

SGA Minutes
September 16, 2008

Opening Prayer

- Led by Class of 2011

Past Business

- ***Guest Speakers:*** Campus Ministry: Fr. Brian/FOCUS
- Top Ten Overview
- Budget Week
- Loyola game date change – Friday November 14th

Current Business

Guest Speakers:

- Barry Titler, Director of Public Safety – This year the Public Safety Office put together an abbreviated pamphlet of the rules/regulations of parking. This was given to every student who registered a car. Mr. Titler stressed that most issues related to parking have been resolved fairly easily. There have not been many problems with the sophomore class having to park at the ARCC for a second year. Chief Titler mentioned that there seem to be less incidents draws the attention of the PS team so far this year. Everyone is taking care of each other from what he can tell. He stressed that a reprimand or small criticism coming from peers means more than a reprimand from a Public Safety Officer. Chief Titler is seeing the support of the Mount community come through time and again and he is always impressed by the atmosphere here at the Mount. The floor was opened for questions, Chief Titler reiterated that Lot 12 is Freshman and Sophomore parking and Lots A and B are overflow for these students . It seems that the policy of staying in assigned lots during the week has worked out well. Magnets have been given out with PS number on them, the campus extension is 5357 and in an emergency the extension is 5911. Students must remember that more than half of the officers are MD EMTs. Karl gave testimony that the PS team responds quickly to emergencies and the whole team genuinely cares about the well-being of all students. As Public Safety's next project, Director Titler is working on getting better designations for staff parking as well as clearer signage on all lots so that everyone can clearly tell which lot they are entering.
- Michael Post, Dean of Students – Dean Post is in charge of health counseling, the career center, Intercultural Development, New Student Orientation, and student conduct among others. His job is to make the Mount the best it can be outside the classroom. He tries to make all of these officers better and solve as many problems as possible.

Alcohol sanctions – Dean Post stresses that the alcohol policy has not changed. A few revisions have been made by the SGA over the past few years. But all the same policies are in effect, if you are under 21 you may not consume or possess alcohol and if you are over 21 you must register a party at which alcohol will be served, and any student found in the presence of drinking games will be sanctioned. The only thing that has changed about the policy this year is how it is being promoted. In previous years the policy was written in the Student handbook, and unless students took the time to read it, they would not totally understand the policy. This year the University has purchased a program called AlcoholEdu. It is used by over 300 colleges and universities and is a proven tool designed primarily by college students. But it comes at a high cost. Freshman were required to complete the program before they arrived. The AlcoholEdu Program strives to make students understand common misconceptions about alcohol as well as how to make better decisions and understand University

policy. Because of the addition of the AlcoholEdu program two new elements were added to the judicial process. At a student's 1st offense, after a conversation with Dean Post a decision may be made between the student and Dean Post for the student to take part in the program and pay the \$150 education fee. The student may also be placed on probation. When receiving an alcohol violation the student is not automatically required to pay to take the program. Dean Post also made quite clear that the education fee is not in any way a monetary gain for the University. The fee goes back to the program to cover the cost to facilitate it. The money does not go toward benches or statues or anything else that has been rumored to be paid for by the fee. By using AlcoholEdu Dean Post and his staff hope to be doing the best they can to educate students. The program is not just a punishment, it is available to help students to make better decisions and get involved. However after a 3rd drinking violation while on probation possible consequences may involve being asked to leave the University or campus housing. But Dean Post stressed that every situation is different and every student has a discussion with the res life staff to discuss their situation. In August 2008, only 19 students violated the alcohol policy. The floor was opened for questions and in response to a question of a student's inability to pay Dean Post reiterated that if students cannot pay the \$150 fee it will be worked out with business and finance just as any other payment.

- Advisory Board Introductions – All of the new Advisory Board members were presented with letters of congratulations from the Executive Officers. Congratulations again everyone!
- 2012 First Year Class Officer speeches – 7 p.m. in Laughlin, paper ballot voting begins Wednesday 17th and ends Friday 19th at 4 p.m. Paper ballots must be used because Institutional Research is conducting a software upgrade and is unable to facilitate an online election survey.
- SGA Dinner, October 2nd – RSVP by September 26th to Corie Matijevic whether you are able to attend or not. Business casual dress is requested. The dinner will be held at President and Mrs. Powell's home.

