

Catawba College Student Government Association

October 6, 2005
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center
9:00 pm

Welcome:

President Danielle Petrin called a regular meeting to order at 9:00 p.m. Quorum was present with only one member absent, T.J. Wydner, Junior Class Senator. Jeffrey Smith motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. Colby Winston seconded that motion and the motion passed.

Parliamentary Procedure:

Sean Fox, our Congress Parliamentarian, spoke regarding proper Parliamentary procedure to be used during meetings. A sheet was given to all Congress members with references that showed which motions could be used within meetings and various other Parliamentary Procedure facts. Sean explained that a main motion has to be on the floor in order for discussion of any kind to take place. Sean said that when you make a motion you should always begin by saying "I move to....". Sean also explained that as long as there is a second on the floor Congress can talk about the issue. This procedure ends with a vote.

Old Business:

A. College Court Justices: Colby Winston told Congress that the Judicial Committee met Monday night to interview candidates for the College Court Justice positions. The Committee decided that two candidates would be acceptable for this position. Andrew Howe, a junior and Music Education Major that commutes and Alyssa Florida, a sophomore that lives on campus were the two candidates. The committee found both students to be willing to maintain the fairness and unbiased positions of College Court Justices. Both candidates were voted on by Congress and with both

receiving a 2/3 majority vote, they have been granted positions on the College Court until they graduate.

- B. Crosswalk Situation:** President Danielle Petrin said that she met with Henry Haywood and members of the Catawba College Public Safety regarding maintaining safer crosswalks on campus. She said that during the meeting it seemed as if everyone was on the same page and she has further sent an email to Senator Coates regarding crosswalk safety on campus.

New Business:

- A. Meeting Place:** Vice President Al DeColli moved to change the current SGA meeting place from the SGA room to the Tom Smith Auditorium in order to make it a friendlier and more accommodating environment for students. Colby Winston seconded that motion and it was moved to discussion. The motion had been previously and informally discussed at the Leadership Retreat. There was much discussion on the floor with Congress members addressing concerns that we need to find a less cramped place to meet that still maintains the correct atmosphere for conducting business. Congress members agreed that it was important to find a place to move to in order to better accommodate guests but were unsure that Tom Smith Auditorium was the best solution. There were concerns that the room did not have enough space on stage to fit all of the chairs necessary for Congress. There were also concerns about the vocal projection within the space. Dr. Vandergriff-Avery suggested that we allow Catawba Conferences to set up the tables and chairs for the potential meeting place. Secretary Elisa Alfieri moved to vote. Trey McNamee seconded. The vote to vote immediately failed. Alex Will motioned to amend the original motion changing the meeting place from Tom Smith Auditorium to the Student Center Lobby. Colby Winston seconded and the vote passed with a 2/3 majority. Jay Johnson motioned to vote immediately with Richard Dunbar seconding that motion. The motion passed and the meeting place for our next meeting was established. This decided that our next meeting will be held in the Student Center Lobby.

- B. Club Incentives:** Treasurer Stephani Garrett moved that the SGAC create a club incentive program. Jeffrey Smith seconded

that motion. Stephani explained that in the past we have had problems with club participation and only 11 out of 29 clubs have requested money for activities so far this year. Stephani suggested that we use the program to promote fundraising, community service, and campus wide social events by clubs. There was discussion by SGA Congress and questions to Stephani were entertained concerning what exactly would be defined as a special activity. President Danielle Petrin said that the ICC, Inter Club Council, used to handle the enforcement of these things but is currently being re-established. The vote passed with a majority rule that we should allow the SGAC to establish a club incentive program.

Announcements:

- A. The next meeting will be October 20th at 9:00 pm in the Student Center Lobby.
- B. Committee and President's Reports will be due at the next meeting.
- C. There will be a meeting next Thursday at 9:00 pm for all chairs of committees and class presidents.
- D. The Trustee Luncheon will be Tuesday, October 18.
- E. Homecoming Court Elections for King and Queen will be next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday.
- F. Homecoming Week is next week: October 10-15 with a different event going on each day. The days are as follows:
 - Monday:** Pajama Day; pillow case prizes; Powder Puff Football sponsored by the Delphinian Society
 - Tuesday:** Twin Day; drink coozie prizes; "Whose Line is it Anyway" sponsored by the Blue Masque Organization
 - Wednesday:** Super Hero Day; Catawba wristband prizes; Lip Sync Contest sponsored by the Senior Class
 - Thursday:** Celebrity Day; CD case prizes; "Family Feud" sponsored by the Sophomore Class
 - Friday:** Spirit Day; spirit bead prizes; Catawba Bonfire sponsored by the Helen Foil Beard Society
 - Saturday:** HOMECOMING!! Football Game and Dance at 9pm sponsored by the Social Committee
- G. The Homecoming Football Game is Saturday, October 15 against Newberry at 1:30.

- H. “Psycho Beach Party” will play two final shows this Friday and Saturday night at 7:30p.m.
- I. The Next Budget Meeting will be October 17 at 9:00 pm. This will be the final SGA Budget Request Meeting of the semester.

There was a small discussion at this time regarding the mindfulness of respecting our team name and mascot during Homecoming and all other times.

Adjournment:

Colby Winston moved to adjourn the meeting and Jake Thaggard seconded. The motion passed with only one opposing vote and the meeting ended at 9:55pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elisa A. Alfieri
SGA Secretary