

**SGA Minutes**  
**February 6, 2007**

Our beginning prayer was led by Katie Sechrist.

***Past Business***

- **Academic Center Proposal-** Update: Maria Parker went to the registrar's office and the found a list of rooms for the AC that will be available. The Public Safety Committee is also going to check out some security issues.
- **Break-Out Session: Wellness Center-** Between all the groups that discussed the issues with the Wellness Center, the general consensus was to change/add the current hours of the Wellness Center. Kevin Morrison and Tom Pucciarella are meeting with Dean Post and they will make a decision based on SGA's opinions and try to get more of the student bodies' input.

***Current Business***

- **End of the Semester Report-** The formalized report was distributed to administration and faculty and was presented at the Leadership Team Meeting on February 2, 2007.
- **To-Go Container Proposal-** This proposal has been in the works since last semester when the issue of the to-go containers was brought up. Jesse Dorman, along with the University Recycling Committee, Environmental Club, and Dining Services came up with a proposal. At present, many dining hall students receive their food in the Styrofoam containers, while still remaining in the dining hall to eat. This has lead to widespread abuse and wastefulness regarding the "to-go" option. Currently over 3500 non-biodegradable containers are used each day. The proposed change is environmentally responsible and fiscally prudent. In order to further the goal of conserving resources, it was proposed that all dining hall patrons not be served on Styrofoam "to-go" containers. Instead, all patrons would be served on regular plates and would have the option to transfer their food to a Styrofoam container outside of the serving area after the food is purchased. The containers would be located on the condiment bar, which would be configured differently to accommodate efforts. Once food is transferred to the Styrofoam container, the remaining plate(s) would be dropped off at the dish return in the usual manner. Dining services employees would be instructed not to serve students who might try to retrieve a to-go container before entering. This proposal would decrease the abuse of the 'to-go' option among those eating in the dining hall, decrease the volume of trash that is being sent to landfills, cut out wasteful spending, and increase the community's awareness of and concern for the negative impact on the environment.

Howard Williams made an appearance and was willing to answer any questions from SGA. The to-go containers costs the university \$450 a day and \$3000 a week. Compared to this time last year, we have more than doubled our waste of to-go containers. Howard said that if SGA can not get behind this proposal, do not pass it. It will be a failure if this is not supported by the leaders of the school. However, students

need to give suggestions on how we can improve this proposal. Some questions/concerns/suggestions about this proposal that were brought up are as follows:

- Where would the extra money go if students were to limit our use of to-go containers?
  - It would not go to Aramark since the university pays a flat fee to them
  - Money would go to the university in some way (possibly a ice cream machine, card reader on a vending machine, etc)
- What about charging small fees for the boxes?
- There would be additional plates for the cleaning staff.
- Some students may be spiteful and just leave their plates at the condiment bar to ‘make a statement’.
- If students do not have a tray, sometimes the servers automatically give students a to-go container. Sometimes they make assumptions and do not ask if students’ food is ‘for here’ or ‘to-go’.
- Could students bring in their own Rubber-Maid containers?
- Word of mouth is very effective. Tell students to leave the dining hall if they have to-go containers.
- Limit the number of containers per person.

There was a motion to table this discussion and proposal and was then seconded. It was made clear that if SGA tabled this proposal then next week there is a definite need to vote. 7 students voted in support of tabling this discussion. It was not tabled. A student motioned to vote for this proposal which was then seconded. 3 students voted ‘yes’ for this proposal and 30 students voted ‘no’ for the proposal. The To-Go Container Proposal did not pass. Send all suggestions to the SGA account.

