

SGA Minutes

1-24-22

Attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Statements

Dinali opens up with the thought of the day, stating that SGA members have a lot to gain with learning from past mistakes.

Nathan exclaims that there is a new proposal. He opens the floor to Eugene.

Eugene describes that ASMS Ignite Club is not a sponsored club. He mentions that the club was denied SGA sponsorship because of how they did not require a budget. Today they will be going over the appeals process for getting a club budget. He opens the floor to Liam.

Liam requests funding from the SGA for an ASMS Ignite Club event where members of the Ignite Club will gather with other Christians in the Mobile community. He states that this event will cost about \$100, \$10 for entry fees for every participant.

Eugene submits their PO forms to the meeting chat. He adds that the SGA has the money to pay for the event.

Nathan thanks Liam for sharing and asks if anyone else in the SGA had anything else to ask. He opens the floor for discussion. Nathan asks Mr. Barry if Liam can stay for discussion. Mr. Barry states that this will be Nathan's call, but he would prefer Liam to stay.

Nathan first mentions pros and cons with giving Ignite Club a budget for this event. He states that the SGA has the budget for the event. However, Nathan states that the club is not an SGA club. He also adds that there is a maximum number on the clubs currently being sponsored. Mr. Barry states that SGA can still approve this special request for this event, despite the club limits. Ms. McMaken adds that the SGA should be a resource for funding, and she asks SGA members if this is something the SGA can support.

Eugene mentions that other clubs have also asked for extra expenses, making this an issue. Mekhi asks if Ignite Club will host any other events. Liam states these events will occur, but events with budgets will not happen this term.

Ella asks if the 100 dollars will be used for the one event. Liam states it will be just for this Ignite Event. Liam states the money will be used just for the event.

Elbroad notes that Ignite Club had been organizing this event for a significant amount of time, since the end of December.

Nathan asks Liam if when requesting SGA sponsorship, they had this event in mind. Liam states they had the event in mind, but due to miscommunications, did not realize their budgets.

Sanju asks if the members in Ignite Club can simply pay for their own expenses for the festival. Liam states it won't be too much for this to occur. Liam states the people who signed up for the event were under the idea that their expenses were already paid.

Zoi feels that it is unfair for some students to pay for their expenses for the event, and that Liam should either make it, so all students have to pay, or no students have to pay.

Liam replies that this is something he can consider, however that the students who wouldn't go for free are students that signed up for the event after the given deadline to do so.

Destiny states that it would be unfair for students who expected their expenses to be paid for to have to actually pay themselves.

Saku believes that a good alternate solution to this issue would be for SGA to pay half of the expenses, while asking Ignite Club members to pay for the other expenses.

Wyatt states that considering the extra room in the Executive Pool, it would not be fair to ask Ignite Club to pay themselves.

Sanju mentions that considering Ignite Club has been planning this event, SGA should act as an institution which funds the outside activity of students

Zoi finds issue with funding this club's event. She feels this can perhaps set a precedent for the future, where other non-SGA-sponsored clubs might come to the SGA and ask for a budget. She feels this is unfair to clubs who actually applied to be SGA-sponsored.

Ms. McMaken notes that this vote is not an SGA decision to make Ignite Club a club. Rather, this is a vote on whether to allocate funds for one event.

Nathan sees Zoi's point, in how this provides a big exception.

Sanju feels that this isn't an exception to club processes. She imagines that the SGA should act as an institution which supports student interests and activities through funding.

Nathan makes a motion to approve Ignite Club's budget for one event.

Saku seconds this motion.

Vote: Approve Ignite Club's budget request of \$100 for their gathering event

- Approved – 14
- Rejected – 3
- Abstained - 2

The motion passes with a majority vote. The SGA will allocate funds for the Ignite Club's event.

Parliamentarian – Dinali Jayasena

Dinali states that the assembly tomorrow will be a Science Bowl reenactment, where Science Bowl officers will be teaching the student body how the competition would go. It will be a virtual assembly, and attendance is required

Dinali is in communication with Dr. Kevin DeAndrade. He was the surgeon who operated for Mr. Dolbeare. Dr. Kevin DeAndrade was wondering what topics ASMS students are interested in. Dinali opens the floor to discussion on which topics this assembly speaker should talk about during assembly.

Nathan states that Kahoot will be a good option for student interaction, as it worked well during previous assemblies.

Sanju asks if the assembly with Dr. Kevin DeAndre will be in person.

Ms. McMaken states that the assembly will hopefully be in person, and that it will occur around May.

Elbread mentions that ASMS students love to hear about the ASMS experiences of alumni speakers, and Dr. Kevin DeAndrade could capitalize off of this.

Sanju mentions that interaction with the assembly crowd, although a lot of work, could make for a captivating assembly.

Dinali adds SGA members can contact her for more information.

Ms. McMaken states that Dr. Kevin DeAndre is mostly focused on wanting to know if students are interested in the medical field. He wants to ask if ASMS students would be interested in certain topics related to his experiences.

