

**SGA Agenda**  
**December 9, 2008**

***Opening Prayer***

- Led by SAAC

***Past Business***

- ***Homecoming Breakout Session***
- Mr. Mount
- Seminary Open House

***Current Business***

***Guest Speaker: Housing Lottery - Jen Lenfant, Associate Director of Residence Life***

Overview of changes that have been made as a result of student input. Students wishing to live on campus will sign up for type of housing but not in large groups. If you try for an apartment and don't get it you become eligible for the Bicentennial lottery and then the general lottery for the rest of campus. The two person lottery will take place after the 3,4,5 person lottery. The LLC lottery will take place before the general lottery; the Living Learning Communities include Women in Science and LOFT. Single room lottery will also take place before the general lottery. The lottery will take place in O'Hara, in order to create a more social, less stressful environment. Group will still be ranked by credits. Ties will be decided by judicial write ups per person, no documentation or being found not responsible will add points to the group average. Based on rankings Jen will know before the lottery who is eligible for 3/5 person apartments so they can regroup ahead of time if they will not be able to get an apartment. Only one housing application is required for all types of housing (this includes those applying for room retention). Info sessions and roommate socials will be held in the spring. Floor plans will be posted on a power point during the lottery so you can tell which rooms are already chosen. No proxy forms need to be submitted this year. One person is responsible for coming to lottery and also choosing which bedroom everyone will live in (for apartments and suites) this cannot be changed. Next year everyone will be issued bedroom keys in addition to the suite or apartment keys. If you want to change bedrooms you will have to go to Residence Life and Public Safety. The lotteries will be held as follows, the LLC lottery, apartment lottery, Bicentennial lottery, followed by the general 2, 3, 4, or five person 5 lottery day. If you sign up for an apartment and will not be eligible you will be contacted but if you choose not to regroup you will be re-ranked within the lottery on the next day. Special needs housing will not be taken up in the general lottery. There is still a \$500 fine to get out of a housing contract depending on circumstances.

- End of Semester Committee Reports – please meet with your point person as soon as possible. You are asked to submit a report evaluating the semester, please watch your email.

***Reports***

- **Academic Affairs** – end of semester meeting
- **Advancement Committee**- 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Tradition – met with Maureen Plant. Fundraising will be required to bring about the event. A possible silent auction with funny possibilities. Also in the works to put a “day off” on the calendar etc. This used to be a tradition so we are trying to bring it back with the incentive for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Century Tradition as well as fun. Vote to continue the discussion was passed with – 2 abstentions.
- **CAB** – cafe proposal- LED light to bring up numbers instead of the workers having to yell over the acts that are performing. CAB is continuing to look into this proposal.
- **Campus Ministry** – no submission
- **Intercultural Development**- no submission
- **Community Outreach** – no submission
- **Commuters** – no submission

- **Dean of Students** – nothing to report
- **Dining Services** – no submission
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee** – working on the Climate Action Plan that was approved by Dr. Powell, and on single stream recycling and recycling in the residence halls. An email was sent last week about conserving energy. The committee is also discussing how to integrate recycling and stewardship into curriculum. Additionally they are investigating Single stream recycling in which all recyclables are put into the same container and then sorted later
- **Finance Committee** – no submission
- **Graduate Student Representative** – nothing to report
- **Information Technology** – Summing up the semester – wireless in the apartments by the time we return in January. Internet in Dub will be out when residents move in this December due to construction, but that will be up in January when they return from break.
- **Mount Spirit** – end of semester meeting soon, the committee is still in conversation about getting jerseys and are looking over Homecoming themes! Thanks everyone for the input!
- **Public Safety** – Last Friday meeting – staff/faculty parking reworked in the Terrace lot. Loading zones have been added in the apartment, Pangborn, Science Building, and Bicentennial parking lots. Over Christmas Break the officers will be trained to handle pepper spray. The University is also getting storm ready, so the National Weather Service can rate us a storm ready location. Staff will be trained in how to respond in an emergency.
- **Publicity** – nothing to report
- **Recreational Services** – A sign will be posted on the indoor track telling how many laps constitute a mile, includes the running loops. Intramural championships will take place this week!
- **Residence Life** – no submission
- **SAAC- no submission**
- **Seminarian Representatives** – nothing to report
- **Class of 2012** – discussed plans for next semester. Also, the officers will be sponsoring free letters through campus mail table in Patriot this week, so come write a letter to your friends!
- **Class of 2011** – no submission
- **Class of 2010** – Spring fundraising, successful Mr. Mount! Working on care packages
- **Class of 2009** - working on homecoming event ideas and selling class t-shirts
- **Executive Board** – Mount Card Off Campus Survey Results – SIFE Team presented a power point presentation on their findings. 30% of campus took survey. Results were promising, looking to implement use off campus in association with PNC bank. More information to come in the future, Finals Week Snack Break will replace next week's meeting, during our normal meeting time snacks will be available for anyone to enjoy and relax away from studying.
- **SGA Advisor** – Academic Reorganization – This weekend The Board voted unanimously to pass and put the reorganization into effect. Inaugural deans will be primarily internal faculty who will hold positions for 2-3 years followed by national search. Hiring internally first is more cost effective and lets those who know the Mount best help us transition. The reorganization will not affect the students, you will still get a Mount degree, but in the long run it will allow the University to offer more programs and give a better education. As the search for deans begins student leaders will be unofficially apart of the selection process. Finances constituted a long conversation at the meeting. Tuition increases will not go above 5% over the next few years. For 09-10 the increase is 4.9% overall. This may mean creative budgeting but the board is concerned about the cost of attending The Mount. Tuition is a big topic of discussion within FAC. The FY audit was passed. The Nallin land donated to the University a few decades ago and now that land value has increased the plot was sold the Mount will receive \$3 million specifically for scholarships! Tom O'Hara loves all that SGA is doing this year especially the work of the liaisons in committee meetings! Additionally during finals week there will be free coffee between 8 and midnight for your caffeine fix!

*Open Forum*

*How close are we to picking an AD. Offer has extended to Terranze. If he accepts he will start Jan 6<sup>th</sup>. As for the Dean of Students, one person has been interviewed, a few more to come over the next weeks.*

***Birthdays!***

***Intentions***

- Led by Seminarian Representatives