

**SGA Minutes**  
**January 20, 2009**

***Opening Prayer***

- Led by Seminarian Representatives

***Past Business***

Changes in staff

End of Semester Reports – ad board positions filled

***Current Business***

***Guest Speaker Jen Lenfant, Associate Director of Residence Life – Housing Lottery Day***

Housing Applications and contracts are due February 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be a roommate social next Wednesday for those who have not secured a roommate yet, check your email for more information. On February 4<sup>th</sup> there will be another Info session/roommate social to clear up any last minute concerns about the Housing Lottery. All housing and lottery information can be accessed on the website at [www.msmary.edu/housinglottery](http://www.msmary.edu/housinglottery). Jen also has an AIM screenname: mounthousing, so instant message her with any questions about the housing process. There will be a social/party on all of the housing lottery days. And if anyone has any ideas on how to make this event a success so that lottery day is less stressful email Jen or Bethany Matthews, Matt Cech, or Kristy Kuehn. This way lottery day will involve more than just picking rooms. Could someone in special housing be roommates with someone who does not require special housing. Yes! If the special housing person is the main contact on the housing application they can pick they're roommates and live in special housing. If someone in your group applied to be an RA they will be notified by January 28<sup>th</sup> if they have been hired. In situations such as this changes can be made if you contact Jen. Those living in Grad housing do need to sign a contract. The contracts for grad housing will be sent soon so please email Jen if you want to live in campus graduate housing.

- SGA Retreat – Sunday January 25<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm- Purcell. It is a mandatory event and will be counted as an absence. A lot of open discussion to promote positive ideas, unlike previous retreats.
- Service Day – April 19<sup>th</sup> 2009 – ideas? We will be beautifying the area behind Purcell with grounds work, picnic tables, a pavilion etc. There is the possibility of hosting a cookout and making the day a really big event. This is a way for us to reach out to the campus at large for those in need of service hours etc. Tom and Todd are still in conversation with Elvin and grounds crew about specifics. The area will be split into 4 parts – the creek run will be weeded and cleaned out, the grassy area farther back will be cleared out into a larger field for Frisbee etc., we would also like to clean the steps to the Grotto so that it can be reconnected to the rest of campus. Lastly, rocks and boulders are exposed from Terrace construction so we would like to plant flowers and do landscaping in that area. Could there also be Picnic tables, barbeque pits, and even a mural painted onto the backside of Purcell? Dr. Powell had the idea to clean up the seminary steps to the Grotto as well. The Seminarian Representatives will bring that to their SGA and bring feedback soon. Matt Cech and the Officers for the Class of 2010 are on the taskforce anyone else interested can email SGA. The first meeting of the taskforce will be Feb 1<sup>st</sup>. How will we get people to continue to use the space after we have finished? We hope by publicizing and showing the student body how the space can be utilized that they will continue to use it afterward. Could the mural painting class could pain the mural? The Academic Affairs will follow up. The idea was brought up about planting a vegetable garden? Herbs and the like could be used when grilling! Maintaining the garden would get people back there on a more regular basis. ESSC was also considering taking up the idea of a vegetable garden for service hours these two ideas could be combined.

