

Catawba College Student Government Association

August 25, 2005

SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

President Danielle Petrin called a regular meeting to begin the 2005-2006 school year. The first meeting of the Catawba College Student Government Congress of 2005-2006 began promptly at 9:00 p.m. Quorum was present with two members missing. Those included Tiffany Cox who was an excused tardy and Kelly Phillips. There were no previous minutes to discuss.

Old Business:

A. Swearing in of the new officers

Officers Jay Johnson, Sherri Hill, Hilah Teague, Nicki Vaughn, and Meg Kittle were sworn in.

New Business:

A. Meeting Decorum

Vice President Al DeColli discussed proper meeting decorum for the new school year. SGA Congress will begin promptly at 9:00 pm and we are to follow proper etiquette during all meetings.

B. Quotes

Secretary Elisa Alfieri suggested that each member of Congress turn in an inspirational quote that will appear on a meeting agenda sometime this school year. Each member was asked to turn their quote in by the next meeting.

C. Committee Appointments

President Danielle Petrin passed around a committee sign up sheet and asked that each member choose a committee that they would like to work on. A final list of these committees will be available by the next meeting.

D. SGA Goals for the Academic Year of 2005-2006:

- a. To provide a greater accessibility to students at Catawba College.

The Executive Board suggested using the SGA Website on Catlink to display SGA information including minutes from meetings, a calendar including SGA important events, and direct links enabling students to email President Danielle Petrin and Vice President Al DeColli. Colby Winston suggested adding the names and pictures of SGA members to the website.

- b. Improving the Student Center

President Danielle Petrin suggested that the Student Center be updated in ways that will make it a better place for students to socialize.

- c. Making the crosswalks on campus safer

President Danielle Petrin suggested adding better lighting and working with Henry Haywood from the Facilities Department in order to create a safer walk across campus. Colby Winston suggested that we create crosswalks similar to those at Pfeiffer by implementing a system that stops traffic for students. Danielle informed Congress that the City has come to inspect the crosswalk situation, although the road is a State road. Danielle commented that Officers from our Public Safety Office are working on the matter as well and that a petition may be necessary in order to create a safer crosswalk set up. Ideas that were shared included adding solar lights, a stop light, reflective paint, and rumble strips.

- d. Lighting up the Intramural Volleyball/Basketball Courts

Several members of Congress expressed that they would like to see lighting installed on the Intramural Volleyball and Basketball courts so that students would have the ability to play ball later into the evening. We need to get approval for this change first and that will be sent to our Student Comfort Committee.

E. Class Goals

Vice President Al DeColli instructed each class to gather their new goals for their class for the new school year. Al suggested that they include one goal that is on a large scale.

F. Fundraising

President Danielle Petrin suggested that the SGA do a fundraiser this year at all of the home football games. The fundraiser would consist of a “Kiss the Pig” contest where selected staff members would be asked to participate. Money jars, each with a picture of a faculty member, would be available at the home football games. The cost of each vote for the faculty member that should kiss the pig would be one penny each. The faculty member that has the most money in their jar at the end of the race would then have to kiss the pig. The money would go to the lighting of the intramural courts, student center improvement, or some other fund. The fundraiser was motioned by Jeff Smith to be sent to the Student Comfort Committee and was seconded by Jake Thaggard. The suggested faculty members include: Dr. Freeze, Dr. Girelli, Dr. McAllister, Dr. Fuller, Dr. Wear, Dr. Sullivan, Dr. Knott, Bob Casmus, Dr. Hetrick, Dr. Clapp, Dr. Chamberlain, Dr. McCachren, Dennis Davidson, Dr. Vandergriff-Avery, Dr. Bitzer, Dr. Shroeder, Dr. Green, Chris Zink, and Dr. Morris.

Additions to the Floor:

A. Shannon Mayo expressed her feelings to Congress about the new connection process for student computers. She said in order to connect to the network you must go through a complicated procedure that several students are getting frustrated with. She added that she knew of students who were still not connected to the network. Several members of Congress addressed that same concern with some agreeing and other members saying that they are connected to the internet. It was suggested that after consulting with Dean Sullivan, a survey be given to the Resident Assistants to hand out in their dorms. The RA's would then collect the forms in

order to measure the amount of students who are still having problems with the network. This issue was then sent by President Danielle Petrin to the Residence Life Committee.

Announcements:

- A. Freshman Election Packets go out on Sunday, August 28th
- B. Mandatory Budget Meeting: Monday, August 29th at 8:00 pm
- C. Convocation: September 1st at 11:00 am
- D. Football Game: Home September 3rd at 1:30 pm
- E. Next Meeting: September 8th at 9:00 pm

Adjournment:

Colby Winston motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Tiffany Cox. The motion was passed with one negative vote and the meeting ended at 10:23.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SGA Secretary