

Catawba College Student Government Association

November 17, 2005

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, Colby Winston, Kelly Phillips, and Richard Dunbar. Robert Jenkins read the quote of the night. Robert Jenkins then motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. Kristen Love seconded. There were three opposing votes due to a discretionary call to correct a few minor changes. T.J. Wydner then motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. Robert Jenkins seconded. The motion passed and the meeting began.

Old Business:

- A. Crosswalk Petition:** President Danielle Petrin referred to a written and revised copy of the previous petition introduced at the last meeting. After working with Dr. Girelli, she presented the final copy to be used in order to gain support for safer crosswalks on campus. Alex Will motioned to accept the crosswalk petition for use and Jake Thaggard seconded. Each SGA member was asked to gain as many signatures from the Catawba Community as possible. There will also be a table set up on Wednesday, November 30th during lunch with SGA members asking for involvement in signing the petition.

- B. Club Incentives:** A copy of the Catawba College Club Incentive Program that the Student Government Appropriations Committee drafted was presented to all members in attendance. The program will be used to encourage and reward clubs on campus for being involved in the campus community throughout the year. A list of the specific Club Incentive Program Guidelines will be attached for further viewing. Jake Thaggard motioned to adopt the new Incentive Program guidelines and Al DeColli seconded. The group discussed whether or not Wigwam would be included in the program. Wigwam will not be a part of this program because their sole purpose is to provide programming on campus, which they do

through separate funding. SGA members also wondered if SGA classes would be included. SGA classes will not be included in this program because they are bound to community service and programming through the Student Government Association. The SGA Congress accepted this program and voted in favor of it and passed the motion for the Catawba College Incentive Program Guidelines. In the future, the annual winners will be announced at the annual Awards Ceremony on campus.

New Business:

A. Student Conduct Board: Jenna Page, Chair of the Student Conduct Board, addressed the SGA Congress about changes being made in the SGA Constitution in regards to the Judicial System. Page said that there is an overall difference in information about the Judicial System printed in the Student Handbook and the SGA Constitution. Page shared this information with SGA Congress in regard to the specific changes that are being made to make these two documents the same. For specific changes, please see the attachment provided. Congress members asked for more clarification in regards to their role in the process of changing the document. Jenna Page said that her committee would present the new document to the SGA Congress who would then have an opportunity to approve it, thereby amending the SGA Constitution to reflect the same policy as the Student Handbook. This will all be done at the first meeting of the new semester in January. Until the changes are made to our SGA Constitution, the Student Conduct Board will operate under those conditions provided in the Student Handbook in order to assure that all students have had a fair chance to understand the expectations of the Board. Some of the changes in wording are modeling an effort to reduce the similarity between traditional courts of law and the Catawba College Student Conduct Board. Jenna Page also hopes to make the College Conduct Board a stronger entity on campus by adding members who will help in providing quorum for meetings and allow cases to go through in a more reasonable amount of time. Katie Akers, the Student Conduct Administrator, is currently working on these changes. Again, a copy of the specifics of Page's presentation will follow.

B. Christmas Tree Lighting: Our Student Government Association has been asked to help out with the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony at Catawba College. This annual event brings together the Catawba College Community in order to celebrate the Christmas Holiday. We have been asked to provide assistance with this event by decorating the Student Center prior to the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. The Catawba SGA will meet on Monday, November 28th at 3:30 to decorate the Student Center and will help serve refreshments at the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Wednesday November 30th. The Freshman class and a few other class officers have volunteered to serve these refreshments. We will also be participating in the annual can drive that accompanies the Christmas Tree Lighting by asking faculty and staff members to buy cans that we will sell before the event. These cans will all be donated to those in need. The extra money raised from selling the cans will be put towards a Christmas dinner for a family in need.

Announcements:

- A.** The next meeting will be December 1st at 9pm in the SGA Room.
- B.** Committee Reports will be do at this meeting including a summary of the semesters activities.
- C.** Sweeney Todd will play Friday and Saturday at 7:30pm.
- D.** The Basketball team will play this Friday and Saturday at home.
- E.** SGA Congress will have its Christmas event at Woodleaf Lanes Bowling Alley on December 8th at 8:30pm.

Adjournment:

Shannon Mayo motioned to adjourn the meeting and Robert Jenkins seconded that motion. The motion passed with one objection and the meeting ended at 9:46pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SGA Secretary