## *Reports*

- **Academic Affairs** – new co-chair, Amanda Garrett; the committee is in conversation with Dean Sevick and Dr. Einolf to schedule a meeting about the Honor Code.
- **Advancement Committee- no submission**
- **CAB – no submission**
- **Campus Ministry – no submission**
- **Intercultural Development – no submission**
- **Community Outreach** – Casino Night is two weeks away. The committee has the list of prizes and is almost ready to go! But volunteers are needed to collect money etc!!
- **Commuters – no submission**
- **Dean of Students** – new co-chair Daniel Barretto, meeting with Todd; ATMs ARCC? B-Towers? General feeling was that there needs to be an ATM on East Campus.
- **Dining Services – no submission**
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee – no submission**
- **Finance Committee – no submission**
- **Graduate Student Representative** – nothing to report
- **Information Technology** – Answers to questions about printing and email. Printing budgets have been renewed. If you had money taken away please let Ralph know. If students have the same outlook as staff they cannot access their email off campus. To register your ipod touch your Mac address needs to be emailed along with your name to IT and they will register your device. General feeling was that a tutorial on how to set up Mount email on your smart phone would be a good idea, smart phones are a pure internet connection and are not connected to the network. Additionally, the committee is looking to bring on a 3<sup>rd</sup> person to familiarize that individual with the job before the current chairs graduate. Please email Ralph or Mike if interested.
- **Mount Spirit** – Homecoming is next week! Please sign up to help with ticket sales. The theme is Mount-opoly, more information is forthcoming. What is the status of getting jerseys to sell in the bookstore? We will not be able to get them until next year because of the ordering periods, but we are still in conversation. Will couples tickets for the Homecoming dance be sold at door? The committee will talk to Sean and that information will be in an email about Homecoming week.
- **Public Safety – no submission**
- **Publicity** – nothing to report
- **Recreational Services – no submission**
- **Residence Life – no submission**
- **SAAC- no submission**
- **Seminarian Representatives – no submission**
- **Class of 2012 – no submission**
- **Class of 2011** – Mount Oscars is officially in less than a month! Planning is going well and the officers are very excited. They have decided on a Homecoming event, thanks Kathryn, and will be meeting with Alex tonight!
- **Class of 2010** – FUNdraising in process, homecoming event is still in the works; will be meeting with Tom tonight.
- **Class of 2009** – The officers had their meeting with Justin. Their Homecoming event secret is out! The officers will be meeting with Todd soon. Thanks for coming to bowling, there will be another one next month. We recommend getting there early; catch the first shuttle because you may not get a lane otherwise.
- **Executive Board** – Budget timeline, Todd had a meeting with President Powell last Monday. The Executive Board will be getting new timeline for handicapped accessible doors on campus soon, construction teams are still working on AC doors. As a Fundraising plan for the 3<sup>rd</sup> century tradition idea brought up by Advancement, President Powell will be paying for a dinner at his house and an auction will be held for a seat at a table with another person. This event will be held in late March, more

information to come. In terms of a Field Day or a Random cancellation of school, the President is in favor of having a Blow out day during finals but the discussion will continue. He is also in favor of expanding the service day to include the Seminarians. The Executive Officers will also be getting a construction timeline for Delaplaine Fine Arts soon.

- **SGA Advisor** – is in DC for the Inauguration!

### ***Open Forum***

This Thursday night at 9: Free Open Mic night, donations accepted for Relay for Life

Senior Formal is the 18<sup>th</sup> of April!

Relay for Life Team for SGA in the works the more the merrier@

Ticket prices for Senior formal? After the officers find out Sean's secret algorithm for calculating ticket prices, the officers will let the class know.

Interdenominational group has formed in Campus Ministry - send Allie George an email if interested in more information.

Dining Services – Can the committee look into getting Fair Trade/Rainforest Friendly coffee? The committee is also looking into buying a reusable “Mount” coffee mug based on conversation between Joe Knorr and Howard Williams. Also, is there a possibility that pudding can be made available in the salad bar along with jello.

Students would like to see Humus in the salad bar as well.

EFSJ – will be having its first meeting of the semester, the society is open to all majors! Thursday at 6 in the SGA Office.

Recycle-mania is coming soon!

How are things going with Mount 2009? Registration has been closed 10 days earlier than usual, and 500 extra applications have been received!

The question was raised asking if Residence Life could look into bringing back tab wars. Please!!

Doors on AC have not been completely finished yet because the construction team has run into complications with the electrical system. We will stay informed on the issue.

The possibility of writing the agenda on the dry-erase board instead of making so many copies was brought up. The Executive Board will look into making less copies somehow. Those who attend meetings are reminded that there is an office/copy paper recycling bin in the SGA office!

Come out to Women's basketball games and all women's sporting events!!! Attendance is a huge factor at games. Please support Mount Athletics as a whole!

### ***Birthdays!***

### ***Intentions***

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