

Catawba College

Student Government Association

Minutes: February 9, 2012

Catawba Student Center

A regularly scheduled Congress was called to order by President Yakir Malul on Thursday February 9, 2012 at 9:01 p.m. in the Student Government Room in the Cannon Student Center. Quorum was present. Rachel Cone moved to approve the minutes without corrections, and Justin Smith seconded.

Forum for Concerned Students

Rachel Cone wanted to remind members of the Student Issues Committee to attend meetings. Gail Murray brought up Dr. Oxendine's proposal to change the school's name from Catawba College to Catawba University. Jake Snyder asked how it would benefit students. Yakir stated that it will help the school's image for prospective students. Leah Constan-Tatos wondered if it would be feasible to become a University. The proposal will require the approval of the addition of the nursing program. Rachel was concerned that the administration thinks a name change will increase student attendance rate. There will need to be other changes implemented to insure the growth happens. However, it is important to maintain the intimate feel that a college gives. Dr. Clapp stated that there is a plan in the works to grow to 2,000 students in five years. This is a large goal that, like Rachel stressed needs to be attacked in many directions. Justin said that there are great colleges that have a lot of prestige. Jake said that it will be a benefit when you are looking for a job, because some employers confuse with community colleges. Leah agreed that it would be beneficial, but for the international student growth. These students will be more apt to attend a university than a college.

Executive Board Report

- A. **President**- Met with Dr. Oxendine to discuss the bookstore results. Yakir will write a report for the Board of Trustees meeting that will discuss what SGA has been working on since the last meeting. There will be a time during the meeting for members to ask Yakir questions about his report. Dr. Clapp advised that this report be written like he would say it in a speech.
- B. **Vice President**- There is an ICC/SGAFC meeting on February 20th. The faculty staff of the year nomination email will be sent out February 20th. This will help with keeping these elections separate from the executive board elections. The Constitution describes the eligibility of candidates; please check before you decide to run.
- C. **Treasurer**- Budgets are due on February 17th.
- D. **Secretary**- I need minutes from the Junior Class. Please keep up with minutes!

Class Reports

- A. **Senior**- They will be making the Tridelta nomination.

- B. **Junior**- The event will be a lip sync on April 16th. They will be working at Rowan Helping Ministries.
- C. **Sophomore**- They are finalizing their event and fundraiser.
- D. **Freshman**- Working out the logistics to have a dance off event. April 14th they will participate in a highway pick up.

Committee Report

The next Student Issue Committee meeting is on February 13th at 6 p.m.

Old Business

- A. **Potential Book Fee**- The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees met and decided to increase the tuition by 5% next year. The book fee will be included in this increase if it is approved by the Trustees. The survey was taken by 216 people. The comments were overwhelmingly negative, so we cannot present both sides in the report. It is important to remember that supplementary materials will cost extra. For some students this could add up to hundreds of dollars. The Provost Office is who supports this. We could write letters to some of the Board of Trustees on the Finance and Executive Committee. The report Yakir will write will be against it. Some of the results are as follows:
 - a. 36.6% of students use the bookstore.
 - b. 22.2% of students buy their books online and 22.7% buy most of their books online
 - c. 33% of students buy all their books and 9.3% of students rent all of their books
 - d. 61% of students spend less than 300 dollars on books
 - e. 85% of students will make an effort to find the cheapest price for their books
 - f. 42% of students buy their books before the semester, 47.2% of students by their books during the first week of school, and 10% after the first week of school
 - g. 44.9% of students keep books that are related to their major and 25.9% of students sell back all of their books
- B. **Academic Funding**: Leah Constan-Tatos, Christian Crifasi, and Justin Smith will write a draft amendment and Executive Board with meet and finalize with them. It will then be brought to Congress to be approved.

Announcements

The Board of Trustees meeting is on February 20th. If you are interested in attending the lunch please talk to Yakir. "Dead Man's Cell Phone" is going on. The first Women's Lacrosse game is February 19th at noon. Basketball's Senior Night is February 22nd at 6 p.m. The next Congress meeting is February 23rd.

Trustees to write to:

Paul Fisher (Chairman)

Shirley Riche (Secretary)

Jim Williamson

Tom Smith

Darleen Ball

Harry Linard

Dick Seiwel

Adjourned 9:32