

SGA Minutes
January 30, 2007

Our beginning prayer was led by Katie Schmidt.

Past Business

- **End of the Semester Report-** SGA is consolidating the big End of the Semester Report into a formalized, three page report. The final report will be emailed to you when it is completed.

Current Business

- **Academic Center Proposal-** The AC Proposal was put together by Maria Parker and Julie Ascosi last semester. There is a need for space to study, do homework, etc. The Niche tends to be overcrowded at many times. This concern came from students who talked to Dr. Rehm about the issue. SGA is proposing that the AC be open more hours. The AC would be fully open until midnight, and from midnight until 2 am, only the third floor of the AC would be open. The classrooms on the third floor that are used until 9 pm daily would be open until 2 am. Dr. Forgang was contacted and his only concern was that we need to hold students accountable for their actions. Nancy Topper who is the head of maintenance in the building, was fine with this, but just wants students to clean up after themselves. SGA, with IT, will address and look into adding a new color printer. Mark Randolph told SGA that there is a color printer in the Ed. Lab that is currently being ordered. There was a suggestion to possibly close the double doors at the end of the hallways to secure the first and second floors. There was an agreement to investigate this. There was a question about what the difference was between the original proposal and the new proposal that SGA has looked at previously. The second to last sentence was changed in the new proposal. Also, the time was changed from closing at 3 am to closing at 2 am. There was a motion to vote and a second to that motion. The proposal passed with 39 votes!!!
- **Break-Out Session: Wellness Center-** Tom Pucciarella and Kevin Morrison have been working and researching with Dean Post to figure out how to settle the frustrations with the Wellness Center. From the responses that Tom and Kevin have heard, they feel that the frustrations can be settled with the increased presence of a doctor on campus. By gaining a large majority of student support for this issue, there will be a way to satisfy this need for the Wellness Center. SGA separated into four small groups and for ten minutes discussed some questions that Tom and Kevin asked. The following questions were considered and the answers that were provided by small groups are as follows:

1. The Mount currently has a doctor on campus between the hours of 9:00-11:30 am Monday through Friday; however, this also happens to be when the majority of students attend classes. Are increased doctor's hours, therefore, something that the Mount should pursue?

- **Group 1: Yes**
 - The hours are when students have classes
 - Do not just give pregnancy tests, flu, meningitis, strep and mono tests
 - Rotate days with hours Monday, Wednesday, Friday AND Tuesday, Thursday
 - Evening hours
- **Group 2: Yes**
 - Night time hours or late afternoon because most students have class during the day
 - Maybe a physicians assistant to come in at night for a few hours
- **Group 3: Find another/an additional doctor**
- **Group 4: Yes**
 - The main issue is the time of the hours
 - 9-11 is the main time that students have class

2. What would be the best time(s) for these hours?

- **Group 1:**
 - Look at class schedules
 - Email professors or stamp excuses if hours can not change
 - Saturday hours- afternoon
- **Group 2:**
 - 2-4 pm
 - 7-9 pm
 - Saturday afternoon hours
- **Group 3:**
 - Keep Monday-Friday hours
 - Add afternoon hours and early evening hours (4-7pm)
 - Appointments and no walk-ins
- **Group 4:**
 - Monday, Wednesday, Friday 1-4 pm
 - Tuesday, Thursday 9-11:30 am

3. What is the best way to obtain student feedback on this issue?

- **Group 1:**
 - Not email
 - Table in Patriot
 - Not campus mail
 - Forum
- **Group 2:**
 - Ask people who go to the Wellness Center

- Questionnaire in Patriot
- Online Survey through email- offer prize
- **Group 3:**
 - Website for the doctor like LaundryView
- **Group 4:**
 - This is the best way

Committee/Class Reports

- **CAB** – CAB opened up a forum about the AfterParty. The policies that were endorsed at the last AfterParty are not set in stone. CAB is working with student life on this issue. The main concern of CAB is safety for all students. There is a capacity of 175 students at max. to get into Purcell. If the fire marshal came during one of these events and there is over 175 people; MSM would get a big fine. There is a CAB meeting on Wednesday at 8 pm to voice your concerns. This Sunday, CAB is having a retreat for its members to come up with new ideas for the semester. Friday is Hip Hop 1 on 1. Saturday is the concert ‘As Tall as Lions’. Tickets are \$5 but free to Mount students. The Acoustic Battle is this Thursday and it is American Idol Style!!
- **Publicity** –Posters are completed for Homecoming!! They look beautiful!! The Chairs are now working on posters for Casino Night.
- **Academic** – Nothing new this week.
- **Public Safety** – The SGA Executive Board met with Public Safety last Friday to set the tone. Andrea and Alex will meet with Vince and Diane as soon as they can.
- **Dining Services** – Bonnie and JP will be meeting with Howard on Friday.
- **CID** – Thursday at 7 pm in Knott Auditorium is Daryl Davis to talk about his book “Klan-Destine Relationship.”
- **Residence Life** – There will be Housing Forums and Chairs are meeting with Dean Post on Friday. Chairs are also working on the Mac Lounge.
- **Information Technology** – IT has been in contact with Bobby Flack and Chairs have turned in their minutes for the newly revamped website. IT has begun to look into the wireless internet in residence halls and it looks like for Fall 2007 there will be at least some dorms with wireless. There was also a problem with computers having the incorrect times. All computers have been fixed.
- **Community Outreach** – Casino Night is February 16th from 10-2 am in Purcell. There will be games all night. The MSM Card Club will be the dealers. Please volunteer to help work this event. The charity for where this money is going in is the final thought stages. Last year money was donated to the Lost Boys of Sudan and the year before last was to Make a Wish Foundation.
- **Mount Spirit** – Homecoming is in 1 week!! Please nominate boys/girls in your class if you have not done so already. Send in your nominees by 12 am tonight. Voting starts on the 2nd and goes until the 6th. Hype up Homecoming and tell everyone to go to the events. We need people to work the door, sell tickets, etc. If you work then you get in to the dance for free. Joe Galeano needs at least 10 people to help build the Eifel Tower. We are starting the Eifel Tower at 12 pm.

