

Catawba College Student Government Association

February 2, 2006
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center
9pm

Welcome:

President Danielle Petrin called a regular meeting to order at 9:00 pm. Quorum was present with all members in attendance except for Tiffany Cox. Kelly Phillips arrived tardy after the meeting began. Jake Thaggard motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. Colby Winston seconded.

Old Business:

A. Committee Reports:

- 1) **Elections Committee:** The Elections Committee has met and discussed the upcoming elections of officers for next year. The dates will follow the regular SGA minutes, please see the attachment. The committee is working on making the transition from paper to online ballots easier and more successful.
- 2) **Social Committee:** This group has met to discuss the upcoming Inaugural Ball. A final date has not been decided for the event.
- 3) **Student Comfort Committee:** The Student Comfort Committee has met and is still working on the Student Center area. They hope to make it more student friendly and have more activities available. The committee is also working on cafeteria food issues.
- 4) **Residence Life Committee-** This group is also still working on the Student Center by organizing the final details for a help desk that would provide an organized way to check out game materials. They are also working on lights for the intramural fields/courts.

B. Presidents Reports:

- 1) **Senior Class:** The Senior class has been continuously working on their Birthday package fundraiser. They have completed five packages already this semester and will be doing five more this week. They have over one thousand dollars in their budget. The group is also working on helping with the Talent Show during Black History Month.
 - 2) **Junior Class:** The Junior class is helping out with the Black History Month Dance. They are still considering community service options. The group has been selling lollipops, which they will continue to work on this semester. Their social event will be collaboration with other classes at the SGA Late Night.
 - 3) **Sophomore Class:** The Sophomore Class is helping to advertise for Black History Month events. They are also working to plan the Faculty Luncheon that they will host again this year as a fundraiser.
 - 4) **Freshman Class:** The Freshman class is doing a movie night fundraiser on February 13 and 31st and March 1st. They will show movies to students for free and charge small amounts of money for concessions. They are also planning a Western Night as their social event for the semester. For community service, they plan to organize a food drive for Rowan Helping Ministries, the local food pantry that is in desperate need of food.
- C. **Sophomore Class:** The Sophomore class has chosen Daniel Robertson to fill their open space for secretary. Daniel Robertson attended the meeting and was unanimously approved to fill the open position.
- D. **Constitution Changes:** President Danielle Petrin called for all class Presidents to state their class's approval or disapproval for the amendments to the SGA Constitution. All four classes have met to discuss the amendments and agreed to approve them. All Congress members took a final vote and the amendments to the Constitution were passed.

New Business:

- A. **Earth Day:** Jay Johnson addressed SGA Congress asking for their help with the Earth Day Celebration for this year. The celebration is set to be a partnership between the Catawba College Center for the Environment and Downtown Salisbury. The dates will be April

21st/22nd. On Friday, there will be downtown shopping available after hours and live music. There will also be a Sustainability Showcase. Most of the events on Saturday will be at the Center for the Environment. There will be lots of outdoor music and activities. Jay asked if SGA members would be willing to help that day with whatever needs to be done for the event. SGA agreed to assist.

B. Valentines Day Dinner: Again, this year, the cafeteria is working towards having a formal meal for Valentines Day. Last year, the event was a huge success with a great meal and formal atmosphere. SGA members helped with the event by serving their fellow classmates and have been asked to do so again this year. SGA members agreed to help again this year. The date has not yet been finalized.

Announcements:

- A.** The next meeting will be February 16th at 9pm.
- B.** Class Meeting minutes must be turned in to President Danielle Petrin by the next meeting.
- C.** There will be an SGAC meeting this Monday at 9pm.
- D.** The Theatre Department will feature “All of the Above” this week, February 8th through the 11th.
- E.** There will be Men’s and Women’s Basketball games this Wednesday, February 8th at 6 and 8pm respectively.
- F.** A Catawba Late Night Event sponsored by the SGA is planned for Friday, March 24th from 9pm-1am.

Jeffery Smith addressed SGA Congress with concerns that student’s voices are not being heard at the Administrative level. He talked about feelings that many possible solutions to problems or alternatives are shot down before careful consideration. Other Congress members added their concerns on this issue and members considered having President Knott come before SGA Congress to address these concerns. Elisa Alfieri motioned that SGA Congress offer a friendly invitation for Dr. Knott to join us at our next Congress meeting. Robert Jenkins seconded and the vote was unanimously approved. The details for what will be done regarding this concern are not yet finalized.

Adjournment:

Shannon Mayo motioned to adjourn the meeting and Jake Thaggard seconded. The meeting ended at 9:54pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elisa A. Alfieri
SGA Secretary

Election Dates:

March 13-19: Cabinet Election Packets are distributed

March 19-27: Cabinet Election Campaign Week

March 27-29: Cabinet Elections

April 3-9: Class Officer Election Packets are distributed

April 10-16: Class Officer Campaign Week

April 19-21: Class Officer Elections

During Cabinet Elections, there will also be elections for Senators at Large, Mr. And Mrs. Catawba. and Faculty and Staff Elections.