

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

AGENDA

Tuesday, March 05, 2024 @ 5:30 pm

Ely 017 (SGA Room)

I. ROLL CALL: Gage Glanville, Travis McLoughlin, Crystal Mills, Benjamin Burnham, Jakayla Leary, Isabella Moniz, Miles Jordan, and Daniel Lyons were absent.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM: February 27, 2024 Minutes were approved.

III. PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nicholas Smith

- A. Director of the Counseling Center and Outreach Coordinator for The Counseling Center Brian Cahillane & Kurt Morris

Brian Cahillane & Kurt Morris gave a presentation.

Questions:

Chris Piro asked what the green bandana project is.

Brian Cahillane: I brought the Green Bandana project to campus and the size of the trained group needs to be manageable while also having a solid reach.

Chris Piro: How many people are returning as Green Bandana project volunteers?

Kurt Morris: We don't know that information quite yet. Fresh check day came about in response to a student who took their life and it is all about mental health.

Gavin Fazio: For the massage therapy when is it?

Kurt Morris: It's on Fridays but it's not every Friday and she is a real sweet person.

Dan Currier: How is the DGCE counselling pilot program going?

Brian Cahillane: It's going fine but it honestly hasn't been overly utilized but it will continue right now.

Joseph Bonilla: I wanted to see if the goats would be coming back?

Kurt Morris: We plan on bringing them back right now.

Justin Wald: Having a late night counselor would be beneficial.

Brian Cahillane: There seems to be a lack of real interest in anything appointment based at that time. It's currently a staffing issue however.

Chris Piro: There is a definite demand for a late night counselor.

Brian Cahillaine: That's what Tellus sort of works to cover though since the staffing shortage needs to be made up for.

Brandon Rita: You do great things but I think that the biggest thing is that better marketing is essential.

Kurt Morris: We are willing to take ideas if you have them.

B. Director of The Career Center: Junior Delgado

Junior Delgado gave a presentation

Nick Smith: I want to applaud you for your ability to be everywhere on campus

Brandon Rita: Can you elaborate on the Parker Dewey scholarships?

Junior Delgado: Those are mostly paid internships which are incredibly competitive. I want to make sure that you use opportunities and sell yourself. I really focus on making sure that being stuck on campus isn't a barrier to involvement.

Kaitlyn Egan: I would really highlight Cover letter services as those are super effective.

Desiree Brown: Do you assist with writing personal letters for PA school.

Junior Delgado: We can help with that but I would really recommend the reading and writing center as they are experts in that area.

Haley Kane: The career seminar for education was incredibly helpful.

Junior Delgado: We've been doing that for 30 years and that is a program that we are really proud of.

Chris Piro: You do great work in the career center.

IV. BOARD OF TRUSTEES' REPORT: Daniel Currier

Last meeting, I shared my desire to hold a civic engagement day on-campus in alignment with my responsibilities as Student Trustee. Due to the multiple priorities we have for this semester, we will be postponing this initiative until the fall.

As you know, I serve on the Strategic Planning Committee for our University. After going through various exercises and meetings, I believe that SGA needs its own strategic plan – a roadmap to future success in areas such as senator recruitment and engagement, committee structures, campus communication and marketing, financial stability, and much more. I discussed this need with the Executive Council last night, and we will discuss further after spring break. It is envisioned that this 'Roadmap to Success' will include a set of strategic priorities, objectives, and SMART goals that are assigned to specific Executive Council members for enactment by a particular date. Our 'Roadmap to Success' will additionally help provide a foundation for constitutional review work next year. Please stay tuned for more information on how you can get involved in this process and chart a path forward for this organization.

A. Strategic Planning Committee: Daniel Currier

The Strategic Planning Committee broke off into three subcommittees yesterday for in-depth conversations. These three subcommittees align with our three strategic priorities: culture, student value, and finances. I am serving on the Finance Subcommittee.

The Finance Subcommittee reviewed finance-related components of the 2019-2024 Strategic Plan, much of which aligns with our current needs and desires. We also reviewed qualitative data gathered by SME Strategy Consulting from all constituency groups as it related to finance-related topics.

We will be working through May to develop objectives and SMART goals, each of which will be assigned to a particular staff member for implementation. Our first objective will be to foster a positive financial narrative and promote campuswide financial literacy. Given that our campus holds differing thoughts about our present financial situation, it is important that campus leadership take the time to explain our financials and budget process. Another objective will likely be investment in key areas for our campus, including Institutional Advancement (which has been tasked with a \$10 million capital campaign) and the Grants & Sponsored Programs Office. Facility modernization will also be an area to consider, along with the development of diversified revenue streams, including enhanced conference revenue, expanded certificate programs, and much more.

V. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE:

VI. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE:

A. University Curriculum Committee: Scott Doan

Good afternoon, everyone, hope you are all doing well. UCC met last Friday on March 1st, to discuss morals of the gen ed inclusion form and reconsideration of certain proposals. Two courses in Political science and one course in Math were then reconsidered and tabled till further revision. Then courses in Physics, English, Criminal Justice, Economics, Political Science, History, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology were all reviewed and had bits of course revision.

Dan Currier: What is the issue with the civic learning?

Sarah Harrington: They are working on whether they want to redo the wording from a report form which came through SCORE.

