

Catawba College Student Government Association

September 14, 2006
SGA Room: Cannon Student Center

A regular meeting of the Catawba College Student Government Association was called to order at 9:05pm by President Alex Will. Quorum was present with Cecilia Runge, Dr. Eastis, and Dr. Girelli absent. Colby Winston motioned to forego the reading of the minutes and was seconded by Nicki Vaughn.

New Business:

A. Welcome

President Alex Will welcomed the new freshmen members into SGA. They are Kevin Flebbe (senator), Emily Horton (president), and Katie Hill (senator).

B. Committee's

SGA Committee Appointments were handed out to remind everyone which committee they are in.

C. Leadership Catawba

Dr. Bitzer was present to talk about Leadership Catawba. Dr. Bitzer stated that Leadership Catawba was a more formal but flexible program to help students gain more of a leadership role. He stated that there would be certain requirements students would need to allow them to obtain the 300pts to get the certificate of merit such as:

- a) 1 hr. seminar- profiles in leadership (15pts)
- b) 3 hr. seminar- Theory in Practice (25pts)
- c) Lilly center activities such as round table discussions, guest speakers, leaders in education
- d) Arts, business, and sciences
- e) Involvement in SGA, clubs, and certain classes

The 300pts would need to be obtained by your senior year to graduate with the certificate of merit with honors. There would also be a post-graduate aspect of the program were you could get Letters of Reference for jobs and graduate schools. Every student would have an opportunity to take part in the co-curriculum transcript were it would be a student initiated program in conjunction with Computer Services

and Career Services that lists every activity that you took part in while at Catawba.

Dr. Bitzer also stated that First Family (14) and Presidential (78) scholarship holders were given first preference but all others could apply as well if you had a GPA of 3.0. Dr. Bitzer stated while this is the first year this program is up and running, it would only be open to freshmen for the certificate but, sophomores, juniors, and seniors can go on the co-curriculum transcript. Colby Winston asked if the 300pts that were required could be lessened for juniors and seniors because it would be impossible for them to obtain the points but Dr. Bitzer stated he would ask Dr. Hedrick. Danielle Petrin stated about a lot of good leaders would be left out because of the GPA requirements. Also, she stated the 3.0 GPA should not be a prerequisite. Dr. Bitzer stated that GPA should be a high standard in Leadership Catawba. Preference will be given but, not always given to participants when applying to Alpha and Ambassadors. Megan Fulsom asked Dr. Bitzer about lowering the GPA requirements to 2.75 like Alpha, Telecounselor, or Ambassador. Katie Hill suggested allowing all SGA members. Dr. Bitzer stated that there will be no limitation on the number of participants in the program but limitations will be on the number in each classroom. He also stated that Leadership Catawba will be used as a recruitment tool to get like other schools such as Presbyterian, Wofford, and Rhodes. Elisa suggested that she favors the requirements for Leadership Catawba. Dr. Bitzer deeply apologized for the effects that the brochure had on SGA and the requirements. Colby motioned to close discussion on Leadership Catawba and Richard Dunbar seconded the motion. The entire congress voted and it passed by majority vote. Colby thanked Dr. Bitzer for coming to speak about Leadership Catawba.

D. Parliamentary Procedure

Laura Jollay was to review the steps to parliamentary procedure but President Alex Will asked for a motion to postpone this section. Megan Fulsom made a motion to postpone the reviewing of the parliamentary procedure and Hilah Teague seconded. The motion was passed by a majority vote.

E. Concerns

- a. Time Management
 - i. Colby Winston stated that she had a concern about time management of the meeting especially when discussing parliamentary procedure.
 - ii. President Alex Will expressed his concern about postponing this section.

- iii. Megan Spidell expressed postponing the procedure was favorable due to a limited number of other obligations.
- iv. Danielle Petrin stated the meetings should last until we are finish discussing each concern not with tiredness or just from looking at the clock.
- v. Elisa called for a division of the assembly to postpone the meeting. Nine favored, 2 opposed, and 3 absences. It was passed to postpone the parliamentary procedure reviewing until next meeting.
- b. Laura Jollay and Nicki Vaughn stated that SGA needs to show more participation in all the sporting events at Catawba.
- c. Complaints about the Dining Hall food
 - i. President Alex Will moved this concern to the Residence Life Committee
- d. President Alex Will asked if someone would like to take over the CRAZIES as the head leader because it was too much of a time constraint.
- e. Emily Horton suggested some new ideas about legal downloading available for Catawba students and she will bring more information in at the next meeting.

Announcements:

- A. Volleyball- Friday at 7pm –Newberry
- B. Volleyball- Saturday at 1pm- Presbyterian
- C. Women’s Soccer- Friday- Pfeiffer
- D. Men’s Soccer- Saturday at 2pm- Wheeling Jesuit
- E. Women’s Soccer- Saturday at 3pm- Newberry
- F. Football- Saturday at 7pm- Virginia State
- G. Men’s Soccer- Sunday at 2pm- Shepard
- H. Groundbreaking for New Dorms- Tuesday at 11:15am
- I. Next Congress Meeting- September 28 at 9pm

Adjournment:

Laura Jollay motioned to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Richard Dunbar. The motion was passed and the meeting ended at 10:03pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Foye
Secretary

