

Catawba College

Student Government Association

February 8, 2007
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

A regular meeting of the Catawba College Student Government Association was called to order at 9:05pm by President Alex Will. Quorum was present with only Laura Jollay (Ross Scallan), Hilah Teague (Lauren Ebersole), and Katie Hill (Abby Brown) having excused absences. President Alex Will asked congress to take a few minutes to review both previous meeting minutes before being approved. Amendments to the Nov. 30th minutes were to change Emily Hoffman to Emily Horton, Martin Luther Kind Jr. Day to Martin Luther King Jr. Day, and the date of Deal or No Deal from April to March.

I. Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Updates

- John Poulos stated that the Catawbapalooza Committee was still waiting on the money from Jan Gillean to get everything approved.

II. Old Business

A. Black History Month Update

- Tiffany Cox had previously asked Congress to kindly help out during the events of BHM, so President Alex Will assigned each class the following events to help with:
 - Senior Class- Feb. 18 from 5-6 pm in Hurley Rm- Angie's Play
 - Junior Class- Trivia Questions
 - Sophomore Class- Feb. 28 at 5pm decorate and breakdown after Dinner in Community Rm.
 - Freshmen Class – Feb. 20th from 8-10pm- One Night Only
 - Senator-at-Large/ Cabinet- Feb. 12 set-up 5:30pm and breakdown 7:30pm- Jazz Band

III. New Business

A. Board of Trustee's Luncheon

President Alex Will stated that the Board of Trustee's Luncheon will be held on Feb. 19th at 12pm in the Community Room. He stated that since the turn out for the last Luncheon was not so great he will make a preference to non-congress members first then it would fall in with classification (Sr., Jr., Sop., Fr.

B. Amendment # 2- "SGA Officers at Harlaxton"

Megan Spidell made a motion to discuss Amendment #2 and Colby Winston seconded. President Alex Will stated that copies will be in each member box to discuss at each class meeting by Monday night. Kevin Flebbe stated that Katie Hill and him will be at Harlaxton next year for a semester and feels that they should still be able to keep their position in SGA and just have someone sit in for them and just be periodically updated while over in Harlaxton. Megan Spidell asked if the program will

be a semester or for the entire year. Kevin stated that it would only be for just one semester. John Poulos asked if someone sat in for them would it be for the entire year. Kevin stated no it would be just until they returned. Danielle Petrin asked what would happen to the scholarship money given to SGA congress members. Kevin stated he was unsure about that matter. Ross Scallan asked how would they stay in contact with what was going on here. Kevin stated through emails and phone calls. Kevin also stated that he really wants to stay in SGA and stay in contact with what is going on. John Poulos asked if he would tell the student body about him leaving on the elections ballot. Kevin stated that he would be fine with putting that alongside his name on the ballot. President Alex Will stated that this amendment would be going to each class to discuss at their meeting and asked Kevin if he would be willing to go to each class meeting to discuss it more with them. Kevin expressed that it would not be a problem. Alex Will also stated that 3/4ths of the classes would have to pass in voting and unanimously through the class before we could bring it back to congress to vote on it. Nicki Vaughn stated that we need to vote for others not just how we feel. Ask around to other students about how they feel and get their opinions on this matter.

C. Creating a more intellectual community

President Alex Will said Dr. Silverburg asked about the effect on intellectual community of ourselves not just admissions. SGA needs to be role models such as stepping up. Other ideas: Danielle Petrin stated that Ben Smith does study groups during exam times and funds the money. If maybe we initiate that and start it early it would be successful. John Poulos stated that Career Services and Academic Center needs more advertising. Megan Spidell said the professors need to work closer with SGA and student instead of saying "hey your grades are falling" but leading them to the right help. Colby Winston stated that each student has a different learning style, work with the professor, and help students learn their learning style. Danielle Petrin said Lilly Center has lots of programs like retreats maybe SGA could team up with them. Mary Kate asked for a point of privilege to use the restroom. Alex Will said Dr. Silverburg should have lecture series to bring in different speakers in to give lectures about different issues. Megan Fulsom said we should bring in speakers on topics like the first year seminars. It would be an easy way to start getting more information out to other students. Kevin Flebbe said lectures are not interested and boring. Emily Horton expressed a statement that advertising needs to be better and the time frame is just too long and demanding for us. Current events as a topic would be a great idea. Danielle Petrin said the Board of Trustees may be more willing to fund a good speaker and the professors could reward students 10pts on one of the tests in the class. Colby Winston said that it should be in the Student Center instead or in Tom Smith. Elisa Alfieri stated too much stuff is going on. Megan Spidell stated that the Tune In game was interesting and we should use a jeopardy type game to present questions. Ross Scallan said we could join up with another organization. Alex Will said if any

committee volunteers and if interested contact him. Cecilia Runge stated that the sophomore class would take this up with Mary Kate's help.

IV. Concerns

Nicki Vaughn stated that the clock in the Student Center does not work and the clock in McCorkles is not working as well. Matthew Jamison and Megan Spidell both expressed concerns about the time frame of work orders being completed, they are having problems with orders not being looked into. Mary Kate said to give them one or two day if not done contact Dean Sullivan. Abby Brown asked for a point of Privilege to go to the restroom. Emily Horton said the cable cord in the common area in the lobby area in Woodson keeps getting stolen. Mary Kate said to put up a sign about it will only hurt themselves by keep stealing it. Alex Will stated to put a clamp over cord so it will need a wrench to remove it. Keith Brown said the clamp is a good idea to keep it from being stolen. Vice President Richard Dunbar expressed a concern about the fire alarms in SR. Mary Kate said they find the person they will be fined. Elisa expressed we can not be charged for everyone's actions and charges due. SGA need to get more involved. She also stated that if we as SGA are not here to help the concerns of other students we are not helping out and are here for the wrong reason. John Poulos said we should reward the person who turns the person in. Colby Winston said a glass box should be in place. Danielle Petrin said a private drop box to disclose names anonymously. Lauren Ebersole said people from other dorms could come to other dorms and pull the alarm and we would no know. Kevin Flebbe said that we need to get the fire alarms that have spray paint or fluorescent light. Mary Kate said she will talk with Dan Sullivan and bring us back details.

V. Announcements

- A. Presidents and Committee Reports due Next meeting!!!!
- B. As you like it and Macbeth—Every night this week
- C. Tennis- Saturday, February 10 at 1pm vs. St. Andrews
- D. Men's and Women's Basketball- Saturday, February 10 at 2 & 4pm vs. Newberry

VI. Adjournment

Matthew Jamison motioned to adjourn the meeting and Colby Winston seconded. The motion passed with a majority vote with Kevin Flebbe providing the only opposing vote. The meeting ended at 10:13pm

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Foye