran’s assembly with Major Paige. There will be a mini pep rally for cheer and basketball. There will also be a special announcement from AC regarding Squid Game.

Major Paige will also share leadership advice at 4:00 pm. It is required for all SGA students.

There are a few spots for assembly speakers during the Spring. Dinali opens the floor to the SGA for assembly speaker suggestions.

Lena states that she wants to see more research speakers.

Sanju stated that the Truth Hunters club had a really fun assembly, and she thinks that other clubs should get opportunities to present their work.

Holt describes that he would like to see Humanities research presented.

Chinonye would like to see alumni speakers.

Wyatt would like to see independent researchers.

Connie has been in contact with Angela Le, a renowned figure at UAB and an alumnus for ASMS.

### **Sergeant at Arms – Ava Dowden**

Like with Dinali, Ava stated that Pi Store duties are required for SGA representatives. She passes down a calendar for SGA representatives to sign for. Ava states that it is easier for there to be two representatives per shift.

Ava asks the SGA sponsors if Pi Store purchases will have to go through an SGA vote. Mr. Barry states that it will not be necessary for a vote since Pi Store has its own budget. Ava will have the PO forms for supplies to restock the Pi Store.

Wyatt mentions that many students are interested in Starbucks products, and Ava says she is looking to get more of those.

Eugene proposes for energy drinks to experience an increase in prices. Ava stated that she will look into this.

Holt states that there is interest with school supplies. Ava replies stating that for now, Pi Store will focus on food.

Mr. Barry raise the prices. Ava stated that Pi Store is almost returning a profit, and that it could be the delayed opening which led to no profit.

Eugene asks about the turnout. Ava states that the turnout has been very good, but as stock lowers, less people come. Overall, she states turnout has been good.

Saku stated that the Pi Store refrigerator handle is cracked. Mr. Barry stated that they can order a new handle. Nathan mentions that they can use the refrigerator from the SGA garage. The refrigerator is o

### **Secretary – Elbread Roh**

Elbread states that STAP processes have been successful. SASC held a meeting with the teachers volunteering for the Advisory program, and that the meeting was successful. Later in the week, Elbread will notify the teacher advisors to contact their students to reach out to them that they are their teacher advisor.

Elbread also describes that the goody bags were successfully delivered and that they were well received. Next time, there will be more diverse items, although SASC will take in mind the success that these goody bags achieved.

Ms. McMaken clarifies something about the Advisory program, describing that opting out of the program will not lead students to be free, and the assembly sessions held during Advisory sessions will be assemblies led by Academic Affairs.

## **Treasurer – Eugene Min**

The budget for SGA during this term will be \$12,000. SASC will get \$600. AC should get \$5,000, CLC will get \$1,500, the executive pool \$1,400, and the club budget pool will receive \$3,500. Eugene has been discussing with Chinonye about Winter Formal, and she wishes to borrow \$1,000 from the executive pool. Eugene poses a dilemma, where the SGA will not be able to purchase SGA T-shirts and speakers, which were both items that students were looking forward to.

Mr. Barry expresses that the SGA has gone through too many speakers.

Nathan asks Chinonye's budget request, and she confirms that AC will need to borrow \$1,000. Winter Formal has been going over budget, and so the surplus money should fill the expenses.

Mr. Barry asks if there was any plan for the executive pool. Eugene responds that the executive pool had a planned budget, with \$1,000 already being planned to be distributed for Winter Formal.

Sanju is wondering which proposals will occur. Mr. Barry responds that the SGA will vote on AC's acquisition of the portion from the executive pool and the decision to pay for T-shirts or speakers.

Eugene describes that \$900 will go to water towers, and the other expenses will go to umbrellas.

Mr. Barry stated that those expenses should be voted on by the larger SGA body.

Destiny asks if T-shirts can be done during Spring term instead of Winter term. Mr. Barry stated that the SGA usually does T-shirts during that term anyways due to procrastination.

Chinonye asks how much T-shirts cost, and Nathan responded saying that since they bought comfort colors, the budget was \$550. Nathan really wanted the T-shirts to come earlier, but he understands this is an opinion on the SGA to consider.

Dinali asks if these matters will be voted on now or if the discussion will be tabled. Mr. Barry states that it is up to the SGA body. Mr. Barry asked where the club budgets went from last year, and Eugene described that they came back to Finance. Mr. Barry says T-shirts can wait until Spring term but have designs prepared during Winter term so that they won't have to show up the day of the last SGA meeting. Destiny agrees to this.

Albert asked if the Residential Life speakers can be used. Chinonye stated that SGA wants to secure extra speakers for emergency purposes.

Nathan wonders why the speakers get damaged. Dinali stated that the Residential Life speakers are more expensive and so they last longer.

