

SGA Minutes
March 31, 2009

Opening Prayer

- Led by Publicity

Past Business

Crystal Hollenbaugh – Asst. Director of Res. Life for Judicial Affairs

Current Business

Guest Speaker: Sean Adams – Asst. Dean and Director of Campus Activities

Apathy and Leadership

As premiere leaders on campus, how can Sean assist in rectifying the situation as we see it? Its Sean's job to make events happen and if it doesn't people don't attend it is his problem.

The issue is events not being attended. But people complain about having nothing to do. Why is this?

After parties used to be the place to go, but things are different now. These events used to be well attended even if people had to pay.

Have events lost appeal because of safety issues with lighting and fire code?

Yes!

Anymore all of the events treat us like we're immature, especially with regards to afterparties and other dances. Alumni talk about different rituals and parties, but now we feel like we're being babysat.

So in being more concerned about safety we have created a culture in which students choose to be unsafe so that they do not feel like children? Unfortunately, yes. Statistically afterparties were less out of control because there were more of them; dances have not been a problem over the past few years. This will be assessed in the near future.

There is always a Friday night event and CAB has something every weekend but if no one is going would it be better to have fewer events and do a more well known person? 1 bigger event is equal to the cost of 8 smaller events. So students party 3 weekends a month and are given one good event, Sean stresses that he cannot do that in good faith. The concept is understood but it is not financially responsible for Campus Activities to plan events in this manner. CAB does a great job programming despite their tight budget!

The venue is an issue, Purcell is up the Mountain, Knott is more lecture oriented, the ARCC across the road. This is understood, the Café is also a problem. There is no true student union on campus including McGowan. There is no venue that can truly meet student needs. Will the new fine arts center meet these needs? Yes it will meet some, it will be the middle venue for a few hundred people, but it also has to house visual and performing arts and it will be priority for them. Purcell will continue to be the primary practice space for many groups because it is the most acoustically sound building on campus and has to meet the needs of all aspects of the performing arts.

Is there a possibility of getting free pizza at comedians? Hasn't happened in a while, but Sean knows, if we feed you, you will come! This includes previous year's afterparties.

Things are well publicized in multiple forms. The weekly campus events email is well received. Most comedians and performers are good. So if people are drawn to an event they will continue to return to other events. Is there a way to make events more measurable? CAB does a good job of evaluating events for attendance and likability!

The large outdoor signs are very effective. No one reads emails so these are better. Perhaps getting more utilization of larger spaces on campus, make sure that there are not any conflicts and give an event the space it deserves. Have more events in Knott or somewhere else people can hang out. This is being addressed.

Sean is bringing together everyone who programs so there are no major conflicts with endowed lecture series and major performers. The office is also trying to work with clubs to do events on weekends instead of week nights so that the stress is taken from CAB so that they have more funding to get bigger performers. This conversation will start soon.

The shuttle is great idea! But how has this been going? Is it being utilized? The Friday one is usually about 30 people a Friday. Sean will look into getting a central phone number for that driver. Sean is also looking into the possibility of expanding the shuttle to Friday nights and Saturday nights. How about Saturday afternoon? How about once a month there is a shuttle to Shady Grove? Yes! Is there a phone for the shuttle driver? Sean is looking into this, he may build a page off the campus activities website. Phone number to call to reserve seat and tell driver where you want to go when they're coming back etc. Something like this can be figured out. Please send Sean emails if you have any more ideas! He likes a challenge.

Executive Board Voting – Patriot Wednesday April 1st- 4pm Friday April 3rd tomorrow in Patriot Hall and through email. Volunteers are needed to sit at the voting table in Patriot.

Accepted Students Day – Sunday April 5th involvement fair is 1:30 – 3:30

Auction – April 16th this is the last meeting before the Auction, please get your donations in as soon as possible! Let us know if you need help!

