

Catawba College Student Government Association

November 30, 2006
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

A regular meeting of the Catawba College Student Government Association was called to order at 9:01pm by President Alex Will. Quorum was present with only Hilah Teague having an excused absence. Lauren Ebersole sat in for Hilah. Congress was asked to look over the previous minutes by President Alex Will for mistakes, none was presented, so the minutes were approved.

I. Forum for Concerned Students

Freshman President Emily Hoffman spoke about Wigwam productions having a movie night every week next semester and stated that it would be a problem with the moving of McCorkles area. She also expressed an interest in using a new movie each week through the Student Government Video Loan. President Alex Will stated that she needed to speak with Colby Winston and provide an update at the next meeting.

II. Ad Hoc and Standing Committee Updates

- Megan Fulsom stated that the Junior class had come up with an update on the design of the new SGA T-shirts. She passed around a proposed design with all SGA member names on the back. She estimated the cost to be about \$300 for all the shirts. Elisa Alfieri stated that she should talk with Jan Gillean for a lower price.

- Katie Hill and Emily Hoffman stated updates on the downloading music from Cdigix. They stated that after talking with the company willing to do this service for Catawba we (as a campus) would have to band the use of limewire. Emily stated that Cdigix and Computer Services would be discussing this further. Emily also expressed an interest to propose a referendum and forum to update the entire student population at Catawba and see how they feel about this great opportunity.

III. Old Business

President Alex Will asked for a motion for Recommendation #2 "Dissolving of the Elections Committee". Colby Winston made a motion to disclose the results of the voting from Recommendation #2 and Danielle Petrin seconded. Recommendation #2 "Dissolving of the Elections Committee" passed with 3/4ths approval representation of the classes.

Results

Freshman—passed unanimously

Sophomore---- failed

Junior----passed unanimously
Senior----passed unanimously

IV. New Business

A. Election Results

President Alex Will expressed that this past election had a great turn out with over 200 participants. Congress congratulated the Junior Class senator, Richard Dunbar for winning Vice President and will take office next semester. Congress also recognized TJ Wynder because it would be his last SGA meeting due to graduation. Elisa Alfieri asked for a point of privilege to go to the restroom and was approved by President Alex Will.

B. Committee and President's Reports

- **Freshman Class:** All the first year seminar classes decided to donate the \$300 for Save- the- Children organization for their community service project for the semester. The entire freshman SGA helped out the life-long learning program with their pizza party on Mon., Dec. 4th for their school service project.

- **Sophomore Class:** Currently is working on their community service project, Relay for Life. The scheduled date for the Luminary Service is for March 15, 2007 in the chapel. The event will be in honor of cancer survivors and in memory of those lost to cancer. The Rowan Relay for Life is helping sponsor the event, providing candles and advertisements. The event will be open to the public and candles will be sold in honor or memory of for \$5. An ICC proposal is being prepared to get other classes and clubs involved in fund-raising for the American Cancer Society. This will include selling luminaries, taking donations, etc. Also, the sophomore class is preparing their spring social event, Deal or No Deal. They will continue to run their Birthday Package fundraiser since it is doing well.

- **Junior Class:** currently is sponsoring a Christmas Dance on December 6 from 8-11pm in the student center. For a Christmas fundraiser, we are also selling "santa grams"- candy canes with messages for students for \$1 to be distributed on Friday, December 8th (last day of classes). We made \$119 on rally towels sales. We sold all but six towels so, we considered it a success. Junior class also won second place in the Spirit Bowl, which gave us \$200 more in our account. Family Feud was recently held during Homecoming Week and it was a pretty good success. Still seeking community service opportunities and any suggestions would be greatly appreciated. Megan Fulsom came up with the idea of holding a book collection for a local library. More info coming on this issue soon. Also, the junior class is creating a t-shirt design/SGA logo. More info will be presented to the rest of the SGA. They also need to replace their class senator, Richard Dunbar.

- **Senior Class:** This semester has been very successful. The senior class completed their annual homecoming T-shirt sale with a \$866 profit. The senior class has also started their lollipop sales which will be sold at the home basketball games. During homecoming week, they sponsored Lip Sync, and they were 4 awesome acts and lots of students in attendance. The senior officers had a senior class meeting to get ideas from other seniors about what they would like to donate to the college. Ten people attended the mini meeting. Some ideas mentioned were more/ new benches in Stanback plaza, gazebo outside of BZ or enhancing the intramural area.

- **SGAC:** The Student Government Appropriations Committee conducted their last Budget Request Hearing of the semester on Monday, November 6, 2006 at 9pm. Four clubs requested money at this formal meeting. We do not plan to meet again during the course of this

semester unless significant necessity forces us to do so. Otherwise, any other requests may be submitted formally to the committee for private review.

* **Nature Safe** was allotted \$669.50 for their future work with the Recycling Education Week to be held on campus from November 27th through December 1st. This includes monetary funds for t-shirts, stickers, advertisements, and various other promotional products.

* The Junior Class was allotted \$891.00 for their upcoming Christmas dance to be held on Wednesday, December 6th. This money includes a Disk Jockey, food, and various prizes and other products.

* The **Student Government Association** was allotted \$700.00 for the Martin Luther Kind Jr. Day of Caring to be held on Monday, January 15th. The approved money will help to fund t-shirts and food for participants who will volunteer their day off from school to do meaningful community service projects around our local community.

