

Catawba College

Student Government Association

Minutes: March 29, 2012

Cannon Student Center

A regularly scheduled Congress was called to order by President Yakir Malul on Thursday March 29, 2012 at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Government room of the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present, and Autumn Hamilton arrived late. Rachel Cone moved to approve the minutes and Olivia Myers seconded.

Forum for Concerned Students

The internet connectivity has become a larger problem recently. Student Issues Committee will look into this.

Executive Board Reports

A. President:

- a. Congratulations to the recently elected Executive Board (President: Jana Burkhardt; Vice President: Christian Crifasi; Treasure: Leah Constan- Tatos; Secretary: Justin Smith). Madison Kennedy has taken over as the Freshman President, as Emerson Thompson has withdrawn from Catawba.
- b. Yakir has been working to understand how the Presidential Scholarship works for students when they move off campus. Dr. Clapp stated that we should seek for there to be a consistency if there is a change for students who live on campus and who commute.
- c. The tuition for next year will be broken down: \$26,040 (tuition) + \$9,140 (room and board) + \$100 (parking fee) = \$35,280
- d. As a member of the SGA it is imperative to hold yourself to a higher standard. We expect you to be a role model; to help the situation and not instigate.

B. Vice President: The packets for class elections are due March 30th before the mail room closes.

C. Treasure: Monday April 2, 2012 is the last budget hearing. So far there have been 54 budgets approved \$42,028.

D. Secretary: s;lfjasldfkj

Class Reports

A. Senior: The class gift is being finalized. The class event will be completed by helping with the inaugural ball. Rachel Cone is working to help organize the graduation proceedings and communicating with the Seniors.

B. Juniors: Worked with Rowan Helping Ministries March 28th for the community service requirement.

- C. **Sophomore:** The fundraiser cards are currently being sold. Still looking to work with Volunteer Catawba for community service.
- D. **Freshman:** The fundraiser will be Saturday March 31st at the Blue and White game.

Committee Reports

- A. **Student Issues:** Meeting with facilities.
- B. **Food Service:** The renovations will begin as soon as students are gone. They will be going to Queens to look for examples for the cafeteria.
- C. **Special Events:** They are working on the Inaugural Ball which will take place April 25th from 8 to 10 pm. The giveaway will either be tshirts or tank tops.

New Business

Amendment

The Amendment to the Constitution regarding propagating the budget to help students attend academic conferences was brought to the table by Leah, Justin, and Christian. Justin Snyder wondered why you could not ask for money multiple times per semester. Many times a registration fee will be under the 250 dollar maximum scholarship. Rachel Cone said that they could make one request and include multiple conferences asking for \$250 or less. Rachel questioned why the meeting to distribute the scholarships would be in the beginning of the semester if there were conferences that they found out about after the deadline. Yakir shared that may create more of a problem, because some students may not attend the conference unless they are guaranteed financial assistance. This amendment was approved by the majority. The final draft of this amendment can be found online.

Survey from Student Affairs

1. What kinds of physical facilities are important to those experiences being successful?

We believe that the facilities that are important to students are equally academic centered and extracurricular centered. The facilities and equipment that support our majors help the students to be a more marketable employee. Our instrumental lab in Shuford Science Building is a wonderful example of applicable facilities. The preserve is also very helpful for the biology students, as well as a great place to relax. The Center for the Environment exemplifies many techniques that the Earth Science students learn. Ketner offers Promethean technology to education students, which they will use in the classrooms they will one day teach in. The communication majors do not have the same opportunities as the science students have. They lack the equipment that their future employers will use. Many students cannot rely on an internship to learn what they need to be learning in classes. The library study rooms and Ketner computer labs are also very important to a student's success. It is necessary to update the computers, and make the study rooms more sound proof. An additional server will be beneficial when the desire to have more students attend Catawba comes to fruition. There is also a need

to improve the dance studio, because we are a campus that has a very good theater department. The band room will no longer fit the amount of students that play in our new marching band.

Students also need a place to relax, and distress from the day. Walking around campus on a nice day a person is likely to see students playing disc golf, ultimate Frisbee, and laying outside on the lawns. It is the picturesque scene on a college campus. The space to enjoy the nice day is so important to students. Of course the desire for an outdoor pool like High Point University was brought up. The Chapel is a source of pride for this institution.

2. What does having adequate facilities and maintenance help you be successful Catawba student?

Having these facilities that reflect our curriculum is so important for students. As students we will be able to enter into the work force ready and able. Some of our students have gotten internships, because they are knowledgeable about certain equipment. The key work in the question is maintenance. It is often said that when your living space is clean and orderly you are more likely in a happier state. The College has gotten some very nice things from our donors over the years, such as the composter that is going unused. This school struggles to use these things to their full potential. They also are very poor at maintaining what we do have. If we took better care of some of our equipment we would not have to worry about replacing it.

3. What does the College do well that support your educational and student experiences?

The College has a fantastic housekeeping staff. They are very efficient at cleaning throughout all of the buildings. Most are personable, and would love to have conversations with you. This friendly atmosphere they create can at times be more important than the work they do. We are very appreciative of the response time to calls for clean up late at night. Facilities have come out in the past month for the hot water motor breaking, broken windows, and vomit. These staffs make it easier for the students to live in the dorms, and work in the other buildings.

Announcements

The ten minute scene auditions are being held on March 24th. The Blue and White game will be March 31st.

Rachel Cone moved and Gail Murray seconded to adjourn the meeting at 10:17 p.m.