Student Government Meeting
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Meeting Highlights:
- We learned that Simpson collects $25,000 in parking ticket money annually and the money goes towards student development.
- Allocated $100 to Dance Club, $3,882 to MSA, $1,680 to Model UN and $6,506 to Intramurals.
- Our updated operating budget is $3,330.

Complete minutes are as follows:

Roll Call:

Absent: Cody Isabel, Ryan Stewart

Richard Ramos and Kristen Wyse were also present.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

Reports:
Student Body President Ethan Frederick: Execs please stay after for a decision we need to go through about resident life. Sarah and I met with President Simmons and received feedback on the two topics that were brought up last week. The first is about parking tickets. It goes into the general income bucket to offset student development costs. They told us about $25,000 is collected annually. Young Trustees was also brought up with President Simmons. He is already reviewing the bylaws for the Board of Trustees. It is already a program. Currently, it is comprised of one young trustee who is 35 years old.

Student Body Vice President Sarah Beadle: No report.

Manager Mary Galanis: Jessalyn will be live tweeting tonight’s meeting using the new SGA hashtag, #TISGA, or “Tonight in SGA.” One member of SGA will be chosen each week to live tweet. Everything SGA related is now under the Current Students tab on the Simpson website. Everything on the website is updated.

Senior Class President, Jessalyn Holdcraft: We will hear four budget requests. Our remaining balance is $15,498. In our carry over, we currently have $34,054.07. The Finance committee is meeting at 5:30 on Monday the 2nd. Committee is working on defining a student organization and adding that to the Finance Code and what it means to be Tier 1.

Junior Class President, Austin Jacobs: My committee met right before this meeting and were very productive. Each committee member reported on their specific project & their progress. Next week we will be looking at a shuttle service to Des Moines or working with U-Haul to make renting their cars cheaper. We also began planning a dodgeball tournament for early March so be looking for that request. We’ll continue to kick butt this upcoming week.
Sophomore Class President, Robert Lyons: I have no report because my committee was unable to meet due to a scheduling conflict. If my committee could stay after, we need to find a new time for our weekly meetings.

First Year Class President, Zach Goodrich: The Student Organization Committee will be meeting this Friday at 3pm in the Org Suite. We will be talking about Campus Day, Prexi Club, Org StormFront accounts and other business.

Advisors Rich and Kristen: Nothing to report.

Erica: The food committee met. We are still reviewing the survey results. If you ever hear complaints or good things about the dining options on campus, let me, Sarah, Cody, or Conner know. Or you can email Luke. There is now a Millie’s punch card. You fill out a paper to sign up. You get a punch card and receive a punch for every specialty drink, after 12 punches, your 13th drink is free. You get rewards and a birthday treat. Sign up.

Mariah: What changes have they implemented?

Erica: Charles has been talking about cleanliness and contamination with his staff. New gluten free area in Pfeiffer with individual peanut butters and jellies so there isn’t any cross contamination.

Conner: New trays for salad dressing.

Sarah: There is also better fruit quality.

Ishaya: Do people know about these changes?

Erica: Should we tell them?

Mariah: Yes. I think it is a chance for us to show people that we see what they suggested in the survey and that things are going to change.

Erica: Mary, I will email you some more information, so you can attach it to the minutes. (See end of the minutes for more information)

Old Business
Robert’s Motion on Parliamentary Procedure from 1/14
Vote: Passed

New Business
Jessalyn: I move to allocate $100 to dance club.
Robert seconded it.

Jessalyn: They are asking for $100 for Bollywood dance instructors to host a 1 hour lesson held in Black Box in the future.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $3,882 to MSA.
Nick seconded it.

Jessalyn: They want it for multiple food sampler programs in Pfeiffer and their posters for advertising for Black History Month. They want money for tickets to go to the movie Selma. The difference in the amount requested and the amount allocated is a miscalculation. We have Jasmine and Carina here to answer any questions.