Sanju asks for the budget for the speakers, and Eugene states that they are \$350, and he is thinking on purchasing speakers similar to Residential Life. Mr. Barry asks if the SGA could use the Residential Life speakers during Winter term and purchase speakers during Spring term. Eugene and Chinonye express this as being risky due to how Café parties also require the use of the speakers.

Destiny wondered if the CLC can allocate some of their finances to the SGA. Eugene and Mr. Barry stated that it is possible, but CLC is working on a tight budget.

Ava stated that the umbrella purchases can wait until Spring term.

Wyatt asks how much the umbrellas cost. Eugene stated that they will cost \$400.

Sanju recaps the budget for CLC. She asks if the \$400 will be worth the use that they provide, especially during Winter term. Mr. Barry stated to vote for the items, stating that reasons like these are good reasons in why the SGA should vote

Chinonye and Eugene both described that they need to submit their budget requests very soon.

Chinonye goes in depth with the venue 1000, catering 1800, DJ free, transportation up to 1000, photo booth 450, linens n/a, security 400, decoration 700.

Wyatt asks what a photo booth.

Mr. Barry asks what the SASC will use their budget for. Elbread responds stating that he is interested in lending part of the budget to these clubs.

The sponsors clarify that there will have to be multiple votes for the budgets.

Ms. McMaken states that historically Winter Formal budgets have stayed the same, but venue and catering costs have increased.

Sanju motions to do a vote for confirming the \$1,000 to AC from the Executive body.

Eugene seconds.

Nathan asks who will abstain from voting. Mr. Barry states that here, it is not necessary and committee positions do not matter here.

Vote: Giving \$1,000 from the Executive body to AC

- 21 Approved
- 0 Rejected
- 0 Abstained

The motion passed unanimously.

Nathan asks if T-shirts should be voted on. Mr. Barry states that it is up to the SGA for voting.

Eugene motions to vote on the committee budget confirmations

Holt seconds.

Eugene restates the budget allocations during this term for each committee.

Nathan states that T-shirt should be tabled. Vote on current budgets.

Mr. Barry states an alternative should be to decrease the club budgets, but Eugene states that this year the budget is tight.

Vote: Confirm the committee budgets

- 19 Approved
- 0 Rejected
- 2 Abstained

The motion passed with a majority vote.

Mr. Barry states that as long as votes occur, there can be changes with committee budgets.

Nathan decides to move the meeting onto Eugene's other agenda points.

Eugene proposes an emergency German club meeting. They are trying to purchase certain German ingredients in order to prepare a German food event. These ingredients are time sensitive. German Club has consistently been a good club with spending their money. Eugene mentions that German club is planning to request \$330 dollars, and this will not affect other club budgets due to how historically World Language clubs are allotted a specified fraction of the total club budget pool.

Eugene makes a motion to give German club their emergency budget approval.

Dinali seconds.

Vote: Approve an emergency budget for German club

- 15 Approved
- 0 Rejected
- 6 Abstained

The motion passed with a majority vote.

### **Vice President – Chinonye Alilonu**

Chinonye states that AC is trying to order everything in preparation for Winter Formal. Decorations have begun to get purchased. An email is being written to advertise the events. Outside dates will not be allowed.

Chinonye states that there is a new rule where purchases over \$200 will have to be voted on, but this vote will occur later. The weekend events will be successful. On Saturday there will be Squid Game, and there will be a campus-wide Hide-and-Seek Sunday. There will be December events planned.

### **President – Nathan Kim**

Nathan states that Policy Committee will be meeting after the main SGA meeting to work on the SGA Constitution revisions.

Nathan also describes the SGA garage clean-out. He feels the clean-out will have to occur after Thanksgiving due to how there are many busy events during the weekend. Chinonye states that Winter Formal preparation will occur on December 4<sup>th</sup>, meaning the clean-out cannot occur then. Nathan states that the revised date will be December 11<sup>th</sup>.

### **Sponsors**

Ms. McMaken mentions that many people do not have access to a calendar to see if their events are available. She states that she and Student Affairs are working on organizing an events calendar which will be part of the process of event requests. It will be a calendar on the Microsoft Teams. Student Affairs will keep track with updating the calendar as students submit their forms.

Ms. McMaken states that students should be more respectful of Student Affairs by preparing for runs. To help organize runs, Student Affairs is proposing a Run Request form which will have to be signed in order to go on a run to purchase items for events.

She will notify clubs about this matter.

As soon as the Event Calendar gets up, the sponsors state that the Run Request form will be available which will be very soon. The sponsors have stated that clubs will need to get used to the two-week rule where forms will have to be signed during that time span.

Nathan closes the meeting as the meeting lasted the entire hour and time was running out. He thanks the SGA for their patience and commitment during this meeting.

### **Closing Remarks**