

SGA Minutes
January 16, 2007

Our beginning prayer was led by Michelle O'Donnell.

Past Business

- **Knott Auditorium Upper Lounge Proposal-** University Life had a committee meeting today. This proposal needs to be voted on tonight. Mount St. Mary's needs this space for students. Not only will this upper lounge be used for clubs/organizations and teachers, but it will be for students who will utilize this space for studying. It is estimated that Sean Adams turned away over 50 requests for Purcell Hall this semester. He received about 106 requests total. Knott Auditorium is the only available space left for such a space to be utilized. It was brought up that there was money not used last year from the Student Activity Fee. Executive Vice President Soller saved this money so there is now the opportunity to spend the money on this project. A student brought up the fact that the Sheridan Lounge is never used. Since Sheridan is a residence hall there is a security issue. This space in the Knott Auditorium is available for use and there is money from last year that needs to be used up or it will go to waste. A student motioned to vote, as did another and the proposal passed with 27 voting yes, 5 no and 1 abstention.

Current Business

- **'How to Write a Proposal'**- A guide sheet was brought to SGA to show students how to write up a proposal. Components of a proposal contain need, vision, budget and summary. SGA accepts proposals from any student of the institution at any time. However, only members of the Advisory Board are allowed to vote on the proposal. If there is a want for an agenda item or submission of a proposal, both have to be emailed to the SGA account by Friday at 5 pm. At that Tuesday's meeting, the proposal or agenda item will be presented.
- **Proposed Constitutional Changes-** The changes to the SGA Constitution are as follows:
 1. Under Article IV, Section A, Number 1 ("The President"), move the sentence "The President is, above all else, the spokesperson of the student body" to the second listed duty of the President.
 2. Under Article IV, Section A, Number 1 ("The President") switch the sentences "The President will serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees" with "The President will preside over the Advisory Board and make recommendations for legislation."
 3. Under Article IV, Section B ("Advisory Board") delete the paragraph "All other members of the Advisory Board, excluding the President of the Campus Activities Board, must be in good academic standing with a GPA of 2.0 or higher. Submission of an unofficial transcript is required at the beginning of each academic semester to the SGA Advisor."
 4. Under Article V, Section B ("Board of Trustees Responsibilities") add as the last sentence "There is a recommendation that each representative fulfills the specified positions, however, it can be taken on a case by case basis."

With 33 votes and no reservations; the proposed amendments passed!

- **Spring Overview-** SGA meetings are to start at 9 pm. Advisory Board Members are to attend all meetings, but if need be, up to three absences are okay. After three absences, there is removal from the Board. Please submit all minutes and/or agenda items to SGA by 5 pm on Friday.

Committee/Class Reports

- **CAB** – Let's start the semester off right!!
- **Publicity** – Magnets were distributed to all residence hall rooms. The committee is working on a Homecoming poster.
- **Academic** – Ralph Jones is working on researching for the Honor Code. Collyn Moran brought up the idea for a change machine in the library for the copy machines. This is just an idea. She will come with more information in the near future.
- **Public Safety** – Casey Crouch is our new SGA Executive Board Treasurer. Rich Bolte is currently in London and SGA is in the process for finding replacements.
- **Dining Services** – Bonnie Dowell and JP Snook are meeting with Howard this week to find out what changes occurred in Dining Services. They are also working on a solution for the to-go containers.
- **CID** – There is going to be two weeks of MLK events at Mount St. Mary's. Tomorrow Dr. Glover is giving an analysis of MLK's "I have a dream" at 3 pm. Thursday night at 7:30 pm is Dr. Heath's presentation on the Civil Rights Movement. On Monday, Dr. Patterson is talking in Purcell at 7:30 pm and next Tuesday Shindana Cooper is dramatizing MLK's life at 8 pm in Knott Auditorium.
- **Residence Life** – Housing Forum dates are being discussed. Laundry rooms were also cleaned over break.
- **Information Technology** – Mike Sorrentino and Ralph Jones are having a meeting with Bobby Flack and the webmaster as soon as possible.
- **Community Outreach** – Casino Night is February 16th so plans and details have started.
- **Mount Spirit** – There was a meeting today about Homecoming. Plans are being finalized and decorations are being built. Get ready for a fabulous Homecoming!!!
- **Campus Ministry** – The March for Life is Monday. It is an excused absence so please march for this precious cause. Steve Angrisano is performing here at the Mount on January 26th. There is an ice cream social after mass this Sunday. Mount 2007 is February 2nd. Please come and help support this event. Women's Kairos is this weekend. Please pray for the retreatants and leaders.
- **SAAC** – Miss Mount is April 11 at 8 pm.
- **LOFT** – LOFT started their Penny Wars as a fundraiser. They are also planning events for this semester.
- **University Life Committee** – The Committee is working on the Freshmen Seminar Retention Program.
- **Commuters** – Travis Russo told SGA about the 10 new commuter parking spots in the Seminary parking lot.
- **Recycling** – There is a University Recycling Committee Meeting on January 26th. Katie Sechrist is meeting with Dr. Henning to discuss upcoming plans.
- **Enrollment Management** – Nothing new this week.

- **Seminarian Representative** – The Seminarians started off the spring semester by focusing on the spiritual pillar of formation by spending 5 days focusing on their spiritual development through silent reflection. Chiji also spoke of Mount 2007 and the March for Life. Please support these events.
- **Graduate Student Representative** – Nothing new this week.
- **Class of 2010** – First-Year Officers are working on their Service Day with Melissa Main. They are selling foam fingers at the Pep Rally and are formulating a pool tournament.
- **Class of 2009** – Sophs are meeting with their advisor Paul Ambrogio Friday to continue work on Mount Oscars.
- **Class of 2008** – Juniors are selling t-shirts and are researching for senior formal. Officers are also figuring out how to give Mr. Mount DVDs out. They are working on the copyright.
- **Class of 2007** – 100 Days is next Saturday at 10 pm in the Seminary Dining Room. The Young Alumni Association Dinner is February 8th. You need to RSVP to come.

Open Forum

- **End of the Semester Report-** Advisory Board Members will receive the End of the Semester Report in their emails by Thursday. Please give SGA feedback on this report by Sunday.
- **Mascot Task Force-** See Dan Long if you have any new ideas for a family-friendly oriented mascot.
- **Mount Ambassador Applications are out on February 12th.**
- **Housing Lottery Idea-** More to come in the near future!
- **Budget Hearings-** Sing up for times if you want money for your club!!!
- **Happy Birthday:**
 - Kayleigh Gelles: 12/11
 - Lauren Mackey: 12/16
 - Andrea Padamonsky: 12/18
 - Bridget Irelan: 12/22
 - Irina Kuchevski: 12/30
 - Michelle O'Donnell: 1/14
 - Tom Pucciarella: 1/14
 - Kevin Taylor: 1/16
 - Jackie DiBella: 1/20