

# Catawba College Student Government Association

March 2, 2006

SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

9pm

## Welcome:

President Danielle Petrin called a regular meeting to order at 9:02 pm. Quorum was present with a majority of members in attendance. Laura Jollay replaced Alex Will for the evening and Hilah Teague replaced Tiffany Cox for the evening. Robert Jenkins was absent. Jeff Smith motioned to forgo the reading of the minutes and approve them. T.J. Wydner seconded.

Dr. Vandergriff Avery addressed the group, thanking them for her opportunity to be the club advisor. Dr. Vandergriff Avery is expecting and will be giving up her duties as she prepares for her first child.

## Old Business:

- A. Earth Day:** The Catawba College SGA has volunteered to help with food sales at the Earth Day Celebration to be held April 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> between downtown Salisbury and the Center for the Environment at Catawba College. There is an SGA committee in place to help plan and organize SGA's participation in this event. Committee members include Elisa Alfieri, Jake Thaggard, Daniel Robertson, Jay Johnson, Ali Perez, and Dr. Boulter. All SGA members will help to sell the food on Saturday during the weekend long event. Proceeds will benefit the Center for the Environment.
- B. Crosswalk Update:** President Danielle Petrin, Dr. Girelli, Bobby Knot, Jr., Officer Hinson, and Henry Haywood met with the City of Salisbury to discuss crosswalk safety on campus at Catawba. The lights on Innes Street will be replaced with brighter lights such as the one near Hurley Residence Hall for added lighting. There has also been discussion with the State of North Carolina about adding rumble strips to the road. The goal is to make the crosswalks safer on campus for both drivers and students crossing the road. Further updates will come as they develop.

**C. Games in McCorkles:** President Danielle Petrin expressed appreciation to the Student Comfort Committee for getting new activities for the Student Center including arcade games near McCorkles and a juke box in the cafeteria. Students seem to be enjoying these new activities and the Committee will be looking into rearranging the snack bar area to provide the best possible arrangement of activities.

**New Business:**

**A. Class Meetings:** President Danielle Petrin addressed the group reminding everyone that class meetings should be held between each SGA Congress Meeting. This enables a better line of communication and more time for classes to meet in order to discuss the events that they are planning for the campus. President Petrin reminded the Presidents of classes that they are responsible for relaying information regarding Congress events and dates.

Shannon Mayo brought up her concerns about the lock down of the student center after midnight. She said that she was disappointed that SGA had come up with alternatives to locking down the Student Center and that they had not come into effect. The student center will be locked each night around midnight to ensure that there is no theft to the building. In the future, through the renovation of the Student Center, there will be security card swipe boxes to allow Catawba students into the building after hours. In the meantime, the decision has been made to keep the doors locked in order to prevent theft because a new swipe system would not be efficient until we have made changes to the Student Center.

Al DeColli reminded SGA members to keep their doors locked in order to protect their belongings from on campus theft. There have been concerns regarding theft on campus that are being addressed by the Office of Public Safety and the local law enforcement.

SGA members also talked about their involvement in the Catawba Late Night event to be held March 18, 2006. The event will have a “casino night” theme. SGA officers, who will have proper training before the event, will man card tables. There will be food and prizes available.

Jeff Smith addressed Congress regarding Elections for next year’s cabinet officers. Information packets will be available following Spring Break. There will be a mandatory meeting for all those interested in running for

SGA on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Following the meeting campaign week will begin and will run through March 26<sup>th</sup>. Elections for cabinet officers, Mr. And Ms. Catawba, and Faculty and Staff members of the year will be March 27<sup>th</sup> through March 29<sup>th</sup>. For those interested in running for a cabinet position that have not been on Congress for a year, special permission must be obtained.

**Announcements:**

- A. The next meeting will be March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9pm.
- B. There will be a brief SGA meeting on March 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30pm.
- C. The Cabinet Election Process will begin after Spring Break.
- D. A Catawba Late Night Event sponsored by the SGA is planned for Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 9pm until 1am.
- E. Everyone have a fun and safe Spring Break!

**Adjournment:**

T.J. Wydner motioned to adjourn the meeting and Colby Winston seconded. The motion passed with one opposition and the meeting ended at 9:27pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elisa A. Alfieri  
SGA Secretary

**Election Dates:**

**March 13-19: Cabinet Election Packets are distributed**

**March 19-27: Cabinet Election Campaign Week**

**March 27-29: Cabinet Elections**

**April 3-9: Class Officer Election Packets are distributed**

**April 10-16: Class Officer Campaign Week**

**April 19-21: Class Officer Elections**

**During Cabinet Elections, there will also be elections for Senators at Large, Mr. And Mrs. Catawba. and Faculty and Staff Elections.**