Reports

- **Academic Affairs**
- **Advancement Committee**
- **CAB**
- **Campus Ministry**
- **Intercultural Development**
- **Community Outreach**
- **Commuters**
- **Dean of Students**
- **Dining Services**
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee**
- **Finance Committee**
- **Graduate Student Representative**
- **Information Technology**
- **Mount Spirit**
- **Public Safety**
- **Publicity**
- **Recreational Services**
- **Residence Life**
- **SAAC**
- **Seminarian Representatives** – The Rector's Cup is September 27th and 28th! The representatives also reminded everyone that the Seminary Mass is at 9 am in the Chapel, not 11am as in previous years.
- **Class of 2012**
- **Class of 2011-** The officers have finalized plans for family weekend and the drafted letter for advisory board members will be finalized by mid next week.

- **Class of 2010** – The officers have also finalized their event for family weekend, and the letter asking for advisory board participants will be sent tomorrow. The officers are also finalizing fundraising ideas for the year.
- **Class of 2009** - The officers have finished their family fest brochure on fun stuff to do around the Mount and Emmitsburg. These brochures will be available at the registration table and Mrs. Powell's Mount Family Association table throughout the weekend. The officers are also working on fundraising ideas for the year.
- **Executive Board** - Priorities and expectations and office protocol – The new advisory board members were reminded of the expectations and responsibilities that come with their positions. The members are encouraged to maintain communication with the Executive Board by submitting committee reports and coming to the Officers with any questions.
- **SGA Advisor** - Family Fest - about 1000 people are expected to attend the weekend's events, and as per a recent email from Sean, The Washington Post no longer participates in the campus newspaper initiative but there are 50 copies of the New York Times available for the entire campus. Please share the copies by returning them to a kiosk when you have finished reading.

Open Forum

- Eucharistic Adoration – Tricia Lester – Fr. Brian is starting Eucharistic Adoration on Thursday afternoons and the SGA agreed to sponsor a half hour block during which two members of the SGA will be present each week.
- Pool Hours – The pool is only open for rec swim at 11 and then again after 7pm, if there could be one or two lanes open during swim school and swim classes so that students have a more flexible time frame in which to use the pool this would make taking advantage of the facilities much easier. Rec Services will look into this concern. It was brought up that there have been double booked classes and no openings for students to swim due to a lack of lifeguards who can monitor the pool at more opportune times.
- The Executive Officers will facilitate meetings between their assigned committees and the Administrative Advisors for those committees.
- Please do not forget that the SGA retreat is set for September 28th to start at 9am and run until about 2pm so that everyone can be back to campus in time to watch the championship match in the Rector's Cup!

Intentions

- Led by Seminarian Representatives

2008-2009 Advisory Board Committee Chairpersons
& Administrative Contacts/Exec Point Person

Academic Affairs – Zachary Jacobson, Josemar Garcia, and Jessica Cody

Leona Sevick, Dean for Academic Affairs

Dr. Karl Einolf, Economics Professor, Director GHM Honor Society

Advancement -- Samantha Presti , Rich Verrillo

Maureen Plant, Director Alumni Relations

CAB – Christina McLean

Brooke Donovan, Assistant Director

Campus Ministry – Allison George, Maria Malagari

Fr. Brian Nolan, Campus Chaplin

Community Outreach – Emmanuel Mogire, Megan Ritchey, Andrew Owlett

Sean Adams, Assistant Dean, Director of Campus Activities

Commuters – Karl Little Owl, Phil Atkinson

Brooke Donovan, Assistant Director of Campus Activities

Dean of Students – Elizabeth Trentacoste, Tricia Walmsley

Michael Post, Dean of Students

Dining Services – Carolyn Higgins, Aaron Blair

Howard Williams, Director of Dining Services

ESSC – Katie Sechrist, Arielle Songong

Jeff Simmons, Associate Professor Environmental Science, Chair ESSC

Finance Committee – Chris McCarron, Brian Arndts

Brian Ecker, Director of Accounting & Business Operations

Graduate Student Representative - TBA

John Sherwood, Dean of Continuing Studies

Information Technology – Ralph Jones, Mike Sorrentino

Bobby Flack, Chief Information Officer

Intercultural Development – Krystal Morris, Yasmin John

Sara Furr, Director of Intercultural Development

Mount Spirit – Ananda Rochita, Kathryn Cohagan

Sean Adams, Assistant Dean, Director of Campus Activities

Public Safety – Caroline Kenwell, Micaela Harrison, Jessica Teague

Barry Titler, Director of Public Safety

Publicity – Sara Garbarini, Emma Dusenbery

Sean Adams, Assistant Dean, Director of Campus Activities

Recreational Services – Stephanie Drybala, Brian Golden

Matt Grimm, Intramural Sports Coordinator

Residence Life – Allison Pressimone, Matt Cech

Jennifer Lenfant, Associate Director of Residence Life

Seminarian Representatives – Andrew DeFusco, Andrew Soukup