Student Government Meeting  
Wednesday, January 21, 2015

Meeting Highlights:  
- Allocated funds to Speech and Debate ($1613), Exercise Science Club ($3100), Education Club ($3,370) and Math Club ($2,505)  
- Simpson Sunshine amendment to SGA Bylaws was discussed  
- Sarah and Ethan are meeting with President Simmons on Monday. Send them any topics you would like discussed to sarah.beadle@my.simpson.edu or ethan.frederick@my.simpson.edu.

Complete minutes are as follows:

**Roll Call:**
Absent: Cody Isabel, Olivia Anderson

Kristen Wyse was also present.

Minutes from the last meeting were approved.

**Reports:**
**Student Body President Ethan Frederick:** Jessalyn wants execs to stay after. Sarah and I are meeting with President Simmons next Monday for an hour. Are there any subjects we need to investigate?  
Mariah: Could we get some understanding on where the parking ticket money goes and how much they are making?  
Robert: Young Trustee program.  
**Student Body Vice President Sarah Beadle:** No report.  
**Manager Mary Galanis:** No report.  
**Senior Class President Jessalyn Holdcraft:** We have four budget requests to talk about this evening. This week my committee is working on the constitution bylaws and updating the finance code. Any questions let us know.  
**Junior Class President Austin Jacobs:** Our committee had its first meeting tonight and decided what our focuses will be this semester. We will be working with technology, programming, the email policy and other initiatives.  
**Sophomore Class President Robert Lyons:** My committee members each gave our student handbook findings. For example according to the handbook, the bookstore is in Hopper. There are things to be corrected. We need gender neutral language, so we are submitting to PRIDE for that. We are compiling
an SGA guide to be used instead of the student handbook with important information for first years at our next meeting. I am meeting with President Simmons and Dean Griffith in the next two weeks. We are preparing our edits of the handbook to present to Luke Behaunek.

First Year Class President Zach Goodrich: My committee needs to stick around after meeting.

Advisor Kristen: No report.

Old Business:
None to report.

New Business:
Jessalyn: I move to allocate $1,613 to Speech and Debate.
Zach seconded the motion.
Jessalyn: Does anyone need me to go over the rationale that was sent out?
Erica: Was that the one they are sending 20 people to?
Jessalyn: It is a minimum of 20. It could be more. It is based off of their team. They don’t know who is exactly going yet.
Zach: Our coach will submit roster on February 2nd.
Erica: We can fund more than 6 people to go? Oh so, we are only paying for 6.
Ruth: Where did the 6 people come from?
Jessalyn: Rich said that’s what he was comfortable with when we were discussing the Finance Code when it was made several years ago. If you want to change that, forward it to my committee because we are the ones discussing the Finance Code.
Vote: Passed

Jessalyn: I move to allocate $3,100 to the Exercise Science Club.
Austin seconded the motion.
Jessalyn: Anyone have any questions?
Erica: Is this for treadmills?
Jessalyn: This is for trek desks. It is a standing desk. They have a grant for them. They are buying treadmills for the desks. Cyd Dyer has a space in mind in the library. Another one would be located in Kent. They want ones with less noise because they would be in educational learning spaces.
Kelsey: Where in Kent?
Jessalyn: Anywhere between Kent and Cowles.
Robert: What is the maintenance plan?
Jessalyn: I am not sure.
Nicole Ebel (Group Representative): We haven’t spoken about it yet. Since they are new, we don’t expect many people to use them right away. We are anticipating any issues as we are getting high quality machines.
Teig: So all students and faculty can use them at any time of day? Is there going to be a sign up sheet? Are people going to fight over them?
Nicole: It is a free for all. We will assess this as it progresses. We want to implement reward program. It is a developing idea and program.
Ishaya: How many will there be?
Nicole: 2
Ruth: It’s like any other study space.
Ryan: Are there any other schools that have these?
Nicole: I am not sure. The president of our club, Shelby, couldn’t be here tonight. She might know.
Teig: What if I’m on the treadmill, and I fall off? Who is liable?
Austin: What events are you planning?
Nicole: The rules will be similar to the fitness center. We are a new club, so we are still finding our way. We are looking at hosting health and wellness events, fitness competitions, and other similar things. We are hoping that this will make us more noticeable on campus.
Ryan: So these would be the first two we would get and hopefully more in the future. How are you going to track success?
Nicole: I am not sure.
Jesselyn: They wanted t-shirts to reward people. Shelby discussed having a sign in sheet. They want to have a punch card type system like CAB.
Ryan: Is that planned?
Jesselyn: I will check. It isn’t ironed out.
Vote: Passed