Zach: Movie tickets for members or everyone on campus?
Jasmine (representative from MSA): For anyone on campus. We would send an email out and the first 20 to RSVP would get the tickets.
Mariah: What are the t-shirts for?
Jasmine: Those are for our Mirror-Mirror project. Students come in and write their weight and an adjective on a t-shirt and it is a body image program. We then wear the t-shirts on a march. So, we would need money for the t-shirts and the materials to write on the t-shirts.

Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $1,680 to Model UN.
Austin seconded it.
Jessalyn: They are going to Model UN conference. They are currently meeting with Student Orgs committee to reorganize their structure to follow more of the student organization structure. If you have any questions, Tyler or Nick Laning can answer them.
Robert: Was there some talk about affiliating themselves with a larger body?
Jessalyn: Yes.
Robert: Is that going to go through?
Nick: No, Model UN is going to meet once a month and instead of just doing the class and the conference, they are going to be a student organization as well to meet the requirements for SGA funding. We are doing a world issues discussion once a month in the Culver Center.

Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $6,506 to Intramurals.
Conner seconded it.
Jessalyn: The amount changed. Jordan is here for any questions. This is for all of their expenses for this semester. We added in approximately $1200 to cover the outside instructors for Zumba and yoga. It will also be for the conferences they go to and prizes.
Teig: With the yoga, are they charging students to go?
Jordan (representative from Intramurals): No.
Jessalyn: There was a misreading of our finance code. If we weren’t going to fund these outside instructors, they wouldn’t have been able to have the Zumba and yoga classes. However, if that was going to happen, the yoga instructor was willing to stick around and charge students $5 per class.
Zach: It says that they have no clear plans for marketing. Is that for Zumba and yoga or everything?
Jessalyn: That is for everything, according to Nicole Darling. They didn’t ask for any marketing money. They still have at least $1200 in their account from first semester. She was the representative at the meeting.
Robert: Is there anything you want to add to the rationale, Jordan (representative from Intramurals)?
Jordan: Nicole and I have talked about it. It would be hard to keep intramurals the way it is if we didn’t have this money. We wouldn’t have the prizes and a lot of people come for that reason. A lot of people enjoy it and it is very popular among students.

Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: Our updated operating budget is $3,330. Keep in mind that our carry over/reserve fund is at $34,000.
Mariah: Is that on track?
Jessalyn: I don’t think we have it tracked. Do you know, Ethan?
Ethan: There isn’t really a right answer. We do have that reserve money. Groups that waited until late in the year last year to ask for funding did so in August this year because they were Tier 1.

General Discussion
Molly: I can no longer be the student rep on the Study Abroad Committee because of a scheduling conflict. They meet once a month on a Wednesday around 3:30pm/4pm.
Sarah: Is that the rest of the semester?
Molly: Yes. It is a year-long thing.
Sarah: Any volunteers or nominations?
Ruth: Jordan Parra would be good in that position. I don’t know if she is available.
Molly: I nominate Tori Holloran.
Sarah: Check in with both of them about their schedules.

Announcements
Ruth: Pi Beta Phi has carnations for Valentine’s Day for sale in Kent on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week and next week.
Tyler: Friday at 7pm there is laser tag with food and prizes. Sunday CAB is hosting a Super Bowl party with BWW in the Black Box.
Robert: Tomorrow from 8-9pm in Carse/Cowles is the first Rotaract meeting.
Mariah: Simpson College Women’s rugby continues their practicing. All are welcome to join. Email Mariah Young if you are interested in playing.
Dani: If you are interested in representing SGA at Quench After Hours next Wednesday let me know! It is from 9:30-10:30pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:21 pm.

Food Committee Information:
New items in ABP: New lemon chicken soup, to-go breakfast sandwiches, and chocolate covered strawberries to come in February!
Millie’s: New Coffee Club! Stop by Millie’s for more information.
Pfieffer: Avoiding gluten section has been added. It is available to the left of exhibition station.