# Catawba College Student Government Association

## January 19, 2006 SGA Room: Cannon Student Center 9pm

### Welcome:

President Danielle Petrin called a regular meeting to order at 9:01 pm. Quorum was present with all members in attendance. Robert Jenkins motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. Colby Winston seconded. The meeting began after Al DeColli read the quote of the night.

#### **New Business:**

- A. Athletic Training Club: John Poulos spoke before Congress asking for their support in creating a charter for the Athletic Training Club. The club has been active in community service projects including visiting the Nazareth Children's Home. They also plan to do a Blood Drive this semester. The club is open to all students and is a way to recognize athletic trainers on campus and others who seek to be a part of the health care profession. Jeff Smith motioned to approve a charter for the Athletic Training Club and Colby Winston seconded. The motion passed and the Athletic Training Club is now officially a chartered club at Catawba.
- B. Exam Schedule: President Danielle Petrin called for an open discussion of the exam schedule that was used this past semester. SGA Congress members had mixed emotions about the additional time added to exam periods. Some members noted that the extra time gave them the ability to think more clearly about what they wanted to write on the comprehensive essays they were given. Other students felt that the exam periods were too long. There was other discussion in regards to students not having enough time to move out of their dorms before they closed following exams. Many students expressed that they would have liked to have a weekend in between their exams as they have in years past to study and take time off from the stress of exam preparation. Students

also suggested that they would have preferred to have a weekday as a study day rather than a Saturday. The question was also brought up of whether professors would prefer not to have to come in from 6:30 to 9:30 to administer TBA and make up exams. The purpose of the discussion was to give President Danielle Petrin a better idea of students' wishes in regards to exam scheduling.

C. Constitution Changes: SGA members were asked to review three pages of changes being proposed for the SGA Constitution. The purpose of the proposed changes is to operate under the correct rules that have been created for SGA and to make the constitution easier to understand for all students. The pages of changes will follow the SGA minutes. One of the major changes involves dropping the word judicial from all Conduct Board documents. This will allow for a clearer understanding by students that the board is not law-like in nature. Another key change involves taking away the set number of seven Conduct Board members in order to allow more flexibility for new members depending on the year. There would also be a change from SGA Judicial Committee to the SGA Student Conduct Committee. Other changes include the elimination of a mandatory SGA Cabinet Election speech and eliminating the need for the SGA Cabinet Vice President to attend all faculty meetings. Please see the pages that follow for all changes. Jenna Page motioned to take the pages of proposed changes to all class officers for discussion and a vote. Three out of four SGA classes must unanimously approve the changes in order for them to be brought before Congress again and voted on for passage. Dr. Girelli suggested that problems with the changes discussed between classes be recorded in order for a clearer understanding in case it is not approved. Jeff Smith seconded the motion made by Page and the motion passed.

#### **Announcements:**

- **A.** The next meeting will be February  $2^{nd}$  at 9pm.
- **B.** President and Committee Reports are due at the next meeting.
- C. The Men's and Women's Basketball Teams will play this Saturday afternoon at 2:00 and 4:00 respectively.
- **D.** A Singular Voices Concert will be held this Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup>

- **E.** The ICC/ SGAC budget hearing mandatory meeting will be held on Monday, January 23. Actual budget hearings are scheduled for February 6<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup>, March 20<sup>th</sup>, and April 10<sup>th</sup>.
- **F.** A Catawba Late Night Event sponsored by the SGA is planned for Friday, March 24<sup>th</sup> from 9pm-1am.

There was brief discussion among members about the possibility of using unused printer pages allotted to students each semester in order to make copies on campus. Students also discussed the possibility of having some form of food service available to students during Convocation for those students who would otherwise miss lunch.

## **Adjournment:**

Jake Thaggard motioned to adjourn the meeting and T.J. Wydner seconded the motion. The motion passed with one opposition and the meeting ended at 10:01 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

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