Jesselyn: I move to allocate $2,505 to the Math Club.
Austin seconded this motion.
Jesselyn: Does anyone have any questions about their request?
Vote: Passed

Jesselyn: I moved to allocate $3,370 to the education club.
Nick L seconded the motion.
Jesselyn: I received more information after the request was sent. Robert had a question about convention. The professor has gone before. They are starting new for this semester. They have new officers. They have everything planned out month by month. This conference in the summer will help them start over. It is professional development and ideas for the club. $400 of this request is for the advisor to go. We added this $400 for the advisor because they only send faculty to conferences in the fall and spring. Faculty have their own travel money, but that it tied to personal research and doesn’t fall under this category. It would be beneficial to students to have an adult there.
Erica: Have we funded advisors in the past?
Jesselyn: No. It is neither in nor against our finance code.
Tyler: It is expected that advisors are on the trip. We should fund them if we expect them to go.
Jesselyn: Her registration cost is less than the student cost.
Kelsey: I wouldn’t feel comfortable with my activities money hosting an advisor on a trip. It should be for students. It should come out of something else, not student money.
Nick: We discussed how we fund 6 students to go to conferences, however only 4 are going. Advisor like a 5th student.
Erica: Are we funding Speech and Debate advisors?
Jesselyn: They have money for tournament, not the convention. Their money is only going toward students.
Robert: What are these new programs?
Jesselyn: It is in the Wufoo request.
Erica: They have Wednesday night meetings in the chapel. Every Sunday night they are having a speaker. This Sunday they are making tie blankets and bringing in a speaker from the organization that the blankets are going to.
Tyler: They have planned out the future months with cool themes. I was impressed. This funding is for their entire semester, including the conference and their once a month programming.
Mariah: We are giving them $200 for hotel and Speech $100? Should we be thinking about consistency?
Sarah: It doesn’t matter.
Ethan: This is dependent on location.
**Vote: Passed**

Robert: I move that the Simpson Sunshine amendment package be inserted into the SGA Bylaws (see piece entitled “Simpson Sunshine Laws” below the minutes). I wanted to bring to SGA for discussion for advice to be given to the committee when we make the motion to refer it to the committee later on. I would like to make a second motion that the amendment *seriatim* the first section being the relationship with student media, the second being the suspension of minute taking and the third section being the availability of the minute. This motion makes it so we discuss it section by section. (See piece entitled “Simpson Sunshine” below the minutes)
Teig seconded the motion.
**Vote: Passed**

Robert: It is called the Simpson Sunshine Package. The first section is to have the VP send a copy of our agenda to the editor-in-chief of the Simpsonian. It is very similar to Sunshine laws across the nations. It is also based off Freedom of Information Act. It is also to give notice of Emergency SGA meetings.
Ruth: Why Monday?
Robert: So they have someone to send to the Wednesday meeting.
Jessalyn: Do we have input from the Simpsonian?
Robert: Professor Steffan is behind it. I talked to him today.
Sarah: I am in contact with the editor-in-chief Steffi Lee. We are meeting later this week.
Conner: Is this for them to send someone to SGA?
Robert: We need to advertise and be open to the press.
Erica: Aren’t our minutes available online?
Robert: This is for the agenda. Minutes are the PAM amendment at the bottom.
Ruth: Why the Simpsonian? Why not all students?
Robert: The new email policy.
Sarah: Does the PAM amendment have putting the agenda on the website?
Robert: It does not.
Mariah: I think this is a great idea. This is the right thing to do from a public relations perspective. We are the people that represent everyone else.
Kelsey: Was the Simpsonian notified of this discussion to have a representative here?
Sarah: I invited Steffi.
Kelsey: They’ve had access to the agenda if they wanted it.
Sarah: No one has asked for it since I’ve been in office for these 2 weeks.
Kelsey: If they wanted it, they could have it. People have come because they knew certain things were being discussed.
Conner: They used to send someone my freshman year. I’ve worked for the Simpsonian for 4 semesters. I don’t see a purpose in this because they send everything in Monday night, and we meet Wednesday. They will be two weeks behind because of their production time.
Robert: The second part is the suspension of minute taking (see piece entitled “Simpson Sunshine” below the minutes). It violates Roberts Rules of Order. If anyone is absent from the meeting, it violates their rights to the assembly. This creates an exception to Roberts Rules of Order. You can’t do anything else but these three.
Ethan: I believe we should give the discretion to the chairperson, the Vice President, on when a suspension of minute taking should occur.
Ruth: Finance committee, when you make this edit please elaborate what information is sensitive to the college and what that means.

