10/14/2018 Senate Meeting

*Attendance:* Kaylee, Brady, Jordan, Lee, Ian, Elvia, Destiny, Ishara, Angelica, Zita, Crystal (Proxy for Marlene), and Gabriella (Anni’s Proxy).

*Absent*: Marlene (Proxy), Ugo, Ani (Gabriella), Dani

*Majority Vote: 6*

*Motion to Commence Meeting:* Angelica

*Second:* Lee

**Hunger Hurts:**

*Kaitlyn Morris discussed it.* She wants to organize the annual food drive for Hunger Hurts. It’s an initiative that was created in Berea, KY 26 years ago to solve the hunger issue in Berea, KY while also focusing on outreach.

*Weekend 1:* Volunteers take a van with brown paper bags from Kroger. They drop off these paper bags to every home in Berea, KY. The bags have a flier, envelope (For monetary donations), flyer about the food bank and a list of needed food.

*Weekend 2:* Collect bags and bring them back to the food banks headquarters.

*1 in 6 Kentuckians are food insecure.*

*SGA Weekends:*

Saturday, Oct. 27th. Meeting in CELTS (2nd floor of Stephensen hall). Will run from 9AM till 2PM. Drop off bags at houses.

Saturday, Nov. 3rd. Runs from 9AM til 2PM. Pick up bags and sorts food.

\*\*The event is NOT open to all students as vans are limited and the food bank can only accommodate so many people. Specific groups volunteer with the program.

\*\*Email “[morriska@berea.edu](mailto:morriska@berea.edu)” for more information on the event or to volunteer if you didn’t sign up during the meeting.

**Yearbook - Gus**

Gus is not on the student life council but he is in charge of updating the student life council on the status of the year book.

*Yearbook Status:* Yearbooks in USA have been declining for 15-20 years. Only 800 schools print yearbooks in the USA. Every student at Berea College pays $35 per year for a yearbook. Out of the 1600 students only 200 get a picture taken for it, only 900 yearbooks are printed and only 400 are picked up. Digital distribution has also been attempted in the past. Gus doesn’t approve of every student being charged for a yearbook when most students don’t pick one up. In reality, if a yearbook was printed for everyone, the cost would need to be doubled. Gus believes that social media is hurting yearbooks. Gus would like the SGA to discuss the yearbook with students and get their feedback on it. We need to find out if the students want to keep the yearbook, stop it, stop it for a few years, or something else.

*Questions:*

*Angelica*: Who selects the person in charge of the yearbook?

*Answer*: The student editor.

*Destiny:* How do you all go about bringing this to public attention? I didn’t know we had a yearbook for a long time. What have you tried to reach students.

*Answer:* Word of mouth promotions, emails, etc. It’s become harder to do this as the staff for the yearbook has been reduced.

*Angelica:* What would replace the yearbook if it is terminated?

*Answer:* Unclear. Needs to be discussed. The fee could be removed or the money could be redirected to something more beneficial to the students.

*Destiny:* How do you go about getting a yearbook?

*Answer:* Stop by the office in Fairchild to get one.

*Ishara:* How can the senate help?

*Answer*: A questionnaire will be brought to the senate in the future and we should add questions to it and tell the students to take it.

**Rachel Heidi:**

Didn’t show up.

**Funding Requests:**

*Sarah Holly - Prevet:* They want $10 for animal cracker snacks, nutter butters, and paper plates for snacks.

*Motion Made:* Ishara

*Seconded:* Lee

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*Brianna Lawson:* For Appalachian Student Union. Event from Oct. 21st to Oct 27th. Expecting 100 people. Requesting $80 for gifts. $25 for guest speakers gifts, $35 for corn hole winner, and 20 for prizes.

\*\*Ian yielded time to Lakshya.

Lakshya doesn’t know much about the event but it might be for appalachian week.

\*\*Ian made a point of order asking what the money was for.

\*\*Destiny made a point of information stating that their event is not on B-Linked so we don’t know much about it.

\*\*Angelica yielded time to Lakshya.

Lakshya stated that he thinks they need to put their event on B-Linked before they get funding.

It was decided that we might want to offer up to a certain amount of reimbursements after the event.

\*\*Ian made a point of information to offer funding now but suggest they put the event on B-Linked.

\*\*Kaylee raised the point that the event also isn’t on their Facebook page.

\*\*Destiny yielded time to Brianna.

Brianna showed a budget proposal that was designed for CAB. The Appalachian Student Union is a cultural club that engages will all to teach others about appalachia. The event is designed to teach student about appalachian culture. Total is $150.

*Questions:*

*Angelica:* How are you advertising?

*Answer:* Haven’t advertised yet. Will send an email, place large posters around campus, use social media marketing, and place flyers on mountain day.

*Destiny:* What prizes are you planning on getting with the money.

*Answer:* It’s up to the treasurer. Unclear.

*Ian:* Have you calculated the exact prize costs?

*Answer:* No. We allotted an amount of funds and will purchase prizes according to the prices.

*Motion to Open floor for funding:* Made by Destiny.

*Seconded:* Ian.

Destiny feels that $80 is a bit much. Wants to lower it to $60 and limit it to $20 per prize category. Ian agrees and thinks we need a more specific budget. Kaylee thinks student and guest speaker prizes shouldn’t be of equal value. Michael Thorton used SGA suggestions so this club might too. Lee mentioned that we have a surplus of funds so we shouldn’t be as stingy without funds.

*Motion to vote for $80 funding: Ian.*

*Second: Lee.*

*Motion passed. Appalachian Student Union gets $80.*

***Attendance Policy:***

Email Marlene and Ishara if you can’t be at the meeting. Secretary needs to know who won’t be there. There were two proxies today. Gabby for Ugo and Crystal for Marlene. You can only miss four meetings and only have two proxy absences.

*Motion to discuss changing SGA meeting Time:* Angelica.

*Second:* Brady.

Motion passed.

A Google Poll will be made and discussions have been tabled to a later date.

\*\*Meetings minutes are sent out after meeting and at the next meeting the minutes will be approved or changed proposed to ensure accuracy.

*Motion made to approve last meetings minutes:* Destiny.

*Second:* Angelica.

Motion passed.

**Weapons Policy:**

Elsten has been talking about sending a survey to campus to gauge the students thoughts on allowing weapons on campus (Example: MACE). This would only allow minor weapons, not guns.

\*\*Gabby made a point of information asking if people have approached the SGA to allow weapons.

The answer was “no” but many have discussed it outside of SGA.

Many people already have weapons like MACE and Safety Cats. Kaylee wants to include a question in the survey asking how many students didn’t know that weapons like MACE are not allowed. SGA can read through survey before it is sent to the students. Gus pointed out that students have had to be told in the passed that MACE and MACE like weapons are not allowed. Many students have it anyways.

\*\*Destiny made a point of information suggesting to discuss this with someone who knows more about the topic (Such as public safety) to advise the creator of the survey as it’s created.

*Motion to vote on whether or not there should be asurvey:* Ian

*Second:* Jordan.

Motion Passed.

*Motion to adjourn:* Angelica.

*Seconded:* Brady.

Motion Passed.