

**Catawba College**  
**Student Government Association**

**Minutes: September 01, 2008**  
**Cannon Student Center**

An Emergency Congress Meeting was called to order by President Cecilia Runge on Monday, September 01, 2008 at 9:01 p.m. in the Student Government Room of the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present with Junior Class Vice President Amanda Sowards sitting in for absent Junior Class Senator Kyle Ganow.

Old Business:

President Cecilia Runge explained the reasoning behind the emergency congress meeting. President Cecilia Runge explained that she vetoed the vote for the SGA Advisor for the year 2008-2009 for a few reasons:

1. Congress did not receive the correct/clear articulation of the SGA Advisor position as it reads in the Constitution, and therefore, Congress was suppose to choose 2 Advisors and We, as a Congress, were in breach of our Constitution.
2. Congress expressed concern to President Cecilia Runge that they felt as though the nomination/decision was hasty.

After these reasons were placed in the open, Lindsey Jackson moved for discussion to reconvene on the Old Business issue. Megan Spidell seconded. Kenzie Brogden subsequently made a motion to limit the discussion period to a thirty-minute maximum. Lucy Scott seconded the motion. Discussion then began with Lindsey Jackson expressing her concern that Dean Dan Sullivan and Lesley Hill must be an iatrical part of SGA and therefore needed to be advisors in some way. Derek Paschal agreed. Kenzie Brogden asked for a reading allowed of the voting distribution from original vote. Secretary Stephanie Hill, read the voting results allowed. Lindsey Jackson

moved to end the discussion. Lucy Scott seconded. With a vote pending Megan Spidell asked for clarification that the vote Congress was casting was for only SGA not the Executive Board Advisor. President Cecilia Runge confirmed the notion. John Gurski, asked if the Congress as a whole should know of a possibility of person of choice for the SGA Executive Board. Cecilia Runge then asked each Executive Board member if there would be a problem against Dean Dan Sullivan as the Executive Board Advisor, hearing none, Cecilia Runge concluded to Congress that Dean Dan Sullivan would probably be the top choice of SGA Executive Board. Megan Spidell moved for a secret ballot vote. Kenzie Brogden seconded. Vote was tallied and results were as follows:

Lesley Hill-12  
Dr. Clapp-7  
Dan Sullivan-6  
Dr. Bolick-1

#### New Business:

Megan Spidell moved to begin discussion of SGA Executive Board advisor. Lindsey Jackson seconded. Megan Spidell stated that the Executive Board Advisor must be utilized by SGA as a whole. Lindsey Jackson states that Dean Dan Sullivan must be the clear choice. Many agree. The idea is presented if there will be an amendment made to the Constitution to outline the responsibilities and obligations of the SGA Advisor. Guidelines were then discussed and the results are as follows:

1. Attendance Policy to Meetings- 75%
2. Executive Board Advisor is optional
3. Class Officer Advisor guidelines should be defined in greater detail
4. Group being advised can override with a majority vote
5. Advisor only speaks when asked to advise.

Lindsey Jackson clarifies that as Congress adjourns on this night, all will leave knowing that the SGA Advisor Positions will be offered to Dr. Clapp and Lesley Hill, and the Executive Board Advisor Position

will be offered to Dean Dan Sullivan. President Cecilia Runge confirmed.

### Concerns:

Kenzie Brogden wanted to clarify that when she states a conversation has been exhausted this means that all options are on table and not that everyone is just tired and ready to go home.

Megan Spidell voiced a concern of how a 5/13 vote was counted as a majority. President Cecilia Runge explained that the abstention votes were not counted as “no votes” and this caused the 5/13 “yes vote”.

Vice President Katie Hill reminded everyone of Freshmen Elections and that everyone who could needed to sign up to help with table duty.

### Adjournment:

Megan Spidell moved to adjourn the meeting. John Gurski seconded. The meeting was adjourned by President Cecilia Runge at 10:34 p.m.