

SGA Minutes
December 5, 2006

Our prayer was lead by Chiji Ogbuka.

Past Business

- **Housing Lottery-** Jesse Dorman and Crystal Bush presented the Housing Lottery to SGA last week (11-28-06). In previous years, the lottery system has had changes here and there but it evolved into a system that was not well-liked by students and Residence Life. It was a system that was not very flexible. Residence Life has been working hard to come up with a new system that is transparent, flexible and student-oriented. This week at SGA students still had concern about which credits would be the credits used since there are ‘local credits’ and ‘total credits.’ There is still being research done on this new lottery system and SGA will keep everyone updated.
- **Advisory Board Meetings-** SGA Executive Board met with the co-chairs of each Advisory Board Committee. Executive Board asked for a summary of accomplishments for the semester and two future issues that they wanted to take-on for spring semester. All meetings are completed and the Executive Board got some great feedback. Thank you!!!!

Current Business

- **Board of Trustees Representation-**
 - Last Sunday, SGA President Dan Long and Senior Class President Michelle O’Donnell participated at the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees Meeting. They were asked to create a list of positives and negatives of the Mount. Both said that there needs to be more voice in administration councils, but should not be the same students year after year. Dan and Michelle created a “Board of Trustees Student Representation Structure Proposal” which states that there should be a student voice with the Board of Trustees. This would give student representation to the highest governing body of MSM and another method of student concerns to be voiced and heard. The following changes to the Board of Trustees Student Representation are being proposed. Furthermore, amendments to the SGA Constitution are being proposed to allow these changes. The current Board of Trustees of MSM is divided into four committees: Academic, Student Affairs, Advancement and Finance. There is no consistency of student representatives on these committees. The proposed changes to the current structure of the Board of Trustees include:
 - The SGA President to serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees and will be required to attend all Board of Trustee events.
 - The Senior Class President will serve as a student representative on the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees.

- The Senior Class Vice President will serve as a student representative on the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- The Junior Class President will serve as a student representative on the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- The Junior Class Vice President will serve as a student representative on the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees.
- Four students will apply to be representative on each of the committees of the Board of Trustees, one per committee. These students are not allowed to be members of the SGA Executive or Advisory Boards.
- To account for the additional responsibilities given to the SGA President, the President will no longer sit on Mount Council as a voting member. That role will now be assigned to the SGA Secretary.
- It is also being proposed that the SGA Treasurer will serve on the University Finance Advisory Board, for the reason of SGA being represented in all aspects of MSM Shared Governance.
- The following changes to the SGA Constitution are required given the pending changes to the structure listed above:
 - Under Article IV, Section A, Number 1 (SGA President), the line, “The President will sit on the Mount Council as a voting member” will hereby be deleted, and the line “The President will serve as a non-voting member of the Board of Trustees and will be required to attend all Board of Trustee events” will hereby be added.
 - Under Article IV, Section A, Number 3 (SGA Secretary), the line “The Secretary will sit on Mount Council as a voting member” will hereby be added.
 - Under Article IV, Section A, Number 4 (SGA Treasurer), the line “The Treasurer will sit on the University Finance Advisory Board as a voting member” will hereby be added.
 - Under Article V, the line “A: Advisory Board Committee Responsibilities” and “B: Board of Trustees Responsibilities” will be added in the appropriate place to distinguish between the two responsibilities.
 - Under Article V, Section B (the newly created Board of Trustees Responsibilities), the following will be added:
 - “The Senior Class President will serve on the Advancement Committee of the Board of Trustees as a voting member.”
 - “The Senior Class Vice President will serve on the Finance Committee of the Board of Trustees as a voting member.”
 - “The Junior Class President will serve on the Academic Committee of the Board of Trustees as a voting member.”
 - “The Junior Class Vice President will serve on the Student Affairs Committee of the Board of Trustees as a voting member.”