- **Campus Ministry** – The Steve Agrisano concert was last Friday! Campus Ministry sold over 200 tickets. Steve Agrisano will be coming to the Mount next year! Please, please, please help support Mount 2007. There is a need for housing, especially for the women. There is also a need for small group mentoring. Contact Lauren Mackey or Erin Martin for details. Please support Mount 2007.
- **SAAC** – Miss Mount is April 11th. Send Jeannette Smith and Christine Pace your nominees. The theme is professional sports team mascots!!
- **LOFT** – The LOFT lottery is way before the general housing lottery. The days of the lottery are up on the website.
- **University Life Committee** – Nothing new this week.
- **Commuters** – Nothing new this week.
- **Recycling** – There was a University Recycling Committee Meeting on January 26th. They talked about student move-in and ink jet cartridges. They will be working on glass recycling in the February meeting. They will have a proposal for a solution to the TO-GO Container issue. Just remember that when you recycle, you are helping the poor!
- **Enrollment Management** – Nothing new this week.
- **Seminarian Representative** – Mount 2007 is this weekend. This is our opportunity to show high schoolers that we are serious with our faith. There are about 1700 people coming from MD, PA, VA, etc. If Mount students help out, they get free food, a free t-shirt and a free education. Jason Evert will be speaking about dating and relationships. Let's show our true Catholic faith! On another note, the Seminarians are having a Super Bowl Party and actually have no classes on Monday. Sunday evening there will be a celebration for the oldest person on campus.
- **Graduate Student Representative** – Nothing new this week.
- **Class of 2010** – First-Year Officers hosted a Pool Tournament on Sunday. About 50 people played. They are meeting with Crystal on Friday. Foam fingers are being sold next week!!
- **Class of 2009** – Sophs are hosting a Super Bowl Party on Sunday. Officers are also working on Mount Oscars. Nominations will be coming out soon.
- **Class of 2008** – Juniors are selling t-shirts and are researching for senior formal. Officers are meeting with Sean tomorrow.
- **Class of 2007** –100 Days was this Saturday from 10-2 am!! 200 people attended!! Please RSVP by February 8th for the Young Alumni Dinner. Seniors are still selling sweatpants for \$15. Officers are in need of seniors who are involved in mass for the Baccalaureate. Also, please let the senior officers know of any special songs/prayers you would like to hear at Baccalaureate. Annliese Scott and Michelle O'Donnell are putting a proposal together for students to have more input on the Commencement Speaker at graduation.
- **Advisor's Report-** James Osborn is going to be interning for Sean Adams. Send Ozzy suggestions for the SGA website since he will be updating it with minutes, etc. By the end of this week, every club and organization should have their own email address. This came from Club Council that was held last semester. Today there was a budget meeting in which President Powell took the stand. Mount St. Mary's has about 67 million dollars a year. Dr. Powell explained there is an expected 6 million increase in the budget this year and the vast majority of these funds will go towards academic endeavors. President Powell did approve the Knott Auditorium Upper Lounge Proposal but is holding off for a

year. There are already Bicentennial Events that are reserved for that space. Because of this, President Powell is willing to throw more resources into Purcell.

Open Forum

- **Hole in SGA Pillar-** No one has owned up to this vandalism. Please do before there are consequences.
- **Budget Hearings-** Hearings were last week. Treasures – expect a meeting this week or next week to go over budget allocations.
- **Liz Plant-** Please sign up for Mount Ambassadors. Applications come out February 12th and are due March 2nd.
- **Marie Graney-** Marketing Club is selling t-shirts for \$10. “What happens at the Mount stays at the Mount” is the logo. Marie’s little brother’s friend was just diagnosed with leukemia. Please keep him in your prayers as he fights for his life.
- **TJ Whiting-** Please pray for TJ’s friend who has bone marrow cancer.
- **Lauren Mackey-** Mass times this week are 4:30 pm on both Saturday and Sunday in the IC.
- **Jason Werden-** Men’s Kairos is February 16th-18th. Please keep retreatants and leaders in your prayers. There is also a new club: the Irish Club. It is open for everyone.
- **MD Special Olympics-** Some of our Mount students did the Polar Plunge and raised over \$1000!!
- **Sean-** Congratulate Dan Long who just got accepted into LAW SCHOOL!!!

Our beautiful ending prayer was led by Jon Pressimone.