Student Government Association Minutes

May 3, 2011

1. ROLL CALL: Evan Pacosa, Courtney Sarantos, John Pommenville, Jen Petrucci, Allie McLaughlin, Tammy Adams, Matt Waldrip, Hannah Driscoll and Torie Downs were absent. Dylan Peabody sent an alternate.
2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 26,2011: Minutes were approved

1. PRESIDENT’S REPORT: *Colleen Murphy*
2. Good evening every one. Tonight we were not planning to have a speaker, however, we recently hired a new Director to the Library and for all our returning, students we thought it would be beneficial for you to meet him before the semester ends. I would like to welcome Mr. Tom Raffensperger.

**1. Mr.Raffensperger**: Thank you for having me. I just started here last Monday. I come from Portland Oregon, where I was the assistant University Librarian. It is very interesting to see this many people here tonight. At Portland State University, there are about 30,000 students, and you would only see about half of the number of students here at a Portland State SGA meeting. If you ever feel there is any cynicism or lack of participation, you should be really proud of the representation you have here, especially at this time of year. I just want to say that I really feel that the Library is your place. We are currently working with an architect and trying to get the funding for library renovations. The focus of that are new furniture and finishings, more computers, and a laptop loan program. We are really trying to do things that are more student centered so if you have any ideas at all, please come and see me. I will do my best for all of you.

**2. Louis Cimaglia:** Do you have a time table for the renovations?

**3. Mr. Raffensperger**: Unfortunately no, like I said we are still trying to find the money for it. This will be quite a challenge. I am trying to learn the politics around capital improvement projects and how to get funding. What we are doing now is taking a little pool of money so we can work with architects to get a plan. Once we have a plan, we can present it to the Trustees.

**4. Samantha Stone:** I sat in on your interview and I just want to say I really like all of your ideas. I don’t use the library that much but the way you are describing the renovations I feel that I would use it more.

**5. Mr. Raffensperger**: Thank you. At Portland State University there are about 3,000 visitors a day. We did a lot of changes to help students, such as creating group study rooms. We got a lot of student feedback, and it worked out well. We had quiet spaces and loud spaces, and it ended up being a very popular place, which is what I would like to try and do here.