- “Four student representatives will also be chosen through an application process, approved by the SGA Advisory Board based on recommendation from the SGA Executive Officers. These representatives cannot be members of the SGA Advisory Board.”
 - A question from an SGA member asked what if student representatives wanted different committees. SGA Executive Board gave the answer of consistency; however, there is room for options. There could be opportunities for choice due to individual strengths. There was a motion to amend the proposal by adding, “There is a recommendation that each representative fulfills the specified positions, however, it can be taken on a case by case basis.” With 36 votes, the amendment passed. There was another motion to vote on this proposal with the amended changes. With 33 votes and 2 abstentions, the proposal passed!!
- **Executive Board-** Bucky Kosyk has stepped down from SGA Executive Board Treasurer due to personal reasons. In the Constitution, it says that the Executive Board appoints a student to become an SGA Executive Board Officer which is then approved by the SGA Advisor. The SGA Executive Officers’ proposal is as follows:
 - “Based on the announced resignation of SGA Treasurer Bucky Kosyk, the remaining SGA Executive Officers (Dan Long, Maria Parker, and Laura Fenaroli) are obligated to appoint a replacement, who is approved by the SGA Advisor (Sean Adams). We are proposing that the Advisory Board confirm the appointment of Casey Crouch to the position of SGA Treasurer. Casey is a two-year member of SGA, and has met with the Executive Board Officers as well as the Advisor. We feel that Casey is very qualified and able to effectively perform the duties that the position entails.”
 - Advisory Board supported this proposal via a secret ballot which the advisor took into consideration prior to and Casey Crouch being appointed to the current SGA Executive Board Treasurer as recommended by the SGA Executive Officers and approved by the SGA Advisor.

Committee/Class Reports

- **CAB-** The Christmas Dance was last Friday. The dance went extremely well compared to years past and there were only about three issues. Thank you for making the Christmas Dance a success!!
- **Publicity-** SGA magnets are still a work in progress; chairs are currently checking out the prices for magnets. Also, if any committee needs help with advertising events...go to Jackie DiBella and Andrea Padamonsky!! Thank you!
- **Academic-** Nothing new this week.

- **Public Safety-** Richard Bolte and Travis Russo (Commuter Rep) met with Vince DeCerchio to discuss commuter parking. There are some spots being dedicated to commuter student parking in the Seminary Parking lot that should help alleviate parking congestion for commuters.
- **Dining Services-** JP Snook and Bonnie Dowell will meet with Howard next semester. Since to-go containers have cost Dining Services so much extra money, there might be a cost to each container (50 to 75 cents). Over \$5000 a week and 1700 containers a day (doubled from last year) have been thrown away in just to-go containers alone. JP and Bonnie are going to have Howard come in and talk to SGA next semester.
- **CID –** Nothing new this week.
- **Residence Life-** Nothing new this week.
- **Information Technology-** Ralph Jones and Mike Sorrentino had a meeting with Bobby Flack. The FAQs are being drafted. The website will be updated in January.
- **Community Outreach-** Adopt-a-Family information is finally here!! Our SGA family consists of a 38-year-old male and female, a 20-year-old male, a 17-year-old female and an 8-month-old male. Our job is to get several clothing items for each family member as well as some toys for the baby and gift certificates for the rest of the family. SGA's goal is to collect at least \$50 a person. Therefore, SGA needs to collect \$250 total. Amberly Battersby and Cory Riley are asking you to donate whatever you can contribute. Let's see which class can collect the most!! SGA realizes that everyone is tight with money with the holidays coming up but we ask that you contribute anything you can to help a family in need. Thank you so much for your generosity!! And if anyone wants to help us buy the presents please let Amberly Battersby or Cory Riley know!! Since SGA has operating budgets and a different form of allocation than other clubs, SGA will propose to match whatever is raised. Amberly proposed this match and with 34 votes and 2 abstentions, SGA will therefore match whatever is raised for this family. Sean Adams will also contribute \$1 for every \$10 that is raised by each class.
- **Mount Spirit-** The Loyola game went very well! Before the game, Coach Brown sent out an email to all students attending basically saying to "Pump it up!" The ride there went well, the behavior there went well and the ride home went well! With 165 tickets handed out, only 20 students did not show and most were for family reasons. There were also many alumni and students who drove themselves. MSM filled up half of Loyola's gym! Even though we lost the game, the players and coaches were very thankful. Coach Brown even bought 40 boxes of pizza and 6 cases of soda for the bus ride home!! There are still extra t-shirts available and there will be a charge of \$10 for each to offset the costs of them. Michelle O'Donnell and Dan Long told the committee that the Board of Trustees commended them and that Tom O'Hara was especially impressed. The next event of attack: HOMECOMING! Joe Galeano will be a great asset to the Homecoming Committee. He has come up with the theme for homecoming which will be 'Moulin Rouge.' The dance is February 9th which is on a Friday. The Mount Spirit Committee is asking a representative from each class office to be on the committee. Due to the tremendous amount of hard work Marie Graney

and Crystal Ofori put into the Mount vs. Loyola Basketball Game, they are our official SGA Committee Members of the Month!!! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK!!!

