Catawba College Student Government Association

Thursday, November 06, 2008
Canon Student Center

A regularly scheduled Congress Meeting was called to order by President Cecilia Runge on Thursday, November 06, 2008 at 9:01 p.m. in the Canon Student Center. Quorum was present. The minutes of the previous meeting on October 23, 2008 were approved by a motion made by Kenzie Brogden and seconded my Lucy Scott. There were two concerned students present, Yolanda McClure and Taylor Jandes. Yolanda McClure was representing the Black History Month Club and asked on how to raise awareness and attendance at the Clubs meetings and in the coming programs. Megan Spidell suggested that the club find other clubs to help sponsor the events and that possibly the Special Events committee of SGA could help sponsor. Taylor Jandes was representing the CMENC who are concerned about the number of pianos that are available to students by way of access to Williams Music Building and Hoke Hall. Dean Dan Sullivan said that he would speak to someone about the missing pianos and access into Hoke Hall.

President Cecilia Runge asked committees and classes to report based on questions. The Junior class is planning their movie night. The freshmen class is continuing to sell the glow sticks. The PR committee is enjoying their new set-up and it seems to be efficient. The Special Events committee did a great job with the Elections Bash. The Student Issues Committee spoke of three issues brought up at their forum: Handicap Accessibility, Parking, and Environmental Science Building Access.

Old Business:

President Cecilia Runge stated that the Administrative lunch forum went very well and thanked all advisors and students for attending.

President Cecilia Runge spoke of the great support SGA has given to outside events thus far this year. She asked that we be more receptive and supportive to the inner SGA events to come.

President Cecilia Runge thanked Congress for their vote to endorse Catawba College alum, gubernatorial canididate Pat McCrory.

President Cecilia Runge stated that the concerns brought up about computer services had been typed up by Secretary Stephanie Hill and passed onto Joanna Jasper, who would be attending the next Congress meeting to address these concerns.

Tresurer Kevin Flebbe stated that the new Parking Committee, of which he is the chair, would be starting with their first meeting on Tuesday, November 11, 2008.

President Cecilia Runge stated that the issue of lighting on campus was brought to President Dr. Craig Turner who stated that an outside company would be coming onto campus to asses the lighting and make recommendations for the campus.

Vice President Katie Hill stated that Elections dates had been set and are

as follows: *Cabinet Elections: February 23-25, 2009

*SGA Elections Class: March 2-4, 2009 *Mr. And Mrs. Catawba: April 6-8, 2009

The voting will be online through a program called CampusVote! There will be 4 polling stations set up around campus.

Secretary Stephanie Hill began to discuss the narrowing down of items for the SGA Brand. Kenzie Brogden limited discussion to 10 minutes, Lucy Scott seconded. The discussion began at 9:39 p.m. Four options were brought up: a white oak tree, the fighting lantern, a gavel and a Catawba C with SGA written through. The two options voted on to send to the Public Relations Dept. to get a draft were the Catawba C with SGA and the White Oak tree. The discussion and voting ended at 9:46.

New Business:

President Cecilia Runge stated that we needed to spread the word to the student body to delete their music sharing programs such as "Limewire" and "BearShare", because Catawba College has been receiving letters threating a lawsuit if the network is not free from this illegal activity. Kenzie Brogden made a motion to limit discussion to 5 minutes, Sarah Morse seconded. Kenzie Brogden suggested the use of "Pandora". Megan Spidell suggested that an email be sent out to students to warn them. Dean Dan Sullivan stated that an email will be sent out by Computer Services, and that no one is in trouble yet, and the sites are being blocked on the network. The discussion ended at 9:53 p.m.

President Cecilia Runge stated that the SGA Cabinet had decided to sponsor the Tree Lighting Ceremony on Monday, November 24, 2008 from 4-10:00 p.m. The Cabinet has been meeting with the committee and is excited about the list of items that are on the agenda. Megan Spidell made a motion that the entire SGA sponsor the Christmas Tree Lighting Event, and Lucy Scott seconded. The motion passed by a unanimous vote. President Cecilia Runge stated that at the next Congress meeting their would be a sign up sheet passed around for members to sign up to work sections of the event. Megan Spidell stated that her Grandfather could play Santa Claus.

Advisor Lesley Hill stated that Nan Zimmerman was looking for an SGA member to serve on the Administrative Committee for Accessibility for Students and Faculty. Kenzie Brogden self nominated and Lindsey Jackson nominated Vice President Katie Hill. Advisor Lesley Hill stated that she would take both names to Nan Zimmerman.

President Cecilia Runge stated that she had received an official charge that could be grounds for impeachment and that she would now present it in front of Congress. President Cecilia Runge read from the Constitution the grounds for impeachment. She then stated that she had received a conduct violation with understanding that this could be grounds for impeachment to remove her from her position. Kenzie Brogden made a motion for Secretary Stephanie Hill to go off-book, Lucy Scott seconded. Sarah Morse made a motion to close discussion on this issue, Melaney Porter seconded. Sarah Morse made the motion for Secretary Stephanie Hill to go back on-book, Kenzie Brogden seconded.

Announcements were recorded as follows:

- *Urinetown play showing- will be made an SGA support event.
- *Food Forum- November 17 at 7:00 p.m.
- *Comedian- Friday, November 14, at 8:30 p.m.
- *Food Committee Mtg. November 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- *Cake Walk- Saturday November 8 11-1:00 p.m.
- *Junior Class movie night- Wednesday, November 12 at 8:00 p.m.

Lindsey Jackson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, John Gurski seconded. President Cecilia Runge adjourned the meeting at 10:31 p.m.