

Catawba College

Student Government Association

January 31, 2008
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

A regular meeting of the Catawba College Student Government Association was called to order by Vice President Cecilia Runge at 9:02pm. Quorum was present and no minutes were available being this was the first meeting of the spring semester so the meeting went on.

A. Forum for Concerned Students

Will Randle, a member of Catawba non-chartered club of USITT (United States Institute of Theatre Technology) expressed his concern to be formerly chartered as an organized club here at Catawba. He stated that less than 10 schools across the nation are a part of USITT. He stated that this is only the 3rd one in North Carolina. Will stated some activities that USITT took part in last semester such as Guitar Hero Tournament, helped out with Habitat for Humanity which they plan to this semester as well. They have had about 30 students to show an interest in the club but plan to have another official meeting in the next 2 weeks. Some other activities they plan on doing this semester besides helping out Habitat for Humanity are having a movie night in Hedrick and assisting with Black History Month with some technical lighting. (Abby Brown asked for a point of privilege to throw away some trash). Parliamentarian Alex Will informed Congress about a new idea of making a motion by the phrase "SO MOVED". Instead of the president having to repeat the entire motion all someone has to say is "I so moved the motion". Vice President asked Congress for a motion to discuss the approval of USITT as a chartered club. The motion was moved by Ryan Glidewell and seconded by Abby Brown. Jillian Lincourt stated that she thought they should be chartered because they were showing involvement by being actively involved in programs and activities. Hearing no further discussion VP Cecilia Runge called for a vote for the approval of USITT as a chartered club. The vote passed with a majority vote. VP Cecilia Runge congratulated Will Randle and USITT on becoming a newly formed chartered club.

B. Change in Leadership

VP Cecilia Runge stated that President Richard Dunbar had resigned his position and that she has took over leadership as President.

C. Vice-President Nominations

President Cecilia Runge stated that now that she is President the VP position is now open and would be accepting nominations. SGA Treasurer Heather Schiffhauer nominated Parliamentarian Alex Will. Abby Brown asked about a

possible nomination for Megan Spidell. Heather Schiffhauer explained why Megan would not be a good candidate due to her being chair of Social Committee, her position with the junior class, and her time constraints. Laura Jollay name was mentioned but, she stated that she just couldn't leave her class hanging like that being that she is the president of the senior class. Being that no other nominations were mentioned, President Cecilia Runge asked for a motion to recess for 2 minutes for cabinet to discuss the nomination. The motion was moved by Aly Halter and seconded by a majority of Congress. The meeting resumed at 9:13pm and cabinet approved of the nomination of Alex Will being considered for the VP position. President Cecilia Runge opened up the floor for discussion. Jillian Lincourt asked about why we were taking nominations so soon. President Cecilia Runge explained about how the upcoming election for Cabinet was so soon because we needed a VP to head the Election process now. Jillian Lincourt asked what about having an emergency congress meeting next week so other nominations could be taken in consideration. Megan Fulsom asked about how Alex Will could be VP and parliamentarian and Cecilia stated that he would be both. Kenzie Brodgen called for a secret ballot. The voting results were as follows: 9 favored, 5 opposed, and 1 abstention. I motioned was approved by a 2/3rds majority vote so Secretary Elizabeth Foye stated that Alex Will was approved as the new SGA Executive Board Vice President.

D. Swearing in of New Officers

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Secretary Elizabeth Foye swore in new President, Cecilia Runge. After that President Cecilia Runge swore in new Vice President, Alex Will and new freshmen class senator, Ryan Glidewell.

E. President's and Committees Reports

Freshmen Class: The freshmen class chose a new senator, Ryan Glidewell, and he has been a great addition to the freshman class. They are have a dance on March 14th in Crystal Peeler from 7pm-1am called Beauty and Geek. The entry fee is \$3, with \$1 charge for participation in power hour. They will be giving away an assortment of prizes including gift cards and gift baskets all themed for beauties and/or geeks. They are donating all of the proceeds to Partners in Health, the organization mentioned in their FYS common reading, Mountain beyond Mountains. They are working on advertising and decorations right now. They are creating flyers and banners to decorate campus. As far as decorations go, they are going to create a room for a beauty and for a geek in opposite corners of Crystal Peeler. They are really looking forward to the dance.