### *Committee/Class Reports*

- **CAB** – There is a comedian on Friday. This past Saturday was ‘As Tall as Lions’ which was a huge success!! About 350 people attended and about a quarter of them were from off campus. This gives MSM promise for upcoming concerts! This Saturday there will be no AfterParty. There will be a novelty with an email coming out tomorrow. CAB and SGA Executive Board will be working together to figure out AfterParty issues.
- **Publicity** – The posters that were completed for Homecoming were distributed. Casino Night posters will be out soon.
- **Academic** – Nothing new this week.
- **Public Safety** – Andrea and Alex will meet with Vince and Diane as soon as they can.
- **Dining Services** – Bonnie and JP met with Howard last Friday. Check out the new Dining Services Website. It tells you everything that has to do with DS. There will also be food samples next week for potential food options for the Mount.
- **CID** – Interviews are being conducted for the new CID Director.
- **Residence Life** – Chairs are meeting with Dean Post to talk about the semester.
- **Information Technology** – Chairs have a meeting Bobby Flack tomorrow.

- **Community Outreach** – Casino Night is February 16<sup>th</sup> 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 we are donating the money to is the Casey Cares Foundation which is for critically ill children. 95% of all money donated goes straight to the children.
- **Mount Spirit** – Homecoming is this week!!! The window decorating contest is up to the Class Officers to find a team who will participate. Please volunteer for selling tickets for the Homecoming Dance. Tomorrow night is the Pep Rally from 10-12 am. The First Years are sling shooting t-shirts. Thursday is the Men's Basketball Game and Friday is the "Parisian Splendour" Dance. King and Queen will be announced at midnight at the dance. Saturday is the women's and men's game against Robert Morris. The first 200 people to show up to the women's game will receive a free t-shirt. From 5-7 pm there will be root beer floats in the Mount Café.
- **Campus Ministry** – Mount 2007 was wonderful!! There is a break-out session after mass on Sunday. Campus Ministry needs students' input on where they want to see their Campus Ministry go. Two weeks from now is Fat Tuesday. Two weeks from tomorrow is LENT! There is a pro-life speaker, Sr. Catherine of the Sisters of Life giving a presentation on the 'Gospel of Life' which is Sunday 5-6 pm in the O'Hara Dining Room. Men's Kairos is February 16-18<sup>th</sup> please keep the retreatants and leaders in your prayers.
- **SAAC** – Miss Mount is April 11<sup>th</sup>. 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** – Travis will be meeting with the other commuters soon.
- **Recycling** – To-Go Container Proposal.
- **Enrollment Management** – Nothing new this week.
- **Seminarian Representative** – The celebration of Lent is quickly coming up. For Catholics, suffering means something because Christ suffered so much for us. Encourage yourself into giving up something that is sacrifice for you. Unite yourself to Christ.
- **Graduate Student Representative** – On March 27<sup>th</sup>, there is a Graduate School Open House from 5-7 pm at the Frederick Campus.
- **Class of 2010** – First Years are selling tickets for Homecoming this week and are selling foam hands for \$5.
- **Class of 2009** – Sophs hosted a Super Bowl Party on Sunday which went really well. Mount Oscars nominations have gone out. Please nominate!! The hosts for the Oscars are Colleen Feeney, James Osborn and Bryce Jones.
- **Class of 2008** – Nothing new this week.
- **Class of 2007** – The Young Alumni Dinner is this Thursday. This dinner has not happened since 15 years ago. Seniors are still selling sweatpants for \$15. Officers are in need of seniors who are involved in mass for the Baccalaureate. Father Rick would like lecturers who are part of the senior class to be involved with Baccalaureate. If you are interested in Senior Formal email James Osborn. 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-** Students need to be behind recycling. We need to come up with an answer for the to-go container proposal. Email the SGA Account if you have suggestions. The same policies for dances still apply for the Homecoming Dance. 'Hannibal Rising' is Thursday at 10 pm for \$6. 'Music and Lyrics' is next Wednesday at 10 pm for \$6.

### *Open Forum*

- **SGA/Administration Social-** February 19<sup>th</sup>. We will talk about this during our next meeting.
- **Mount Spirit-** T H A N K Y O U for all of your hard work!!!!
- **Happy Birthday:**
  - Mark Randolph- 2/10

### *Intentions*

Our beautiful ending prayer was led by Lauren Mackey.