

## STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

### Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 4, 2010

**In attendance:** George Athanasiou, Dn. David Hostetler, Rob Spaliatsos, Nick Lionas, Andrew Pavlakos, Stephan Kakis, Dean Tiggas, Greg Marangas, John Smyrni, Demetra Lalli, Ryan Stingle, Stephen Christophorou, Anna Efthimiadis, Ryan Collins, Mike Gavrilos, Sam Williams

- I. Opening Prayer – Sosen Kyrie at 7:33 PM
- II. Minutes – Minucci moved to approve minutes, Kakis seconded. Pavlakos opposed approving the minutes. Minutes approved.
- III. Report of the Executive Board
  - a. President – George Athanasiou
    - i. First Inter-Seminarian Senior Retreat – great success; good fellowship. Helped to build relationship with other schools
    - ii. A bouquet from Edible Arrangements was sent to Fr. Clapsis on behalf of the SGA.
    - iii. New Emergency Notification system was put into place this week and was tested on Wednesday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.
      1. Students should have received a voice message and an email.
      2. Some confusion about whether or not we should have also received a test message.
  - b. Vice President – David Hostetler
    - i. Executive Board had a Budget Meeting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010. This will be discussed by the treasurer.
    - ii. Dn. Hostetler explained some goals that we as an exec board are going to try and implement regarding discretionary fund spending.
      1. Organizing funds to implement improvements in quality of life programs for students
      2. Large amount of money in the discretionary fund which we are going to try and utilize for the benefit of the student body.
      3. Guidelines will be brought to the Board to vote on. The next step may be to change the constitution if the Board deems it necessary.
      4. One question that will need to be addressed is whether or not we need to have a certain amount of money in a “reserve” account.
  - c. Treasurer – Stephen Christophorou
    - i. Presented the Proposed SGA Budget
      1. See attached report.
      2. Student activity fee money has not yet been dispersed to SGA, but we are told by Stella that this will be done in the next two weeks.
      3. A few changes from last year

- a. Each class this year was allotted \$300 per class, as opposed to \$150 which was given in the past.
- b. We removed the Hellenic Student Association as a line item from the budget this year as they have officially missed three meetings.
- c. Spiritual Life committee has also been removed as a line item from the budget.
  - i. Spiritual Life can still request money has needed from the Exec Board discretionary fund
  - ii. Motion to approve budget by Smyrni and seconded by Kakis. 1 vote opposed and 3 abstentions. Budget approved.
- d. Corresponding Secretary – Demetra Lalli – No report.
- e. Recording Secretary – Rob Spaliatsos – No report.

#### IV. New Business

- a. Honorary Degrees: Fr. Nick Treantifilou asked for names of worthy individuals to be honored with honorary degrees at the 2011 Commencement. Athanasiou read a memo from Fr. Nick with guidelines as to how names should be submitted.
  - i. Minucci moved to open nominations; Kakis seconded. Athanasiou asked that people email him nominations with a biography.
  - ii. Spaliatsos asked that Athanasiou also provide a list of previous honorary degree recipients so as to not have people submit names of people who have already received the honor.
  - iii. There will be two honorary degrees presented.

#### V. Old Business

#### VI. Reports of Associations and Committees:

- a. Report of Office of Student Life – report by Vincent Minucci
  - i. Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Tuesday, November 9<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Minucci asked for feedback on how the vans have been going
    - 1. Sam Williams, a van driver, attested to their heavy usage
- b. Campus Activities Board – report by Andrew Pavlakos
  - i. Future Events
    - 1. Karaoke Night – Saturday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>
    - 2. Pep Rally – Wednesday, Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:30; Game begins at 9:30
- c. Orthodox Christian Fellowship – Nick Lionas
  - i. Celtics game was a big success – we had 31 student in attendance (\$92 expense)
  - ii. This Saturday, there will be a hike up Mt. Manamana :)
  - iii. Planning a game night with other area OCFs
- d. Married Student Association – Yanni Smyrni
  - i. Thanked CAB and students from Polemanakos for the Halloween events for kids
- e. Orthodox Inter-Seminary Movement – not present
- f. Missions Committee – not present

- g. Athletics Committee –Lionas gave a report
  - i. Football was a success; the men’s teams have had their championship; women’s teams have not yet completed the season.
  - ii. Soccer is starting soon; Gavrilos explained there will be an announcement made soon to let people know how to go about how to sign up
- h. Spiritual Life Committee – absent

#### VII. Class Reports

- a. SOT 2011 – reported by Michael Gavrilos
  - i. December 9<sup>th</sup>, there will be a presentation on the class senior trip at Maliotis Center.
  - ii. Looking at different possibilities for fund raising
  - iii. Concerns were brought up about the gym schedule and how students can access the gym in the evenings; some evenings the gym is currently being rented out to outside groups. Gavrilos expressed the concern that getting into the gym at night sometimes is very difficult.
    - 1. Gavrilos asked for people who are interested in working with him to put together a proposal.
    - 2. Proposal will be submitted to SGA and then to Mr. Karloutsos.
- b. SOT 2012 – report by Vincent Minucci
  - i. Nothing to report
- c. SOT 2013 – reported by Ryan Stingle
  - i. Class is thinking about possible class project; specifically related to the JC Room
- d. SOT 2014 – report by Sam Williams
  - i. Expressed a concern about the amount of paperwork passed out in classes; asked if professors could be asked to embrace electronic documents instead of copies
  - ii. Ryan Collins shared some information about the use of “Smart Boards” in the classrooms, which will allow professors to utilize digital media much more easily.
  - iii. Conversation continued with topics including BlackBoard software, the impact of printing in computer lab and library when PDFs are distributed.
- e. HC 2011 – report by Stephan Kakis
  - i. Kakis will allegedly graduate in May
- f. HC 2012 report by Greg Marangas
  - i. Nothing to report
- g. HC 2013 – report by Dean Tiggas
  - i. Nothing to report
- h. HC 2014 – report by Anna Efthimiadis
  - i. Nothing to report

#### VIII. Faculty Representatives

- a. Hellenic College – Ryan Collins and Lydia Bryant
  - i. Opening of St. Catherines, an Orthodox College in California

1. There was an expressed desire to sell Hellenic College
    - ii. Recent book launch with OVM and Hellenic College Faculty
    - iii. OVM is working with Hellenic College to create a mentoring program
    - iv. Encouraged participation in the writing assistance program
    - v. Kallinikion program is being expanded this coming summer
  - b. Holy Cross – report by George Athanasiou
    - i. Next meeting on this coming Tuesday
- IX. Next SGA Meeting is Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 PM
- X. Motion to close by Smyrni, seconded by Kakis, Pavlakos and Gavrilos opposed.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:24 PM.
- XI. Closing Prayers
  - a. Soson Kyrie