

**Student Government Association
Minutes**



I. Call to order: 6:00

II. Roll Call: Dan Storrs, Helen Brackel, Morgan Joner, Amber Lavoie, Isaac Braucht, Gretchen Sechrist, Hannah Confalone, Brittany Tiffany, Mayson Bryant, Oakley Gorman, Justin Knarr, Nautica Brown, David Young, Lilly Ulsh

a. Excused: Quinn Eyster, Jason Gao, Natalie Bliss, Carter Route

III. Approval of last week Minutes

- a. So move: Justin
- b. Second: Mayson
- c. Passes

IV. Officer Reports

- a. President: (Oakley Gorman)
 - i. I hope everyone had a good week.
 - ii. We are tabling at the student org fair from 9-10 in KFC. We are looking for volunteers so contact me. Be there at 8:30.
 - iii. The homecoming nomination form will be sent out Friday or this weekend. It will be due next Friday.
- b. Vice President (Justin Knarr)

- i. Come to me with a committee you'd like to be on, I can give you a rundown of committees if you'd like.
 - ii. If you are on a committee, make sure you are contacting the chair of said committee.
 - iii. For homecoming, there is an alumni who will be the Mountie. We are looking for someone to be the Mountie full-time. It is a paid position, so you must qualify for work-study.
- c. Treasurer (Carter Route)
 - i. COF Balance: - N/A
 - ii. SGA Balance: - N/A
- d. Parliamentarian (Lillian Ulsh)
 - i. We have one new application for the house of reps.
- e. PR Director (Nautica Brown)
 - i. For PR committee I want our meetings to be on Thursdays, send me what times on Thursdays you are available before October 1st so we can plan for Halloween.
 - ii. Keep an eye out on the Instagram for homecoming spirit week themes, I will release these a week early so people have time to plan. Please participate but don't feel the need to spend money on it.
- f. Secretary (Mayson Bryant)
 - i. As a reminder, if you cannot make meetings in person, I will send a Zoom link out the day before the meeting. If you cannot attend either way, send me an email with your report before 4 pm on the day of the meeting.
- g. Director of Technology (David Young)
 - i. I can now finally make changes to the website it only takes 7-10 business days.

- ii. I have added a QR code to the website so you can receive your club vouchers.

V. Committee Reports

- a. University Committee Reports:

- i. Commonwealth University (CU) Senate:

- 1. N/A

- ii. Academic Policy Committee:

- 1. No report

- iii. IT Subcommittee:

- 1. Multiple positions were filled today .
 - 2. A student tech survey will be sent out in the next few weeks.

- iv. Student Affairs and Admissions Committee:

- 1. N/A

- v. CCSI:

- 1. N/A

- vi. Mansfield Assembly:

- 1. No report

vii. DEI Committee:

1. N/A

viii. Committee on Finance (COF):

1. No report

ix. Student Success and Campus Life Committee:

1. N/A

x. Bylaw Committee: (Lilly Ulsh)

1. No report

xi. Food Committee: (David Young)

1. No report

xii. Fundraising Committee:

1. No report

xiii. Commencement Committee:

1. N/A

VI. House of Representatives

a. ACDA: (Amber Lavoie)

- i. We have a presenter for our meeting tomorrow.

b. BSU: (N/A)

- i. N/A
- c. Carontawan: (N/A)
 - i. We are looking for a new SGA representative
- d. E-Sports Club: (Helen Brackel)
 - i. Our competitions start next week, and we have 5 teams competing and are currently going over fundraising.
- e. Geoscience club: (Natalie Bliss)
 - i. We have set our club meeting time to be on Mondays at 2pm, somewhere in Belknap or Retan (depends on room availability).

We have also been looking into how many of our members are available to volunteer at hills creek and we have been discussing transportation to the event.
- f. IFC: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- g. FHP (Future Healthcare Professionals): (Natalie Drumm)
 - i. N/A
- h. Flashlight: (N/A)
 - i. Articles are due late tonight and tomorrow morning.
- i. Mansfield Opera Theater (MOT): (Hayley Skillens)
 - i. Mansfield Opera Theatre will be having a showing of Amadeus this Saturday at 6:30pm in Straughn Hall Auditorium. We will also be putting on two performances of our Mozart scenes program next weekend, on Saturday the 28th at 7:30pm and Sunday the 29th at 2:30pm.