Sergeant at Arms – Ava Dowden

Ava states that due to COVID protocols, Pi Store has been closed. If all goes according to plan, Pi Store will reopen and be restocked.

Secretary – Elbread Roh

Elbread states that his committee met two weeks ago to finalize goody bags. The goody bags will contain many items, such as bouncy balls, ramen, stickers, candy, and stickers. Currently the PO forms for these goody bags are being processed, and Elbread estimates that the goody bags should be in students' mailboxes by Hell Week or Finals Week.

Elbread moves on to unveil a new SASC project in collaboration with Ms. McMaken, the ASMS Instagram takeover. He describes that he and some other students took note of colleges having students take over their respective Instagram pages. Elbread believes that this could be a great way for prospective students to get an insider look at the ASMS experience. Elbread describes that he is coordinating with his committee and with Ms. McMaken to make sure the project is successful.

Treasurer – Eugene Min

Eugene provides budget updates for the SGA by submitting them through the group chat.

Eugene also made some updates with the water bottle fillers. There is no set time when they will arrive, but they are on the way, according to Finance.

Eugene states that the TV renovation for the Coffee House did not gain approval. He gives the floor to Mr. Barry to talk. Mr. Barry describes that not every room in the Bedsole building needs a TV in it. He and other members of the Leadership Team thought it was a redundant purchase, and that there would be complications for setting it up.

Nathan asks if the budget provided for the TV renovation would carry over to the Spring term. Mr. Barry is not sure, but he thinks it would be possible.

Eugene states the TV renovation's budget will not carry over to the Spring term, and he opens the floor for discussion for what to use this budget for.

Nathan feels the budget for the TV renovation could best be supplied for Prom.

Mr. Barry talks about the changing culture of finance, where CLC's purchases are being more scrutinized. CLC is starting to get more rejections for their purchases. In previous years, Mr. Barry has observed that CLC's purchases were careless, such as when they purchased the compost.

Ms. McMaken adds that CLC projects should carry over for future generations, and that it should not be a one-year thing. Mr. Barry states that the finance departments are going to be stricter on what is monetarily spent.

Vice President – Dinali Jayasena

Dinali states that the weekend events this week will be the battle of the chickens, Polar bear plunge with Dr. Hoyle, and dodgeball. These events will be outside to follow COVID guidelines.

Dinali then moves on to her Prom overview. The Prom promotional trailer will be released hopefully tomorrow. She hopes that more Prom information will be released later this week.

Dinali presents a Prom funding proposal. She wants the purchases for Prom items to occur during Winter Term. Dinali states that the Activities Committee has gone over its budget of \$13,000, with the estimated cost of Prom to be \$13,716. She has arranged with Eugene and Ms. McMaken in finding ways to find extra money to fulfill these costs.

Dinali presents how the budget will be used, and possible conditions that could occur with deciding Prom funding. She calculates that there will be \$1,000 from the Spring term Executive budget and asks if Activities Committee can use this budget for Prom.

Dinali notes that they have cut costs on certain items, such as trolleys and senior gifts. These have been supplied by other factions of ASMS.

Nathan mentions that this vote will be tabled for another day. He clarifies that the Activities Committee's allocation of the Executive budget during the Spring term could be risky. Dinali mentions that Eugene can better explain on how SGA finances will be dealt with this.

Eugene explains he does not know the full Spring term budget, and that the committees are all variable. He set that the Executive Pool's budget is not currently set on \$1,000, and there will be an opportunity for the budget to grow.

Nathan states that this vote will be tabled for another day, and that the SGA will move on to other officers' agendas.

President – Nathan Kim

Nathan mentions that he has some small updates regarding his agenda. There was a poll for the SGA T-Shirt designs on the Microsoft Teams, and a winning design was selected. Zoi's design was selected to be the design for SGA T-Shirts. The PO forms are being submitted for the T-Shirts to arrive soon.

For Mega Musical Updates, Nathan mentions that the event is occurring around May. He is working with Mr. Barry to find sponsors, and they are beginning to plan for the event. Policy Committee will begin to reach out to certain businesses.

Nathan opened T-Shirt design submissions to the entire ASMS community for Mega Musical Chair T-Shirts.

Sponsors

Mr. Barry commends the SGA for making the right decision for the Ignite Club. He appreciates the points and discussion made during that vote. Mr. Barry feels that the points Sanju made are what he and Ms. McMaken feel the SGA should be. He states that the SGA should be an institution which gives the student body a chance to follow their passions through financing. Mr. Barry states that there can sometimes be exceptions when SGA rules on certain matters. He specifies that every single SGA vote will be voted upon based on its own merits.

Ms. McMaken echoes and affirms this. She adds that the Alumni Council is being decided upon, and Nathan is reviewing the submissions for this council. Ms. McMaken hopes this is the start of collaborations between ASMS SGA and alumni. She also adds that information relating to graduation times and locations will be coming by the end of this week.

Closing Remarks