1. I move to accept Caitlynn Greenleaf as Alumni Representative for the 2011-2012 academic year. Motion passed.
2. As it is our final SGA meeting, I don’t have too many updates as the year winds down. A reminder for the Financial Aid refund presentation on Thursday at 3:30 in Wilson. I’m sending around the signup sheet. Please attend if you can. I’d really appreciate it.
3. I’m going to try and make this brief A. so I don’t cry and B. because you’ll be hearing this at the banquet next week. However, I would also like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their hard work and phenomenal efforts on all of your councils and committees, especially those involved with NEASC, Foundations of Excellence, and constitutional review. I would like to thank Barry Maloney and Sue LaMontagne for their efforts this year and constant dedication to Student Government. I would like to thank our advisors Barbara Hand and Mike Mazeika, as well as Enrique Morales Diaz for his first semester contributions, and LeeAnn Thompson for all her work as well. We would not be able to do all that we do without the staff support we receive daily from these individuals. I would like to thank my executive board for a fantastic year. Know that I would not be able to do all that I do and SGA would not be a productive, well-respected, and as well-known as it is today without your efforts. I will dearly miss all of you next year, knowing that the executive board to come will be just as fantastic as this one.
4. I’d like to thank all of you for coming every week, for reporting, for sitting through the boring parts, for your commentary on student issues, and for constantly being a student leader and student voice across campus. Without you, there is no SGA and no purpose for what I do. I will miss many of the connections I have made this year and the last four years. I wish you all the best of luck as the year comes to a close. I wish my fellow seniors the best of luck as we graduate and enter the real world. And I wish you all best of luck in years to come, because I know you will all do great things and continue the tradition of SGA for years to come.
5. Next meeting will be September 13, 2011 at 5:30 PM, in the SGA Room.
6. BOARD OF TRUSTEES’ REPORT**:** *Ryan Meersman*
7. All College Committee: **No Report**
8. Student Affairs Committee: **No Report**
9. Long Range Planning Committee: **No Report**
10. Strategic Planning Committee: **No Report**
11. Neighborhood Association Committee**: No Report**
12. Neighborhood Advisory Board: **No Report**
13. Alumni Report**: No Report**
14. Foundation Report**: No Report**
15. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-STUDENT LIFE**:** *Austin Sahagian*
16. Student Life Committee: **No Report**
17. Multicultural Committee: **No Report**
18. Food Services Committee: **No Report**
19. Health Committee: Brittany Kinhart
20. Thursday, May 5th from 12:00 - 3:00PM there will be a pet therapy day on the green. We are working with an organization called Paws for a Cause and they train dogs to be therapy dogs. They will be bringing 5 to 10 dogs for us to play and hang out with. So take a break and come see us.
21. Parking Control Board: **No Report**
22. Sustainability Committee: **No Report**
23. Campus Technology Committee: **No Report**
24. Student Athletic Advisory Board: **No Report**
25. Substance Advisory committee: **No Report**
26. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-ACADEMIC LIFE: *Tony Iozzo*
27. Academic Policies Committee: **No Report**
28. Curriculum Committee: **No Report**
29. Enrollment Management Committee: **No Report**
30. International Programs Committee: **No Report**
31. Institutional Assessment Committee: **No Report**
32. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-PROGRAMMING: *Brandon Burr*
33. Programming update: **No Report**
34. VICE PRESIDENT’S REPORT-FINANCE: *Lou Cimaglia*
35. Finance Report: **No Report**
36. SERETARY’S REPORT: *Krysta Livingstone/Samantha Stone*
37. Executive Secretary Report: No Report
38. Legislative Secretary Report: Samantha Stone
39. The Big Unit Winner for the month of April is Kaitlin Badjo for completing 11 ½ units.
40. Please send pictures for the slide show.
41. Next week’s banquet is a meeting so please come, Thanks.
42. COMMITTEE REPPORTS:
43. Rules and Regulations Committee: *Ross Beck*
44. Move to approve Constitutional Amendment 2011-18. Motion passed.
45. COMMUTER COUNCIL, CLASS AND HALL REPORTS:
46. Commuter Council: **No Report**
47. Senior Class: *Courtney Sarantos*
48. The Senior Class is working hard on finishing the last details of Senior Celebration.
49. Thank you for a fantastic year and some of you for four years.
50. Next Meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6:30PM in the SGA Conference Room.
51. Junior Class: *Meaghan MacDonald*
52. We rose over $200.00 for the hike for habitat for the past Sunday May 5th and it was definitely a hike. I was really happy.
53. The Dinner with President Dobelle went very well, with a surprise visit from Nanci Salvideo.
54. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 9th at 4:30PM in the Bookstore Space.
55. Sophomore Class: *David Getchell*
56. Tonight, Thursday May, 3rd we will be selling Little Debbie snacks for $1.00 in Courtney and Lammers Halls at 9:00PM. Look out for members of our council throughout the night; we will be going door to door.
    1. **Anthony Thomas**: Who approved selling the snacks in Lammers?
    2. **David Getchell**: The RD Kevin did.
57. We will also be holding interviews for our class Historian and Publicist during our last meeting of the year.
58. If anyone collected can tabs our council will still be donating them to Shriner Hospital. Just contact a member of our council or email us at [Classof2013@wsc.ma.edu](mailto:Classof2013@wsc.ma.edu) to plan when and where to drop them off.
59. The next meeting is scheduled for May 9th at 6:00PM in the SGA Conference Room.
60. Freshman Class: *Nico Helems*
61. We filled our council yesterday, by filling the Publicity Coordinator spot. That means we will have a full council to start the next year.
62. Don’t forget we have the musical chairs event September 15th.
63. Apartment Complex: **No Report**
64. Courtney Hall: *Anthony Oberg*
65. With our remaining funds, Courtney Hall will be having Donuts for the bulk of finals week.
66. Davis Hall: *Taylor Fote*
67. Come to our end of the year evening this Thursday. The cut out, of Rosemary, came in and it looks awesome?
68. There will be many other events all starting at 4PM
    1. **Tammy Adams**: Was there something going on Friday?
    2. **Taylor Fote**: Yes, Man hunt will be Friday Night.
69. Dickinson Hall: *Stone Koury*
    * + 1. Our end of the year event is Cinco de Mayo themed and will take place on May 7th at 3PM
        2. There will be tacos, mocktails, quesadillas and prizes.
        3. We got our t-shirts and will be giving them out shortly.
           1. **Liz Labak**: Are the t-shirts free?
           2. **Stone Koury**: Yes, but they are first come first served.
        4. Our next meeting is Scheduled for May 4th at 8PM in Dickinson Hall HC Room
70. Lammers Hall: *Kaitlin Countryman*
71. Our Tri-Hall Bonanza went over very well and I want to thank Scanlon Hall and Courtney hall for making this a great event.
72. We had our CPR class, and we all passed including me. We raised $14.00. I am going to match that so it will be $50.00 which we will be donating to a charity.
73. Our last Hall council event will be free Dunkin Donuts on May 10th and May 12th for finals.
74. Thank you for your support this year and I hope to see you next year.
75. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 5th at 7:00 PM in Lammers Main Lobby.
76. New Hall: *Alyssa Zabierek*
77. Our end of the year bash was a huge success!
78. I am really sad about this being my last report ever, but thank you to everyone who came out to the events at New Hall this past year.
79. If you are on New Hall’s Hall Council next year the residents love Pizza and Wings.
80. Our Next meeting is scheduled for May 4 at 8PM in the New Hall Conference Room.
81. Scanlon Hall: *Ali Burns*
82. Our Tri-Hall Bonanza was great. We had full attendance the entire 4.5 hours. We really enjoyed working with Lammers and Courtney Hall.
83. We started giving out shirts, (she showed an example), Please look for an e-mail, we will be sitting at a table in the lobby giving out the rest. They are first come first served. If you have any questions, see Charlie.
84. We are having a Fruit and Veggie event during finals.
85. Lansdowne Hall: **No Report**
86. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**: None**
87. NEW BUSINESS:
    * + 1. **Colleen Murphy**: I would like to take this moment to turn the meeting over to next year’s President Lou Cimaglia.
        2. **Lou Cimaglia**: Thank you, I move to close this meeting to executive session. Motion passed.
        3. **Samantha Stone**: Just so you guys know, we will be doing a roll call vote, when I say your name say ‘yes’ if you support the motion.
        4. **Louis Cimaglia**: I move to come out of executive session. Motion passed.
88. ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Courtney Sarantos*: 18 days until commencement.

XV. ROLL CALL: Brittany Moniz, Tammy Adams, Ali Burns, Mariah Harding, Kaylen Vangos, Kaitlin Countryman, Dylan Peabody, Anthony Thomas, Liz Spencer, Matt Waldrip, Hannah Driscoll, and Torie Downs were absent.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT: meeting adjourned at 7:01 PM