Nick: When we take things out of the minutes, it is because we don’t want it to be public information. It should be at the representative’s discretion, not come to a vote.

Ethan: When someone asks something to be off the minutes, the word choice isn’t the best. We need to hold ourselves to a higher standard. This is a check of who we want to elect to be in this room.

Robert: PAM=Public Availability of the Minutes. (See piece entitled “Simpson Sunshine” below the minutes.)

Molly: Is it relevant to email the minutes to the editor-in-chief when it is on the web?

Sarah: I plan to discuss that with Steffi Lee.

Ruth: Can I make the suggestion that it is the PAAM, the Public Availability of Agendas and Minutes? We should make agendas public as well if we are going to go through the trouble. Maybe we will see more students come to our meetings.

Robert: I move that the proposed amendment be referred to the Financial Advisory Committee for further discussion and debate with a recommendation by the committee to be given at the regularly SGA meeting in two weeks.

Jessalyn: I am not comfortable with the two week timeframe.

Robert: You can extend the amount of time, if you wish.

Ruth: Since the Simpsonian is an organization, should you move it to the organization committee?

Jessalyn: Is my committee not doing constitution? I move to amend Robert’s time period to move it past the two weeks to whenever it is finished.

Zach seconded it.

Teig: Is it to just whenever?

Jessalyn: It will get done by my committee.

Ethan: Jessalyn is just asking for the time to get it completed. You can make a motion to move it out of the committee if you think the committee is not doing their job.

Vote (for time extension amendment to Robert’s motion): Passed

Vote (for Robert’s motion to move amendment to Advisory Committee): Passed

General Discussion:

Tyler: I understand the way we just completed that motion. It goes to a committee so that it is talked about what we just did. We just did it in reverse. It was not necessary. We could have saved time going straight to the committee.

Robert: I only put it through the process for input before we put it to the committee. I have talked with Professor Seibert about it. I wanted others input.

Ethan: We are two weeks in. Challenge yourself to not have an electronic device during meeting.

Announcements:

Jessalyn: My committee please stay after if you can.

Ruth: Bingo Friday 9pm in Black Box!

Tyler: Grand prize is Beats by Dre. Canvas Painting Jan 27th at 7pm. We will have more canvases. As always, discounted late movies on the weekends.

Dani: RLC has interns who are going to stand in solidarity on Monday with East High School at the Capitol. If you are interested, it is Monday from 11:15am-1pm. Email me or an RLC intern.

Mariah: Women’s rugby has started. If any girls are interested in playing, let me, Mariah Young, know.

Ethan moved to close meeting, Austin seconded it.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:45pm.

A) Simpson Sunshine
   a. Relationship with Simpson Student Media
      i. The Vice-President shall be required to send an digital copy of the SGA Proposed Agenda in an email to the Editor-in-Chief of The Simpsonian on the Monday prior to the regularly scheduled Wednesday SGA Meeting.
      ii. In the case of an unscheduled, emergency meeting of the SGA, the Vice-President will notify the Editor-in-Chief of The Simpsonian via an email at the same time as the members of the SGA are notified.
   b. Suspension of Minute Taking
      i. Suspension of the taking of minutes will not be allowed except in the following instances:
         1. Discussion of Student Conduct Board candidates
         2. Discussion of information sensitive to the college that is not readily available to the public
         3. Discussion of the private affairs of any Simpson student
      ii. A suspension of the taking of minutes can be called by any member of the SGA but requires a 2nd in order for discussion of the motion to take place.
         1. The member calling for a suspension of the taking of minutes must indicate the topic to be discussed off the record and the point at which minutes taking will be resumed.
         2. A two-thirds majority vote is required for the suspension of the taking of minutes.
            a. The taking of minutes will resume at the point appointed in the original motion to suspend the taking of the minutes.
   c. Public Availability of the Minutes (PAM)
      i. Minutes of the SGA will be made available to the public through posting on the SGA webpage upon completion by the SGA Manager and distribution of those minutes to the members of the SGA.
      ii. The SGA Manager, upon completion of the minutes and distribution of those minutes to the members of the SGA, will send a digital copy of the minutes via email to the Editor-in-Chief of The Simpsonian.