

SGA Minutes
November 14, 2006

Past Business

- **Dr. Powell-** Dr. Powell made a surprise appearance and talked about the “Health Indicators” that were of subject during the Mount Council Meeting. Powell told SGA that Mount Council is the highest deliberative body on campus. Powell pointed out that Mount St. Mary’s has a \$60 million dollar budget and only a \$40 million dollar endowment. He said we have a long way to go and need to work on getting our endowment stats higher. There was a rise in majors (Fall 06- 32 majors) and have about 15,000 living alumni. Dr. Powell told SGA that we should start pushing alumni for money since the giving rate is only at about 25%. The giving rate should be around 50%. 97% of full-time undergraduates receive financial aid here at Mount St. Mary’s. The average financial aid package is around \$15,000.
- **Student Representative on the Board of Trustees-** SGA is interested in student representation on the Board of Trustee meetings. SGA is currently getting feedback from a list of 10 benchmark schools to formulate their own ideas. Some administration thought that there was student representation on Board of Trustee meetings in the past. While some schools have replied, SGA is still awaiting some more responses. SGA will have an open discussion about this topic once they have their research.

Current Business

- **Academic Center Proposal-** With the creation of the Niche, late night studying has become more popular. We would like the AC to be fully open to all students to the third floor from midnight until 3 am. On the third floor, students would have access to the Business lab, two classrooms and the lounge area. This access would supplement the space for students in The Niche that can get over-crowded on some evenings. We expect that students will treat the 3rd floor of the AC with respect while using this space. All students are expected to follow the correct code of conduct. There were a few vandalisms in the AC so SGA opened it up for discussion. Some of the discussion points that were brought up:
 - There could be a sign-in after mid-night for liability purposes
 - A card reader could be installed by Josh Wiles, but Dr. Rehm did tell students that that would not happen this year
 - Security camera (for next year)
 - Public Safety walk around every two hours
 - Is this proposal okay with the Finance Club since this was designated as their special place?
 - Check with Business Department
 - Look into departments
 - There is a need for a color printer since the Education Lab has the only color printer and half the time it is always broke

SGA was not comfortable on voting on the AC proposal topics given the various discussion points. However, students feel like SGA is going in the right direction. More research will be done on this proposal and it will be brought back to SGA in the near future.

- **1st Mac Lounge-** Kevin Taylor reported to SGA there was a request for a copy machine in the 1st Mac Lounge in the Terrace. Kevin Taylor talked to Mike Post about the topic. The need for a copy machine did not seem to go over well with students since there are all ready copy machines in two other places on campus that are open until midnight. Dan Phelan who is the RA on 1st Mac suggested that the old copy machine be taken from the library and be put into the lounge and have a new one replace the old one in the library. While students did not agree with making a copy machine a necessity to the Mac Lounge, they did agree on revamping it the lounge. The Residence Life Committee will look more into this.

Committee/Class Reports

- **CAB-** The showing of *Talladega Nights* is this week. There is also a comedian and a NACA party.
- **Publicity-** The committee made a beautiful sash for James Osborn to represent SGA at Mr. Mount. Also, please vote on which of the two magnets you like so the committee can finalize their magnet design.
- **Academic-** Ralph Jones will be helping Collyn Moran and Kayleen Wright with starting the Honor Code. An appeal and list are being released shortly. They are also working on issues with majors/classes that are not offered at the Mount and possibly getting course credit for some clubs. Please contact Collyn or Kayleen if you have any questions.
- **Public Safety-** Richard Bolte and Casey Crouch are working with commuters on parking.
- **Dining Services-** Nothing new this week.
- **CID –** Nothing new this week.
- **Residence Life-** The Residence Life Committee is trying to organize forums for housing lotteries. There are going to be two forums at the end of the semester and two forums before the housing lottery. The committee is also working on getting the bathrooms cleaned in the residence halls. Shower conditions were just submitted to Residence Life. Dean Post asked them to rank the showers from best to worst. They are asking Physical Plant to look at showers to make improvements.
- **Information Technology-** Ralph Jones and Mike Sorrentino are working on the IT surveys that SGA filled out so they can improve the IT website.
- **Community Outreach-** SGA is adopting a family for Christmas. More information will come in the near future once we get the family.
- **Mount Spirit-** There are 4 more tickets for the Mount vs. Loyola basketball game. There will be an email sent to each student who signed up for the Mount vs. Loyola game claiming that there is to be no alcohol and no backpacks on the bus. Also, t-shirt sizes are needed for those who signed up. Marie Graney and

- Crystal Ofori are thinking of authority figures as chaperones (possibly ROTC and/or RAs). The release form for the game is all set and signed by Coach.
- **Campus Ministry-** This weekend is the 'Schools of Americas' March. Please keep those participating in your prayers. Please donate canned food for Father Jim's Food Drive. The Theology Department is hosting an 'Expressions' workshop tomorrow the 15th from 6:30-8:30 in Horning Lounge. It is an opportunity to explore and express yourself in painting, poetry, photography and prayer.
 - **SAAC-** Nothing new this week.
 - **LOFT-** Nothing new this week.
 - **University Life Committee-** Nothing new this week.
 - **Commuters-** Commuter representatives are working with the Public Safety Committee on a proposal.
 - **Recycling-** Kate Zuraitis is part of the Environmental Club and is asking for recycling on each residence hall. SGA Executive Officers told Kate to write up a proposal to bring it to SGA.
 - **Enrollment Management-** Nothing new this week.
 - **Seminarian Representative-** Chiji told SGA about a workshop- 'Theology of the Body/Human Sexuality.' Clinton will not be attending SGA meetings as much as before since he has been asked to take on a bigger project.
 - **Graduate Student Representative-** Mark Randolph told SGA that he has some proposals coming.
 - **Class of 2010-** First-Year Officers gave SGA a statement of resignation of Ashley Zingler. Drew Hawley moved up to President, and a promotion of Vice President went to Alfio Celia. The Secretary and Treasurer are the same. With 30 votes and only 1 abstention; the newly promoted officers reside as the Class Officers of 2010. The First Years' pre-game party before the basketball game went well since they ran out of food! Officers are also working on fundraisers for Christmas.
 - **Class of 2009-** Officers are still selling the discount cards which have not been that successful so far. They are also working on Mount Oscars.
 - **Class of 2008-** Mr. Mount is Thursday! There are 11 contestants and it is \$5 and \$3 with a canned good to get in. Come and have fun!!! Officers also are working on care packages. They will be delivered before the week of finals.
 - **Class of 2007-** Fells' Point was last Friday. Officers are writing the bus company a letter of complaint. There is an article in the newspaper about the incident tomorrow- so watch out for it! Officers are working with the alumni association.
 - **Advisor's Report-** Please give the rated speakers to Sean at the end of the meeting. There are Mount pins available if anyone wants to have one! There is also a handout for the cultural events for spring.

Open Forum

- Music in Lower McGowan computer lab seems to be a problem
 - Please make a sign and have Sean Adams approve it