Chris Piro: What are the courses in philosophy, poli sci, and history

Scott Doan: For history, it's on Latin America to 1800 and Latin America since 1800. For Poli Sci, it's classical political thought. For

A. Academic Policies Committee: Gavin Fazio

Hello, my name is Gavin Fazio, I am Dickinson Hall Representative and a recently added member of Academic Policies Committee. During this week's meeting, the minutes were approved with edits, and the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 academic calendars were also approved. These approvals came with changes such as the removal of the Day of Dialogue and Day of Service. We have the calendars pulled up on the projector here to show you what big changes were made, and I will be listing off a lot of dates, so bear with me. For the Fall 2024 semester, Classes end December 13, the exam period will be from December 16-19, Exam Make-ups will be on December 20, and Grades will be due by Noon, December 23. For the Spring 2025 semester, all classes end May 5, the exam period will be from May 6-9, Exam make-ups will be on May 12, grades will be due by Noon, May 14, and Graduate/Undergraduate commencement will be

held May 16. For the Fall 2025 semester, all classes end on December 12, Exam period will be from December 15-18, Exam Make-ups will be December 19, and grades will be due December 23. For the Spring 2026 semester, all classes end May 4, Exam period will be from May 5-8, Exam Make-ups will be May 11, and all grades will be due by noon, May 13, before Graduate/Undergraduate commencement on May 15. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out to Joseph Bonilla, Brandon Rita, or me either after the meeting or through our emails. Thank you!

VII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-STUDENT EQUITY:

VIII. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-FINANCE: Kaolin Westcott

The proposal is from LAFÉ and FACES. The club is requesting \$200 for an dance instructor. The funds will be used towards the cost of the instructor. The total amount of the event is \$400, and as stated in the finance bylaws we can support up to 75%, in this case that is \$300. The request is within the limits of the finance bylaws. The finance committee decided unanimously to amend the proposal to \$300.

I motion to accept the LAFÉ/FACES proposal as amended of \$300. For the cost of a dance instructor.

Motion Carries

IX. VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT-PUBLICITY:

A. Owl Ball Committee: Elizabeth Mercer

First, Happy Birthday Anderson. Also, Owl ball committee is so excited that everything is on track. Glasses are ordered, as are the decorations and prices have been set at 25\$. Check for an email that was sent by SGA today because the link for information about the event like caricature artists and a 360 photobooth! This is an over 20 year tradition that SGA puts on and we are so excited for this year. I can't wait to see you at this year's Owl Ball with A secret garden theme!

I hope you all are excited and keep mentioning it to your friends or roomates. The more the better.

X. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY REPORT: Adam Carpenter

Good evening all,

That's right, he's back. Your favorite executive secretary is at it again with his wacky hijinx and tomfoolery giving you a report. The first topic of interest is that SGA elections for all of the leadership positions is coming up. I would be remiss if I didn't remind you of this prior to spring break which marks an incredible opportunity for some introspection about where you see yourself as a student leader for next year.

Signature papers are dropped on March 25th. Further information is to come in terms of what future election dates are so make sure to pay attention to future exec sec reports in the coming weeks. The other item is just a bit of housekeeping being that it is essential that you both indicate that you are reporting in advance as well as sending your report to me, Adam Carpenter, the executive secretary of the Student Government association prior to the meeting at the very latest. Otherwise I will get smad or those of you not fluent in my Adamisms sad and mad. In terms of indicating your intention to reporting, you literally just say "Hey Adam, I hope that you are doing super well. I hope student teaching is slaying

for you. I will be reporting on insert committee here.” This doesn’t involve a report so it shouldn’t take that long and it’s pretty low commitment so as Nike says “Just do it” That’s all that I have.

XI. PARLIAMENTARIAN REPORT:

XII. COMMUTER COUNCIL AND CLASS COUNCIL REPORTS:

A. Class of 2028 Class Council: Nicholas Palumbo

To start off Happy birthday to our Senator of the month and class of 2025 Rep Anderson! (Everyone claps). So A Lot has been done since the last time we filled you in. First off Our Class council sweatshirts have come in and been distributed as I'm sure you have seen people wearing them. Second, We are currently in the middle of collecting sponsors and donations for our October give away calendar fundraiser to carry on the tradition Katie and her council started last year with it. We look forward to putting the prizes to their specific days in the calendar when back from spring break. Thirdly, we are in the mist of cooking up an exciting money making event for this spring. We will be able to disclose more information when we get further in the spring. That's all we got, Have a good break!

B. Class of 2027 Class Council: Savannah Sousa

Good evening everyone, the 2027 class Council met last Friday. We discussed our fundraising that will be happening later this month. Tabling will be happening in the DC on March 18th, 19th, and 20th. The following week March 25th the council will have students pick up their goodie bags in the SGA room and the time is to be announced. The fundraiser is to support the class of 2027 and in exchange, you will get a cool goodie bag.

Sarah Harrington: Congratulations on your first report.

C. Commuter Council Report: Fabian Morales:

The commuter council is holding our event, Commuter Snacks & Crafts, tomorrow from 11 to 1 in the commuter corner in the Wilson lounge. We will have a variety of snack foods, community feedback boards, and bag charm and bracelet making, with supplies provided. Please let all of your commuter friends know so we can have a great event together.

XIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

XIV. NEW BUSINESS: (Requires majority vote to be opened)

XV. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Daniel Currier: Accounting and Finance club has an event on Wednesday.

Sarah Harrington: I have a meeting with the provost.

Austin Morgan: CAB is putting on relay for life and we really want as much involvement as possible.

Kaitlyn Egan: There are 73 days until commencement.

XVI. ROLL CALL: Gage Glanville, Travis McLoughlin, Crystal Mills, Benjamin Burnham, Jakayla Leary, Isabella Moniz, Miles Jordan, and Daniel Lyons were absent.

XVII. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at _6:49___ until our next SGA meeting which will occur on March 19th.

Please note that for accurate record-keeping purposes, SGA meetings are recorded and kept on file by the SGA Executive Secretary.