Sophomore Class: They are working on planning an outside fundraising concert on April 18th with either Desoto Jones or Jonas Sees in Color.

Junior Class: They are still interviewing for a new senator. They are still planning on doing Deal or No Deal and Relay for Life this semester.

Senior Class: They have decided to host Lip Sync during Catawbapalooza. They are still looking for ideas for the senior gifts and gifts to give back to Catawba.

Executive Board: They have been working on getting more of a voter turnout to elections so they are hosting a Big Prize Bingo. They are asking for participation from the entire SGA on this one to promote the upcoming Cabinet Elections.

Student Comfort Committee: They have not had a meeting but have found out that the juke box that everyone has been asking about will not be available until next year. They have been assigned the task of revamping the pictures in the new student center and game room with the allotted \$300 that was given.

Residence Life Committee: They have been working on some of the safety updates here around campus. They have been working with Public Safety and Henry Haywood and found that it the State of NC has allotted money for the improvements of the crosswalks.

Conduct Committee: They have not had a meeting due to there not being a need.

Social Committee: They have not had a meeting

Appropriations Committee: They have been working well this year in approving the budgets for some wonderful events put on around campus this year. The next meeting is Monday at 9pm. Budget requests are due at 5pm on Friday.

F. New Business

- a. Catawbapalooza- President Cecilia Runge asked for a motion for SGA to help out during the week of Catawbapalooza. Stephanie Hill made a motion to help out and Jillian Lincourt seconded. Aly Halter asked about the availabilities of certain days of the week. Treasure Heather Schiffhauer asked about the possibility of 2 events in one day. Jillian Lincourt asked about the Decathlon. VP Alex Will stated the events from the past event. Laura Jollay stated that we are too busy and Kenzie Brogden agreed with Laura. Lindsey Jackson motioned to postpone voting on this until next meeting. Stephanie Hill agreed and seconded the motion. With a majority vote, the motion passed to postpone the voting of helping with Catawbapalooza until the next meeting.
- b. Elections- President Cecilia Runge asked for a motion for SGA to have a Big Prize Bingo to help spread the word about the elections and the candidates running. Lindsey Jackson so moved the motion and Lucy Scott seconded the motion. Lucy Scott stated that it was a good idea especially with the national presidential election coming up. VP Alex Will asked for all races to be competitive. Megan Fulsom asked why both groups were being elected at one time what happens if someone runs for Cabinet and doesn't get it and then maybe want to run for their class. So President Cecilia Runge stated the dates on the pink informational sheet were for Cabinet and class officers would be decided later. Cecilia stated that there would be shifts for helping out that night. Cecilia called for a vote and it passed with a majority vote so Big Prize Bingo is a go.

G. Concerns

- The sink hole is getting bigger near the old entrance to the cafeteria and students are being injured. Treasure Heather Schiffhauer stated that she would call facilities.
- Lindsey Jackson expressed a concern about the lighting between Stanback and BZ. Cecilia Runge appointed Resident Life to attend to that issue.

- Leslie stated that they are in need of 2 people to apply for Conduct Board. The Conduct board hears all judicial cases and stated that no SGA members and RAs need not to apply.

H. Announcements

- Feb. 7th- Baseball vs. Newberry at 4:30pm
- Feb. 8th- Baseball vs. St. Rose, NY at 2:30pm
- Feb. 9th- Basketball vs. Tusculum at 2 & 4pm; Softball vs. Coker at 2pm; Baseball vs. Tusculum at 6pm
- Feb. 5-6- Wonder of the World at 6:55pm; Feb 7-9 at 7:30pm in Hedrick Little Theatre
- Next Congress Meeting- Thursday, Feb. 21st at 9pm
- Winterfest- Feb 23rd 10pm-1am

I. Adjournment

Lindsey Jackson motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Megan Fulson. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 10:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Foye
SGA Secretary