

Catawba College

Student Government Association

Minutes: October 9, 2008

Canon Student Center

A regular meeting of Catawba College Student Government Association's Congress was called to order by President Cecilia Runge at 9:00 p.m. in the Student Government Room of Canon Student Center. Quorum was present, and there were no concerned students.

The minutes for the Congress meetings of September 1, 2008 and September 18, 2008 were presented by Secretary Stephanie Hill. The minutes for the September 1, 2008 meeting were approved by a motion made by Lucy Scott and Seconded by John Gurski with a majority vote. The minutes for the September 18, 2008 meeting were approved by a motion made by Lindsey Jackson and Seconded by Lucy Scott with majority vote.

Old Business:

President Cecilia Runge thanked everyone who had participated in one of the SGA support events thus far in the year. Either the Women of Lockerbie play or the Chapel Service recognition. She stated that the attendance has begun to build moral for the group as a whole. President Cecilia Runge then asked for suggestions for upcoming SGA support events. Sarah Morse suggested the play 6330, and Melaney Porter suggested the swim meet on October 17th at 3:00 p.m.

President Cecilia Runge reminded everyone of the Lunch Administration Meetings with Catawba President Dr. Craig Turner on October 30 and December 4 at 11:00 a.m., Cecilia Runge added that this is an invitation only event and that everyone wanting to attend must RSVP to her. Megan Spidell added that the Student Issues Forum is the day before, on October 29 and this would be great to send issues from this event to the administrative meeting.

New Business:

Treasurer Kevin Flebbe presented a piece about how Catawba can begin to break free from traditional programs and explore new ideas. Reminding everyone through a game that everything gets easier as we work together and that great ideas are not born overnight. By taking time to think through issues and coming up with SGA events, Kevin suggested we could become a greater SGA.

Secretary Stephanie Hill presented the idea of a Congressional attire suggestion/guideline, in order to present a new aura or feeling about Congressional Meetings. Kevin Flebbe suggested that this could mobilize our SGA by people viewing congress members in dress clothes could bring people with concerns or suggestions to Congress meetings. Megan Spidell and Derek Paschal thought this was a great idea. Kenzie Brogden asked if this would be mandatory and suggested that to concerned students this might be intimidating. Melaney Porter suggested the difficulty of dressing up for Congress if you live off campus. Lindsey Jackson suggested that the way dressing up makes you feel would be productive for Congress. Sarah Morse suggested wearing the dress clothes all day. Megan Spidell did not support Sarah Morse's idea of the all day dress. Lucy Scott stated that now the original presentation of a suggestion/guideline had become a "dress code" and that she did not agree with the code but did not mind the suggestion of a guideline. Kenzie Brogden stated that she believed that we should not be worried about changing us (Student Government) as she believed we should be worrying about change for the student body. John Gurski stated that he did not see anything wrong with a suggested Congressional attire. Lesley Hill asked for clarification of what would happen if someone was not in dress clothes and therefore was not taking the Congressional attire suggestion. Secretary Stephanie Hill stated that this was presented as a suggestion/guideline not a dress code therefore there would be not consequences for not taking a "suggestion". Lindsey Jackson moved to vote on establishing a guideline/suggestion for a business casual Congressional Attire, Megan Spidell seconded the motion. Kevin Flebbe moved for secret ballot, Derek Paschal seconded. The motion passed with a vote of 14 to 2.

Cecilia Runge asked for President and Committee Reports to be presented orally. Megan Spidell spoke for the senior class and stated that they are still doing their birthday cake fundraiser and they completed their community service by helping out at the Habitat for Humanity Cookout. They are preparing for their tailgate on October 11 from 3-7. President Cecilia Runge asked how the use of the helium tank was going. Megan Spidell suggested it was a worthwhile purchase. Lindsey Jackson spoke on behalf of the junior class. They have set a date for their movie night-November 11 at 8 p.m. junior class presented their community service as the Operation Christmas Child and the brick project/fundraiser is coming along with the help of Dr. Craig Turner, a company was being contacted. Lucy Scott spoke on behalf of the sophomore class and presented the social event Are You Smarter than a Sophomore, on October 16, in the Student Center at 8 p.m. The class' fundraiser was homecoming t-shirts and they are completing their community service with the Purple Shoe Walk through Crisis Victims Shelter. Autumn Hamilton spoke on behalf of the freshmen class and stated that they will be selling glow sticks for a fundraiser at the Corey Smith Concert. In addition, the class stated that they would be completing their community service with Habitat for Humanity on October 25, 2008 from 12-4. They also had a team discussion about

everyone getting along. Megan Spidell spoke on behalf of the Student Issues Committee, who met on October 5. They have ordered the hand sanitizer; Lindsey Jackson is working with Henry Haywood on getting additional bike racks. The group is also working on getting 20 pictures enlarged and framed for the game room. The committee has put in a work request for the pictures being re-hung in the cafeteria, as they are also waiting on a response from RedBox. They will be having a Forum for Student Issues on October 29, 2008 at 7p.m. Kenzie Brogden spoke on behalf of Special Events Committee who is working on the Homecoming Festivities. The parade will be at 10:30 a.m. The elections are over and the winner will be crowned on Homecoming. The gifts are ordered, and the 7 convertibles have been reserved. Stephanie Hill spoke on behalf of the Public Relations Committee who is working on many events such as Homecoming, the Issues Forum, and the sophomore and Delphinian Society's social events. Kevin Flebbe spoke for the Finance Committee. He stated that the college has been put in a financial freeze situation; however, the student activities budget will not be affected. He also stated that there is no longer a student credit card and they are currently working on a solution for that. The last budget meeting, \$6,000.00 was approved and the next Finance Meeting is October 27, 2008. Katie Hill spoke on behalf of the Inter Club Council, who would like everyone to record his or her community service hours for a grant project being done by Dan Robertson. Katie also stated that Elections are finished for a while and she is working on the idea of online voting. Cecilia Runge spoke on behalf of Cabinet who is working with Dr. Turner on the Forums, changing the age 23 rule and helping with the Provost search. Also, working with Cabinet about ways to advertise.

Concerns:

Lindsey Jackson brought up a concern about the idea of online voting.

Melaney Porter suggested a box for old cell phones to be taken to the Crisis Council. Megan Spidell stated that the Student Issues Committee would set up the box for the cell phones.

Megan Spidell moved to adjourn the meeting, Lindsey Jackson seconded. The meeting was adjourned by President Cecilia Runge at 10:14 p.m.