- j. MU Cheer Team: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- k. Musical Theatre Organization (MTO): (Hannah Confalone)
 - i. Our audition workshop is this sunday at 7 pm in butler 163
- l. MUSVO: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- m. Panhellenic Council: (Brittany Tiffany)
 - i. The sororities are giving out bids and Panhel will meet sometime soon.
- n. PCMEA: (Jason Gao, LoA)
 - i. No report
- o. Photography Club: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- p. Political Science Club: (Dan Storrs)
 - i. Next month will mark a year of the conflict in Gaza. We are planning to show a related documentary on Oct 4th, we don't know what documentary yet.
- q. Psychology Club: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- r. ROTARACT: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- s. SAAC: (Sarah Sherman)
 - i. N/A
- t. SAGA: (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- u. Snow Sports Club (SSC):

- i. N/A
- v. SPSEA: (Morgan Joner)
 - i. We had a meeting yesterday preparing for our guest speaker
- w. Steadman Studios: (Isaac Braucht)
 - i. We have proposed a few fundraiser ideas and started a list of bands for Mountiestock.
- x. Student Dietetic Association (SDA): (N/A)
 - i. N/A
- y. WNTE: (Quinn Eyster)
 - i. No Report

VII. Old Business

- a. N/A

VIII. New Business

- a. Motion to hear new applications
 - i. So moved: Justin
 - ii. Second: Dan
 - iii. Discussion about: Veda (Flashlight)
 - iv. Move to vote: Oakley
 - v. Passes
- b. Dr. Gretchen Sechrist

- i. Dr. Sechrist - I am here to hear from you what you need as students. If you have needs, concerns, or solutions to problems, I'm the person you need to talk to.
- ii. Justin - We do not have a special ed professor on campus and I brought this up to the council of trustees but was pushed away. My concern is that we are not receiving a quality education in regard to special education due to the online nature of the classes.
- iii. Dr. S - We look at online classes and we hear from students and faculty that we want to have in person classes. We look at what classes fill up first and they are the ones offered online. I wish I could tell you we can hire a special ed professor at the push of a button. I advise you all to work things within your college (College of Education). For each college, there is a dean and an assistant dean and these are the people we need to reach out to. Whenever you reach out to these people, copy me in those emails.
- iv. Amber- We spend a lot of time in Butler, we have been in a deficit since the spring of 21. We have had a lot of tenured professors retire and we haven't received substantial replacements who are there to serve the students. It has been difficult to see our program struggle and I would appreciate seeing the people in charge have the music students' best interests in mind. Some positions have not been fully replaced, some people come in as part-time for a semester or a year.
- v. Morgan- I want to know if there are going to be new hires for the early ed program.

- vi. Dr. S - I know that they are looking at these issues, but I don't know the answer off the top of my head, I can look into it for you.
- vii. Nautica – Since integration started, there have been many issues navigating online resources like Brightspace and Banner.
- viii. Dr. S - How many of you use or know what CU experience is? This is the portal you want to use where you can customize your own portal.
- ix. Dr. S - We need student feedback from SGA regarding the website navigation.
- x. Helen – I have never met my advisor in person or spoken to her since she is at Bloomsburg. I have gotten one email from her, and it was just her giving me my schedule.
- xi. Dr. S - I can look into this, but you also can always come to me if you need anything regarding registration. You can always send me an email and ask if you can stop by.

IX. Senator Comments

- a. N/A

X. Faculty Representative

- a. N/A

XI. Advisor (Mr. DuBord)

- a. N/A

XII. Announcements

- a. N/A

XIII. Public Q & A

- a. None

XIV. Adjournment

- a. So move: Justin
- b. Second: Dan
 - i. Passes at 6:40