

SGA Minutes

3-28-22

Attendance

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Statements

"Success is not final. Failure is not fatal." - Winston Churchill

Parliamentarian – Saku Cui

This assembly, Bill Hazelton will be addressing students, working in Australia. He attended Ohio State University and developed their Informatics systems. He has also worked in other institutions, and mainly works with geospatial communications.

Connie states that Juniors have to attend the assembly, and so Saku makes corrections to this.

Saku and Dinali clarify that this is an in-person assembly.

Sergeant at Arms – Ava Dowden

Ava addresses some Pi Store updates. She states the store will be restocked Thursday.

Secretary – Elbread Roh

Elbread mentions that he met up with his committee last week, and they discussed general SASC operations and STAP. He describes that the SASC has started preparations for the STAP celebration which will occur during the third and final group STAP meeting, which will be around mid April. Negotiations will be underway with MMI Dining to provide catering for STAP participants and advisors.

Elbread also states that SASC is planning preparations regarding goody bags.

Holt states (as a joke) that he is the new Secretary. This was an inside-joke conducted by SASC during the meeting.

Treasurer – Eugene Min

Eugene opened a form for clubs to request more money. Eugene states that only one club, Desi club, requested for more money. He uploaded their paperwork to the Teams for the SGA to see.

Desi club requested more money due to how successful their events have been. They plan for a movie event, a traditional street food event, and a Cafe-party. Desi club's events in the past have gained much traction from students. Additionally, due to how their items are bought from international markets, prices for purchases may be over the costs of what might be expected.

Holt asks how much money is left in the club pool. Eugene states that the SGA still has \$1800 in the club pool.

Ella asks how much Desi club originally asked. Eugene states that for two terms, the SGA allocated a total of \$700 for the club.

Nathan makes a notion. Connie seconds.

Vote: Give Desi club an increase in budget.

- Approved: 17
- Rejected: 0
- Abstained: 3

The motion passes with a majority vote.

Nathan asks for SGA members to tell clubs to request club budgets because of how PO forms are due May 1st. If the SGA does not spend enough money

Eugene states that the club forms are not closed, and that clubs can still apply for a budget increase.

Vice President – Dinali Jayasena

This week, there will be a bowling alley event. On Saturday, there will be a silly string and water balloon fight. There will be an Open Mic night Saturday as well.

Prom occurred last week, and the Activities Committee will be having a recap meeting later in the week. Dinali and the committee will review ways to improve Prom.

Dinali states that Coach Brouillet brought many Prom items into the Dragon Den. She asks for SGA members to move Prom items back into their actual designated locations, such as the SGA closet.

Destiny tells Dinali to refer to "Open Mic Night" as an event which isn't senior-exclusive.

President – Nathan Kim

Nathan and his committee finally made a concrete time and price for. It will be May 6th 4PM on West Campus. Admission will be \$13. The Policy Committee decided to change the goal of Mega Musical Chairs from being a charity event to being a more student-focused event. Prices and inflation costs proved to be a challenge to preserve the charity-aspect of the Mega Musical Chair event. Donations will still be accepted, and the winner will be able to donate their winnings to a designated charity, but the event as a whole won't be fully charity-based. The costs for the T-shirts would be around \$1,200. Throughout the event, there would also be random prizes. Chairs and popcorn will also have to be accounted for. This leaves the total budget to be around \$1,500-\$1,600. Nathan was thinking about allocating funds from the Executive committee. Nathan opens the floor for discussion.

Wyatt states that taking \$300 from the Executive pool would be a good idea, considering the club pool has \$1,800. Eugene states that the club budget is independent from the Executive pool, but Mr. Barry stated that the SGA could move those funds to the Executive pool.

Eugene states that the Executive pool has \$1,500 left.

Nathan states the projected costs for the event might be \$1,600, but the cost could change by \$100-\$200 depending on changes with costs. Nathan emphasizes the goal of having 100 tickets purchased to recover these funds.

Ava asks if there will be a day where students can pay for tickets, or if Finance will take care of these costs.

Nathan states that Mega Musical Chairs tickets are usually paid by Finance. However he does state he is willing to explore options where booths are set up for ticket payments.

Muhammed states having a table where SGA payment occurs could be a good idea. Mr. Barry adds onto this, stating that SGA could have booths where they set up interest sheets where students will state they are committed to attending Mega Musical Chairs.

Dinali expresses options where there could be online options. Nathan states that Policy Committee will have to keep track of students paying.

Eugene asks how much Finance knows about Mega Musical Chairs. Nathan explains that they are aware of the event, and while they do not know about dates, they have expressed their desire to collect payments instead of SGA paying for the event.

Mr. Barry states in the past he used to accept payments but Finance forbids this practice.

Sanju describes that there should be booths or tables where students are reminded to sign up and commit to the event.

Mekhi asks if Mega Musical Chairs could be paid in the Pi Store. Nathan states this could be an option, but Pi Store money and Mega Musical Chairs money will have to be separated. It would just be an extensive process and could prove to be problematic.

Muhammed explains that during Special Projects, Ms. Godwin wrote receipts for Finance which students then delivered to Finance to pay. He states this could occur with Mega Musical Chairs. Nathan states that the SGA could use this receipt/ticket concept.

Nathan makes a motion to approve the Mega Musical Chairs budget. Mekhi seconds the vote.

Vote: Approve the Mega Musical Chairs budget

- Approved: 18
- Rejected: 0
- Abstained: 2

The motion passes with a majority vote.

Nathan adds that he talked with Marlan regarding the Microplastics proposal. Marlan emphasized the Cafe party's goal was to promote less plastic waste. Nathan dissuades Marlan from hosting another Cafe party due to their saturation. No money has been requested yet in regards to this proposal.

Sponsors

Mr. Barry agrees with the club spending, in that they should be more proactive with spending their budgets and requesting more money. He also wanted to say that he heard great things about Prom from staff and chaperones. He congratulates the SGA for hosting a great Prom.

Mr. Barry relays a message Ms. McMaken stated. They both remind the SGA to think of ways to make clubs more efficient and to make club events more frugal with their money-spending. He states that clubs should be more responsible with their money, due to how newer systems will be at play. He tells the SGA that there should be reduced "food clubs" which only spend on food. Mr. Barry mentions that the SGA should have committee restructuring, where committees will also be improved.

Mr. Barry describes that he has rope left-over from the tug-of-war. He requests one of the SGA members to get the rope and return it to the SGA closet.

Closing Remarks