- **Campus Ministry-** Friday is a Holy Day of Obligation: The Feast of the Immaculate Conception. Due to the basketball game, Father Rick is trying to move the time up for mass. All masses are in the IC and not in Pangborn Chapel. Mount 2000 is February 2-4. If you want to help out, please contact Jim Flanagan or Erin Martin. On January 26, a very talented artist, Steve Angrisano is coming to the Mount to perform. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for general admission. Tickets are being sold in Campus Ministry. Campus Ministry and SGA are sponsoring an exam time break for some snacks in Patriot Hall. There will be cookies, a nacho bar, etc. This is on Tuesday at 9pm! The gospel choir is playing this Wednesday at 7pm in Knott Auditorium.
- **SAAC-** Candy cane sales are being sold Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- **LOFT-** LOFT is helping out with Adopt-a-Family and there will be a Christmas party before we leave for break.
- **University Life Committee-** The Knott Auditorium Upper Lobby Lounge Proposal was talked about at SGA. The upper lobby of Knott would be turned into a lounge for a more intimate place for studying, movies, etc. If we get SGA approval then money would come from the student activity fee. There are still concerns from students in the area that they think we would not really use the space. It is not really big, but it does however seat about 50. Students also think that the furniture is too much money. Security would not be a big issue since the DVD player can be locked up and there is a lot of storage for chairs. Public Safety would also lock up the building. Hours would continue to be as they are now. A student brought up the fact that he does not like the student activity fee being used for capitalist expenses. There was a motion to table this conversation: passed by a vote of 25 to 8, but students still believe that the space in Purcell is needed. If there are any questions, please send them to Liz Plant.
- **Commuters-** Commuter representatives are working with the Public Safety Committee on the parking issue for commuters.
- **Recycling-** Nothing new this week.
- **Enrollment Management-** Nothing new this week.
- **Seminarian Representative-** Chiji read Clinton Sensat's letter of resignation. Clinton's reason for resignation is that he has to work more with his priestly callings. Chiji then introduced Clinton's replacement: Matt Rolling. We are very excited to have Matt with us!!
- **Graduate Student Representative-** Housing for Graduate Students next year will be in the duplex across the street.
- **Class of 2010-** First-Year Officers are currently talking with Melissa Main to come up with a Freshmen-Give-Back to the community event.
- **Class of 2009-** Officers are working on Mount Oscars and are seeking help for the event. Brad Gerick also read Kayleigh Gelles' letter of resignation. Officers are currently working on a new Vice President.

- **Classes of 2008-** Officers are working on care packages so come and get them if you got an email! Kevin Taylor is stepping down from Residence Life co-chair but is stepping up to Secretary of the Class of 2008. Kevin Morrison would then take the place of Kevin Taylor as the co-chair of Residence Life. Officers of the Class of 2008 appointed Kevin Taylor as the Secretary and there was a motion to vote. With 35 votes, Kevin Taylor is the current Secretary of the Class of 2008. There was then a motion to vote for Kevin Morrison as the new co-chair of the Residence Life Committee. With 35 votes and 1 abstention, Kevin Morrison is the current co-chair of the Residence Life Committee.
- **Class of 2007-** There a lot of events coming up this spring for the senior class. Currently, officers need a lot of help with selling Christmas Cards and sweatpants. They need help selling these in Patriot hall. 100 Days is January 27th. Juniors are also needed to be assistants for commencement in May. Officers had a meeting with Maureen Plant who is the Director of Annual Giving and two other alumni. They are in the process of bringing back the senior induction dinner for alumni association. Seniors will be recognized as alumni and the event will be called, "The Class of 2007 Young Alumni Dinner." It will be a very nice dinner with semi-formal attire.
- **Advisor's Report-** Sean Adams told SGA that this weekend was a great success and he and administration are very happy with the student body, especially SGA. Sean Adams made it a point to tell SGA that this turn-over rate is not a bad thing. SGA is a mature and professional organization. Sean is working on having 'leadership' as a minor so he will be in touch with the Academic Committee. February 16th is Casino Night so save the date!

Open Forum

- Senior Directing Projects are this week!
 - There are about 20 students performing (Kevin Taylor, Nick Ferrari and Liz Plant – director)
 - There are 4 performances tomorrow and Friday
 - There are 5 performances Thursday and Saturday
 - \$2 at 8pm- Adult Content
- Happy Birthday:
 - Jane Karger- 12/4
 - Clinton Sensat- 12/5