

Catawba College

Student Government Association

Minutes: December 1, 2011

Cannon Student Center

Congress was called to order by President Yakir Malul on Thursday December 1st, 2011 at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Government Room in the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present with the following absence: Kyle Hendrick, Cory Kluttz, Dr. Clapp, and Steffanie Jimenez. Rachel Cone moved to forego the reading of the minutes and Stephanie Cook seconded. The minutes were approved.

Executive Board

- A. **President:** Thank you for your help with the Christmas Tree Lighting. We will have a holiday dinner on January 17th at 6:15. Please mark your calendars now so all can attend. Dr. Clapp is sick, and we have asked him not to attend so he can get better quickly. The Executive Board met to plan dates for Congress and SG AFC next semester. These dates can be found on line.
- B. **Vice President:** The gingerbread ICC competition was a success. Make sure to get all ICC paperwork in for events.
- C. **Treasure:** The first budgets are due January 20th and the first hearing is January 23rd.
- D. **Secretary:** Please get minutes to me as soon as possible.

Class Reports

- A. **Senior:** Beginning to discuss senior gift ideas
- B. **Junior:** The candy cane fundraiser went well. The Christmas Tree Lighting counted towards their event, as their event was rained out.
- C. **Sophomore:** Raised \$72.00 at the hot chocolate fundraiser.
- D. **Freshman:** Nothing to add at this time.

Committee Reports:

- A. **Student Issues:** Talking to facilities about bike racks.
- B. **Food Service:** Saw plans for what the new cafeteria will look like if they get the contract. Would like to put posters up with these pictures so students can see.

Old Business:

Lois Williams will write a letter to respond to the "1-minute application" Recommendation. Yakir Malul met with Ms. Williams. She says that 72% of students who applied last year used the 1-minute application, and 61% of the First Family scholarship recipients used the 1-minute application. It will be difficult to change the name, because a Board of Trustee member came up with the concept and the name. We can begin a proposal for this member to look at, but the application was successful. They are going to be using a universal application in the next couple of years.

The SGA voted on the banners that will be placed on the light posts around the administration and faculty circles. The choice will be posted on the SGA web page.

New Business:

The recommendation "Lowering the amount of event requirements for student organizations" was discussed. Yakir reminded everyone that these changes would not take place until next year. Rachel Cone pointed out that the statement that reducing the amount of events will reduce the money spent is inaccurate. The point of the recommendation was to reduce the minimum number of events an organization has to do to allow them to plan a larger and better attended event. This would imply that the costs of these events would increase. Christian Crifasi emphasized that it should be a goal of ours to reduce the amount of events with really poor attendance. Rachel said the wording should be changed to "preventing the waste of money" not saving money. Justin Smith also stated that this would not limit organizations to just one event. Christian said that this would help with double booking and overlapping events. Yakir said that the double booking issue is Jan Gillean's responsibility, and this recommendation would not necessarily solve this issue. Olivia Myers pointed out that weekend events can be done well, but there are not enough weekends for every organization to get one. Leah Constan Tatos said that weekend events usually struggle. Gail Murray said that if the events are really made better than they may keep people here over the weekends. Yakir said that there are plenty of organizations who put on multiple events and are still able to accomplish their "mission." He gave the example of ECO. Justin restated that we should encourage clubs to go above and beyond with the ICC competitions. Many organizations, like the Junior Class, struggle to get a date that works for all of the members. Sarah Moore said that we should include more community service if we are lowering the amount of events that are required. Rachel said that planning events are sometimes the only things that get clubs to meet. Yakir added that clubs should schedule in the beginning of the year they should not have scheduling issues. This would need to be written along with the legislation to insure that it is done fair. Justin suggested that semesters be assigned to clubs. Jana Burkhardt questioned whether or not we would need to rewrite this recommendation and bring it back. It was decided that we would vote on it, but the legislation would need to be written. Rachel moved to previous question. Steffi Cook seconded, and Sarah called a secret ballot. The recommendation passed with 12 yes votes and 2 no votes. Yakir said that someone will need to write a schedule to bring to Jan.

Announcements:

The "Deck the Stands" swim meet and the basketball teams play LMU on Saturday December 3rd. Rachel Cone presents her research on December 2nd. Shelby Regazzo has a Vernaculars Concert over the weekend. Good luck on exams! Merry Christmas and Happy Hanukkah to all!

Rachel moved to adjourn and Gail seconded. Adjourned at 9:43 p.m.