

Catawba College
Student Government Association

Minutes: October 23, 2008

Canon Student Center

A regular Congress Meeting was called to order by President Cecilia Runge on Thursday, October 23, 2008 at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Government Room of the Canon Student Center. Quorum was present with David Idol sitting in for Senior Senator Derek Paschal. The minutes from the previous October 9, 2008 meeting were read and approved with corrections by a motion from Sarah Morse and a second by Kenzie Brogden.

There were two concerned students present. Felicia Youngblood presented the concern after reading prior minutes that Congress meetings were being used for unuseful items, and that nothing had really been done for the students of Catawba. Discussion then followed on this concern, stating that the items on the agendas of previous meetings were to improve the working government body of Catawba so that we can help students. Other discussion followed with ideas of improvement being that all members of Congress know Parliamentary Procedure and that more students come to Congress meetings so that they know what is happening, and so that they may voice their concerns. The second concern voiced by Felicia Youngblood was the lighting on campus near the new addition to the student center and around the Goodman dormitories. Cecilia Runge stated that Dean Dan Sullivan had been notified of this problem and is working on the issue. The second concerned student, Katie Hauser, brought the concerns of parking near the dormitories. Kevin Flebbe stated that parking is an issue of convenience, and that a committee was being formed to work on the restructuring of parking for students.

Presidents and Committee Reports were stated as an option by President Cecilia Runge. Megan Spidell spoke on behalf of the Student Issues Committee and stated that their forum would be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. in Tom Smith Auditorium. They have put in a budget request to address some of the concerns they have been working on, and that the hand sanitizers and bike racks were still in the works. Kenzie Brogden spoke on behalf of the Special Events Committee and stated that Homecoming was over, and they were excited with the events. Also, they are working with Alpha Chi and the Political Science club on the Elections Bash on November 4, 2008 from 7-12. Kevin Flebbe spoke on behalf of the Finance Committee and stated that the last budget hearing would be on Monday, October 27, 2008 at 9:00. Stephanie Hill spoke on behalf of the Public Relations committee and stated that the committee had undergone a major revamping and that now blank documents found on the internet would be available for clubs to submit their advertisements and for the committee to place them around campus. Katie Hill spoke on behalf of the ICC and stated that they would have a meeting on Monday before the Budget Request Meeting to tell the clubs about the new Public Relations ideas. Lucy Scott spoke on behalf of the sophomore class and stated that they had made \$170.00 off selling Homecoming t-shirts. They also had a 25-person turnout at their Homecoming Event Are You Smarter than a Sophomore? She also stated that she was disappointed with only six SGA members being present at the event. Megan Spidell spoke on behalf of the senior class who have finished their requirements for the semester, and that they were going to enjoy being a senior for the rest of the semester. Autumn Hamilton spoke on

behalf of the freshmen class who stated that their community service event was happening on Saturday, October 25, 2008 and that they were thinking of a date auction fundraiser for next semester. They also would be selling glow sticks on Friday, October 24, 2008 at the Corey Smith Concert. John Gurski spoke on behalf of the junior class who stated that they have a movie night coming up in November and that they are still working on the brick project. Melaney Porter suggests that they look at the bricks on Liberty Street for an example. Cecilia Runge spoke on behalf on Cabinet who stated that she met with the Academic/Student Affairs and Board of Trustees where she presented the revamped SGA and many of the concerns that had been brought up thus far such as Age 23 rule, Parking/lighting, inconsistency with Public Safety and the quality of the food.

Old Business:

Computer Services would like to hear the areas where they could improve on service. Kenzie Brogden moved to limit discussion to 15 minutes, Lucy Scott seconded. The discussion began at 9:43, with Stephanie Hill recording and the discussion ended at 9:58. The next area of business was Public Safety, and Kenzie Brogden moved to limit discussion to 10 minutes and Lucy Scott seconded. The discussion began at 9:59 and Stephanie Hill recorded; the discussion ended at 10:05. The last area of Old Business was the lunch forum. Stephanie Hill recorded the members of Congress that said they would be in attendance. President Cecilia Runge asked for members to email or tell of some ideas for structure or an agenda for this meeting.

New Business:

Stephanie Hill presented the idea of a SGA BRAND. The idea was presented and discussed with the idea of an emblem being tabled by Katie Hill and Lindsey Jordan seconding. President Cecilia Runge spoke of the end of the year event and stated the date would be November 23 and asked if bowling was a good idea. Ideas were thrown around about gift exchange, etc.

Concerns:

Melaney Porter stated that the first Catawbapalooza meeting would be Tuesday October 11, 2008 at 11:00.

Cindy Cook spoke a concern about the spring semester being 1 week short. Advisor Dr. Clapp suggested that the reason for this was just a mistake in counting. Katie Hill stated that many ideas to fix this problem were brought to Academic Affairs and none of the ideas had been received well. Advisor Dr. Clapp stated that Congress might want to go on record about fixing this problem. President Cecilia Runge stated that someone might draw up legislation to bring before Congress.

Mary Black made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Melaney Porter seconded. The meeting was adjourned by President Cecilia Runge at 10:47 p.m.