

## Catawba College

### Student Government Association

Minutes: April 28, 2011

*Cannon Student Center*

A regularly scheduled Congress Meeting was called to order by President Yakir Malul on Thursday, April 28, 2011 at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Government Room of the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present with no absences. Jana Burkhardt read the minutes and they were approved with corrections.

#### **Forum for Concerned Student:**

Jacob Snyder brought up that the food is not improving and that the internet is still acting up. Yakir pointed out that there will be a focus group put together by Dr. Oxendine regarding the internet that will begin over the summer. Sarah Moore will be representing the student view in the summer meetings. Bowls were also brought up as there are no more in the cafeteria. Rachel Cone is working on getting a summary of how much they will be spending on missing items. This list will be sent to students so they can see how taking things from the cafeteria affects them.

#### **Executive Board Reports:**

##### **A. *President* –**

- a. Met with Cory Fisher to discuss the to-go boxes. They figured out a new system to keep track of how they are taken out, because the old way billed Catawba \$17,000. Students will pay five dollars at the beginning of the year. Boxes will be kept track of by quantity, but there will be no value. The five dollars will be returned to students if the ending quantity of boxes is zero.
- b. The lobbies of SR and Woodson will be renovated without our monetary assistance.
- c. Dr. Oxendine would like creative ideas for a mascot. Some discussed in congress were monarch and black snake. Sarah Matulis and Yakir did a survey of students to see what mascot they would prefer. The results:
  - i. 30% hawk
  - ii. 21% coyote
  - iii. 15% cougar
  - iv. 15% stallions
  - v. 7% owl
- d. SGA will take place in Freshman Orientation by having a gift at the mingle night. The gift will be a dry erase board with the SGA logo on it. Student can chose another picture to put on them as well.
- e. Dress code must be strictly followed. Please dress business casual. No short shorts, spaghetti straps, etc. Please use your common sense.

#### **Committee Reports**

- A. ***Student Issues***- Sarah Rossini, Ben Smith, and Rachel Cone met to update smoking zones. They will be put on the website in the form of a map as well as labeled in the student handbook. We cannot put up smoking zone signs. If students are caught smoking in a non-designated place there will be a \$50 fine. Students do have the ability to write an incident report and Ben Smith will get in contact with the perpetrator. Tonia Black-Gold will put these in the faculty staff handbook. Dr. Oxendine will hold faculty and staff accountable.
- B. ***Members gave the executive board their preferences for committees.***

## Old Business

Sarah Devlin came to talk to Congress about the alcohol policies and the focus groups that she attended. She sat on a committee of people including Ben Smith, Sarah Cook, Sarah Rossini, and Nan Zimmerman. They discussed whether or not the violation for playing a drinking game should be moved from a level two violation to a level one. The consensus was that it should not, because it is a legal issue. They would like to put signs up around the football stadium and that parking lot designating where alcoholic beverages are not allowed as tailgating at football games is allowed. They would like to allow tailgating to other sports as well as football. Letters will be sent home to parents on the first offense for liability reasons. They would like to adopt a policy which allows students to call Public Safety and not get in trouble for violating drinking rules if someone is in need of help. This is to encourage safety on campus. The freshman RAs will be targeted to go over the handbook specifically the drinking policies better.

## New Business

- A. Dr. Clapp and Erin Philips were unanimously voted in as our advisors for the coming academic year.
- B. **Disc Golf**- Colt Johnson, a representative from intramurals, requested that we help them purchase 9 catchers and concrete to create a 9 hole disc golf course on campus. This will total \$3,000. Many other schools our size and in the area have them. They are very successful.
  - a. Concerns: Will this be a liability if someone gets hurt? They should sign a waiver if they play. There should be other warnings to play safely in the student handbook, the scorecard, and the first tee box. Should this be approved by Dr. Oxendine or other school officials?
  - b. Approved as follows: SGA approves to purchase disc golf catchers for the campus at the price of \$3,000 with the stipulations that there must be clear safety regulations established and that it must be approved by the president.

## Announcements

- A. **Leadership Retreat**- This is mandatory for all SGA members. Sarah will email everyone after her meeting with Dr. Clapp about the date. It is projected to be within the first month of school.
- B. **Farewell**- Good luck on finals! Enjoy your summer break! See you in the fall : )

**Adjourned at 10:10pm.**