* Wigwam was allotted \$3,450.00 for the upcoming Casino Night Event to be held on Saturday, December 2nd. The money approved will help to cover the costs of games, food, prizes, and other costs associated with putting on this event.

The **SGAC** requests the honor of the SGA members presence at the events that we have funded for the enjoyment of our student body.

- Resident Life Committee: The resident life committee has met once since the food forum. Discussion has been thrown around about having another food forum next semester. Ryan Dayvault has been researching an idea for next semester. The new Research Center in Kannapolis is all about healthier lifestyles and food nutrition. There are talks about Catawba College and the Research Center collaborating together to work together in the future.

- Judicial Committee: The Judicial committee has not met as a committee since the first meeting of the semester. The committee will meet after Christmas to work on and revise the Constitution with other members of SGA.

- Student Comfort Committee: The Student Comfort Committee met right before Thanksgiving break and discussed ideas for next semester such as:

*moving around McCorkles

(Take a poll after 4weeks)

*moving of the television after desired positioning is established.

* sponsor a study break next semester

*picture contest

- update photos

- taken on campus

- no alcohol/smoking

- must be Catawba students

- 8x10 collages by class possibly to be rotated out every so many years.

C. New SGA Advisor

President Alex Will stated that Dr. Eastis resigned from being one of the SGA Advisors. He opened it up for Congress to nominate faculty and staff as a replacement. Dan Sullivan is one of the new advisor to replace Dr. Girelli and is really excited about bringing in new ideas. Mary Kate name was brought up for consideration but, President Alex Will stated that the Executive board had come up with the new advisor being someone that was a faculty not

that Mary Kate would of not been a great candidate but, we would of needed a professor that was close to the students. The Executive board would still keep Mary Kate as the advisor of the SGA Executive Board. Danielle Petrin stated Dr. Boulter would be a great person. Richard Dunbar stated Dr. Slate. Colby Winston stated Dr. Cavalier. Laura stated Dr. Greene. Nicki Vaughn stated Dr. Bitzer. Elisa Alfieri stated Dr. Silverburg. Kevin Flebbe stated Dr. Horner. With so many nominations, Congress decided to narrow the selection down to Dr. Boulter(8), Dr. Silverburg(8), and Dr. Horner(2). After a hand vote, the selection was narrowed down to Dr. Boulter and Dr. Silverburg. Nicki Vaughn made a motion for a secret ballot. After counting the ballots, Secretary Elizabeth Foye stated the results Dr. Boulter (7) and Dr. Silverburg (11). President Alex Will stated that he would go to ask the professors if they would be available to become the new advisor.

D. New Resident Life Committee Chairs

President Alex Will announced that he appointed new chairs of the Resident Life to co-chairs, Kevin Flebbe and Ryan Dayvault. Matthew Jamison asked for a point of privilege to open a window and was approved. TJ Wynder said shut up to quiet Congress.

E. SGA Christmas Party

President Alex Will stated that an email will be sent out to the entire SGA regarding more details about the Christmas party which would be on Sunday, Dec. 10th at Woodleaf Bowling from 7-9pm. There would be a \$10 Dirty Santa swap for those who participate. Colby Winston said that a mail reminder be put in our mailboxes. Megan Fulsom said we need to meet in front of Admin circle to carpool.

V. Concerns

- Nicki Vaughn said the exam schedule expressed no time to actually study. Dr. Hedrick was emailed to asked why was there no break in between the last day of classes and study day. Danielle Petrin stated that last year they talked to the authorities (Dr. Freeze, Dr. Hedrick, and Carol Gamble) that were in charge about this and they said it would not change because they make the school year calendar in advance. President Alex Will stated that we will meet with the senior class to draw for a referendum on Wednesday to have people views about the lack of study time. Updates will come soon.

- TJ Wydner thanked everyone in congress during his term as vice president and said its been fun

- Emily Horton expressed concerns about he new nameplates

- Kevin Flebbe said someone vandalized his car sometime after the last meeting. He wants to financially support the Gay/ Straight Awareness in March.

- Cecilia Runge stated that she had a great response from students wanting to be Martin Luther King Challenge leaders.

- Elisa Alfieri stated that budget requests will need to be in by early January.

VI. Announcements

A. Danceworks- Friday and Saturday, December 1 and 2 @7:30pm in Keppel

B. "March of the Penguins"- Friday, Dec. 1 @ 8pm

C. Men's Basketball - Friday, December 1 @ 8pm vs Armstrong Atlantic

D. Michelle McCaffrey and Danielle Petrin's Recital- Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 2pm

E. Men's Basketball- Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 4pm vs Clayton State

F. Women's Basketball- Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 7pm vs St. Paul's

- G. Casino Night- Saturday, Dec. 2 @ 9pm-1am
- H. Danceworks- Sunday, Dec. 3 @ 2pm in Keppel
- I. Lessons and Carols- Tuesday, Dec. 5 @ 7pm
- J. Junior Class Christmas Dance- Wednesday, Dec. 6 in the Student Center
- K. Lessons and Carols- Thursday, Dec. 7 @ 7pm
- L. Men's Basketball- Thursday, Dec. 7 @ 7pm vs. Montreat
- M. Women's Basketball- Saturday, Dec. 9 @ 2pm vs Coker
- N. Winterfest Ball- January 27, 2007!!!!

VII. Adjournment

Matthew Jamison motioned to adjourn the meeting and Megan Spidell seconded. The motion passed with a majority vote with Richard Dunbar and Colby Winston providing the only 2 opposing votes. The meeting ended at 10:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Foye