

SGA Agenda
September 30, 2008

Opening Prayer

- Led Exec Board

Past Business

- Bradley Admissions Office Accessibility Proposal
- Voting on Budget Allocations
- SGA Retreat – Sunday September 28th

Current Business

- ***Guest Speaker: Dr. David Rehm, Vice President for Academic Affairs –***
 - ***Academic Reorganization*** – Current draft proposes 4 colleges (Business and Public Affairs – poly sci, business, sociology, Education, Arts and Letters- phil theo, eng history, Natural Science – hard sciences and mathematics) Faculty has many objections, but it is important to listen to them, much discussion over the next 6 weeks. Send to the 3 councils. Then sent to the President as a recommendation which may or may not be presented to the BOT. Question is what views do you have? What are the advantages? Makes job easier; VPAA has 22 people reporting to them. Not able to think proactively and forwardly, instead putting out fires in different depts. Under the current model 14 departments, headed by chairs that have much responsibility, so that they are not able to represent the Mount out in the world. External Advocacy. Larger Universities have such colleges, why does the Mount need this if it is so small? 100 years ago what was the curriculum? Greek and Latin languages. When were departments created? The colleges model is a progression from the separation of departments. Reorganizing what already exists? How will this change as far as the student is concerned? Change student opportunities? The culture will not change, core etc will not change. Will not apply to “a college”. Does not foresee deep changes for students. Will someone still be able to double major in two totally different subjects? Yes! The notion of college of _____ makes a school sound more prestigious. College Dean can visualize better where the departments and colleges are headed. Trying to keep all arguments on the table in order to make everyone aware and be straightforward about everything involved. Getting the community engaged and talking about the issue. Internal or external appointment depends on how the schools are configured. Space is an issue. Faculty offices are a problem. Would still graduate with a Bachelor of Arts or science no matter the school the major is under.
 - ***Undergraduate Program*** – The single most important piece of paper for a student’s 4 years at the Mount. Why do hardly any students know about this document? Something very important about knowing where you are going to end up? Discussions among peers and teachers, raise in class, know all 5 objectives! What goals and objectives of the under graduate program are we trying to achieve in this class? A student is entitled to understand the purpose of their education! Is available to students on the website and also in the student handbook, syllabi. It is important to empower yourself by knowing the document. How often is the document assessed. The UAC is doing that right now. Is this the best set of statements given who we are?
- Evaluation of SGA Retreat – does count as an unexcused absence if the SGA was not previously notified.
- Brainstormed goals and improvements – how to communicate within SGA

Reports

- **Academic Affairs**
- **Advancement Committee-**
- **CAB –**

- **Campus Ministry** – Oct 1-Holy Hour (At Seminary Chapel 7pm), Oct 6-Why Catholic Starts more info from Camp Min, Thursday Adoration 12:30-4:00
- **Intercultural Development-**
- **Community Outreach-**
- **Commuters -**
- **Dean of Students** – Freshman MountCard Survey will be given out to Freshman, suggestions? Questions? Wellness Letter to the Editor. The committee met with Sue the Nurse who gave them unknown info and they will get it out to the general populous through the Letter to the Editor.
- **Dining Services -**
- **Environmental Stewardship and Sustainability Committee** – meeting with Dr. Simmons next week to discuss initiatives for this year such as placing environmentally friendly tips around campus for students to see.
- **Finance Committee –**
- **Graduate Student Representative**
- **Information Technology** – Laptops in the education lab (experiment, laptops do not have batteries, they are being ordered, printer rules still apply to the new printers, logging on takes too long... still looking into this due to education software) and other updates from meeting
- **Mount Spirit** – Setting up a time to meet with Sean and Brooke, Loyola Nov 14th, looking into other events for the year.
- **Public Safety** – information from meeting with Barry, asked about cameras, summer improvements, special needs students are linked to learning services and public safety so that first responders can get to them. Barry met with representatives from the construction company regarding student safety. Will make the officers nicer.
- **Publicity** – Meeting with Sean soon, Event information needed 3 weeks prior to event
- **Recreational Services -**
- **Residence Life** – 10/1- focus group "improving residence halls"- honing towers, 8:00. Want to have an SGA forum. More info later on, Terrace is ahead of schedule. Dub lottery is coming up!
- **SAAC-** Welcome Christina Koerper and Emily Grugan the SAAC Representatives for this year.
- **Seminarian Representatives -**
- **Class of 2012** – looked into selling food at the Rector's Cup however the fundraiser was not feasible, meeting with Hannah to discuss role on SGA, meeting with Crystal to discuss ideas for the year
- **Class of 2011** - Advisory Board finalized, Major Expo moved to Spring semester met with Dean Sevick and Alyssa, and Mount Oscars
- **Class of 2010** – Mr. Mount in the works, Fundraising Ideas finalized, Greenhouse headway made meeting with Rosie, Ad Board app sent out.
- **Class of 2009** - Bowling Shuttle Night \$2 to get on the bus, be responsible! Class T-shirts are coming along from an idea courtesy of Christina McLean. The officers are planning a Glove/Scarf Drive – after Fall Break donated to homeless shelters with Melissa Main
- **Executive Board** – FAC Tuesday 3:00 – The Committee unanimously passed the Bradley proposal, it will be presented to the President as a recommendation, however the conversation of doing other buildings first is still on the table. Dinner at the President's House Thursday 5:30-7:30. Top 5 Goals for committees, please submit them to the SGA account before Fall Break. If you receive an email from the SGA account you better read it and respond if necessary! SGA polos are for sale for \$15
- **SGA Advisor** –Museum of Oppression accomplishing goal number 4 of the undergraduate objectives, Shuttle goes every Friday!

Open Forum

- Rectors Cup was a great success. The Mount Team was very moved by all the support from the undergraduates.
- MSMTV - If you are interested in working on MSM TV please see Mike Sorrentino.

- Ali Werden – President Powell mentioned the idea of purchasing 50 bikes and bike racks for the campus to use. He would like to get a general consensus of this idea.

Intentions

- Led by Campus Ministry