Reports

- **Academic Affairs** – Meeting with Dean Sevick & Bethany Matthew about Freshmen Orientation, Meeting with Hannah about Honor Code goals. As long as it is ok with Dean Sevick and McFadden the idea of the honor code will be used at Freshman orientation
- **Advancement Committee** – working with SGA and Maureen Plant to design a tentative plan for the auction night. **Wednesday at 11 meeting with Maureen. Wine tasting, dinner from Alumni, reserved seats at graduation, dinner dates, a round of golf for two to the Links. Will be a raffle system. There is still a lot coming in, be on the lookout.**
- **CAB** –
- **Campus Ministry** –
- **Intercultural Development-**
- **Community Outreach** – Dance a thon; Purcell Service Day/Blowout Day

- **Commuters** – in the process of recruiting and electing officers for the CSA
- **Dean of Students** –
- **Dining Services** – information from meeting with Howard. Talked about a pizza party for 30 slices to the auction.
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee** – Thursday at 6:30 in Mount Café. 3rd in MD 121 Nationwide recycling 10.62 lbs/person
- **Finance Committee** – New finance numbers 2010 budget, concern about tuition raise... below average for schools of our size increased financial aid as well as tuition. Accepted Students day is a big day for deposits
- **Graduate Student Representative** – GA positions available for next year. Webinar about how to make websites more accessible so the MBA and grad websites are being revamped for next year.
- **Information Technology** – Working on fixing printers around campus. Having discussions about how to make sure the printers are reliable. One of the SGA computers has a virus and they will be working on it. Every night from 8-12 wireless doesn't work. Problems with a lot of people being on at the same time. Developing plans to make it better. Can the committee members email out the site where a new battery can be ordered?
<https://email.msmary.edu/owa/redir.aspx?C=88018afa71bf4440bbfd0446d4ec462f&URL=http%3a%2f%2fwww.dellbatteryprogram.com%2f>
- **Mount Spirit** – setting up meetings
- **Public Safety** –
- **Publicity** – PR for Dance-a-thon and the Exec Election Speeches and Voting; Helping Advancement do PR for the auction
- **Recreational Services** – new info about Terrace cardio space. Met with Jen Lenfant, the basement will be changed so that treadmills and ellipticals will be able to be housed in there.
- **Residence Life** – Lottery days follow up. Thanks to volunteers. It was the smoothest running lottery ever. It was a success.
- **SAAC-**
- **Seminarian Representatives** – Open house planning. Deacon Sawicki is trying to find a time. Tentatively hoping for sometime after Easter. Also sending some sems to the service day.
- **Class of 2012** – fundraising, selling food at blowout day and auction, tshirts
- **Class of 2011** – fundraising, charity still working on it, auction
- **Class of 2010** – T-SHIRTS next Monday Tuesday and Wednesday, DANCE-A-THON! This Friday! From 8pm – 8am volunteers would be much appreciated. \$139 so far
- **Class of 2009** – senior formal April 18th! Tickets on sale until tomorrow either online or from the class officers, there will be a convenience charge for people getting late tickets
- **Executive Board** – Leadership Team Presentation on Friday morning the Exec Board will be presenting goals and accomplishments from the Forum, new Purcell proposal will get the final draft out to everyone soon! Wednesday April 1st- 4pm Friday April 3rd Richard's Award Nominations are being accepted this week. Given to teachers each year. Those at the election booth will be asked to accept any nominations. If you are given a nomination form please see that the Exec Board gets it!
- **SGA Advisor** – Gone April 6-15 some access to email at least once a day. Phone if significant emergency. Volunteers for Honors Convocation Sunday April 26th. Send Sean an email if interested

Open Forum

Nice weather - can the apt grills be fixed up. This falls under res life, they were donated by classes, but the upkeep is under res life. If that is not a possibility Sean will look into it

SAAC- Miss Mount is next Monday April 6th, Liz Trentacoste will represent SGA. \$5 to get in, or \$3 with a donation of crayons or school supplies.

Class officer packets? The regulations will be amended, the packets will be due April 16th so that signatures can be gotten this week and goals can be worked on over Easter break. IF you know you're running please let Sean know so that he can do background checks. There will be an email sent out tonight. Speeches will be the same time. The week in between is allowed for campaign meetings. Apps accepted the first day back from break.

Rec Services – new cardio room equipment ordered... is there a way to track what is used most often. Number of people in the room is tracked but there is no individual assessment. Can there be a student survey to try to solve this problem? Rec Services will follow up.

PSA – please try to keep the office neat. Whether making posters or just doing work. Mike the cleaner came in and mentioned how messy it was. He should not have to go through all the trouble of picking up everything. Please clean up after yourself!

Birthdays!

Intentions

- Led by Recreational Services