

Catawba College

Student Government Association

Minutes: February 23, 2012

Cannon Student Center

A regularly scheduled Congress was called to order by President Yakir Malul on Thursday February 23, 2012 at 9:01 pm in the Student Government Room in the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present. Rachel Cone moved to approve the minutes without corrections, and James Everidge seconded.

Forum for Concerned Students

Gail Murray brought to Congress' attention that the outdoor basketball court needs repair. She will look into it with Facilities. Christian Crafasi mentioned that the cafeteria is putting away food too early. Olivia Myers will look into it at the next Food Services meeting. Jacob Snyder is concerned about the noise level in the library study rooms. Rachel Cone will talk to the library staff concerning this issue. Em Thompson mentioned that the pool tables are in a poor state. Student Issues Committee is talking about holding students accountable in the game room with a check out system. Steffi Cook has noticed that the computer labs in Ketner have not gotten any cleaner. Yakir Malul and Steffi will talk to Facilities about this. Rachel Cone would like to recognize that Public Safety has really been doing a great job. Yakir will email Shane Flowe to let them know that the students are appreciative.

Executive Board Reports

- A. *President:*** Yakir Malul emailed the Board of Trustees describing the results of the Bookstore Survey. He also indicated that the student would not like the Provost's proposal, and in addition would not like the tuition to increase by 4% instead of 5%. The Trustees thought that this report was informative. Many replied, sparking more of a discussion. Ben Smith asserted that he felt that Juniors and Seniors would not like the proposal, but Freshman and Sophomores would like it. We disagreed with his statement. It was decided that the bookstore proposal will not be implemented, and there will be a 3.5% tuition increase and a 5% room and board increase. This will factor out to be about a 4% increase. Yakir also sat in on the Student Affairs Committee, where he was able to thank Facilities for the changes they have made to the lighting around campus. The One-Minute Application was brought up at this time. Louis Williams believes that this application is effective. Yakir shared the students' concern with the image that it presents. Overall the Board of Trustees was impressed with the leadership that we have provided. Yakir was sure to recognize that it was a group effort. He thanks his Board, Congress, and the students who responded to the survey. Dr. Clapp said that we have brought a victory to the institution, because we were diligent in articulating our concern, we backed up our concern with data, and we brought light to more issues.

- B. **Vice President:** The faculty and staff elections will be held next week online. The Executive Board Packets will be available Monday February 27th.
- C. **Treasure:** We have \$11,729.66 remaining in the budget.
- D. **Secretary:** Jana Burkhardt has put together a group of students to have breakfast with the candidate for President of the College. This will take place on Monday February 27th.

Class Reports

- A. **Senior:** The Tri Delta nominations were submitted.
- B. **Junior:** They are deciding on the judges for their event. They are considering donating the left over candy canes.
- C. **Sophomore:** They will be pairing with Wigwam for a St. Patrick’s Day themed Late Night. They will be doing restaurant cards as a fundraiser.
- D. **Freshman:** So You Think You Can Dance event will take place after break. Yakir suggested emailing the people Em wanted to judge now so he can get them there. They will be doing a pick up the highway with ECO.

Committee Reports

- A. **Student Issues Committee:** The movie rights were really expensive so they will hold off on their event.
- B. **Movie Library:** There have been donated cases. The stickers are done.
- C. **Food Service:** Met with Cory, Board of Trustee members, and engineers about the renovations. The meal plans will be changing along with the layout of the cafeteria. The hours will be 7 am to 9 pm. There will be unlimited meal choice, because here will be snack times in between meal times. The colors are yet to be decided.

New Business

There were nominations made for faculty and staff made by all students email’s before Congress, and by Congress members during Congress. Members choose five faculty members and five staff members. The people with the most amount of votes will be on the ballot next week. These are as follows:

Faculty:

Dr. Chamberlin
 Dr. Bitzer
 Dr. Fuller
 Dr. Sabo
 Hrinsin
 Spencer

Staff:

Henry the omelet man
 Jay Lawrence
 Sharon Newsome
 Janice Gillean
 Sandra (housekeeping in Ketner)

Announcements:

There is an ADP Late Night Saturday February 25th, and Vernaculars Concerts February 27th- March 1st. The elections for Executive Board will be held March 21st- 23rd. Have a safe spring break!

Gail Murray moved to adjourn and Rachel Cone seconded. Adjourned at 9:35 pm.