

GEORGIAN COURT UNIVERSITY

THE MERCY UNIVERSITY OF NEW JERSEY

Student Government Association Working Meeting

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, October 6th, 2015: 2:00 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Tuesday, October 20th, 2015 in the **Gavan Student Lounge**

Meeting was facilitated by members of the Executive Board.

Meeting called to order at: 2:00 PM.

Welcome: Miriam Hunte, Executive Board President

The meeting opened with SGA Executive Board President Miriam Hunte welcoming SGA members.

Prayer: Campus Activities Board

The Campus Activities Board led the entire SGA in the official SGA Prayer.

Attendance: Olivia Zitarosa, Executive Board Secretary

Attendance was recorded by Olivia Zitarosa, Executive Board Secretary.

Committee Reports: Miriam Hunte, Executive Board President

The SGA has been encourage to not only take notes at committee meetings, but to speak up freely and often in order to make student voices heard.

Academics, Student Life and Enrollment Committee: Miriam Hunte, David Schenck,

The Academics, Student Life and Enrollment Committee met on September 25th. Student representatives thanked President Marbach for meeting with the Student Government Association and addressing concerns. In addition, the representatives highlighted upcoming events through Student Government and the many projects the SGA is currently working on.

Provost Behre discussed advising, and said that there are new, trained advisors in place who are ready to guide students in the appropriate direction.

Marketing, Advancement and Enrollment Committee: Brianna Marrone

Student Representatives at the Marketing, Advancement and Enrollment Committee meeting mentioned the new website and how it is working for the student body.

Advancement mentioned that they would like additional donations from students, but they understand the challenge when school needs to be paid for.

Alumni Committee: David Schenck, Bianchi Valdez

Student Representatives brought to the Alumni Committee's attention that the STARS Scholarship Portal is difficult to navigate, and students do not understand how scholarships are being picked and who is receiving them.

Alumni want to get involved with Student Life and bridge the gap between students and alumni. Their goal is to get involved and make the aspect of Student Life more enjoyable. In addition, the Alumni Committee would like to help GCU seniors bridge the gap between senior year and being on the Alumni Committee by working with them throughout their senior year of college.

Building, Grounds, Security and I.T Committee: Edwana Hallowanger and Kofi Sarfo

There is currently a project underway for an enhanced recycling system for both residents and commuters. Student Representatives also thanked Dr. Marbach for visiting the SGA and hearing their concerns.

Issues brought to the attention of the committee were an updated Van Service, Maria Hall, Wifi Issues across campus, the possibility of the implementation of charging stations and the issue with Speed Bumps in the parking lots.

Dr. Marbach's Inauguration: David Schenck, Executive Board Vice President

All of SGA is expected to participate in the inauguration for Dr. Marbach on Friday, October 16th.

SGA members need to respond to Pat in Student Life on whether or not they are attending the events that day.

If SGA members have classes on that day that are not cancelled, their classes come first and are excused from the events that day.

Enrollment Meeting Update: Miriam Hunte, Executive Board President

The new Dean of Admissions decision is currently underway and will be announced soon.

Anyone who attended a forum but did not fill out an online survey after should refer to the link passed out during the forum and fill it out as soon as possible.

Proposal Updates: Olivia Zitarosa, Executive Board Secretary

All finished Proposals are currently being edited by Dean Goff. They are expected to be completed on Wednesday, October 7th.

Exemplar Tutoring: Brianna Marrone, Executive Board Treasurer

There is a new tutoring program that allows students to tutor online over video chat rather than in person.

All students should refer to the e-mail sent out by Karen Goff to access the link to sign up. The group code to join is gcu2015.

Inductions: Miriam Hunte, Executive Board President

Inductions are going to be moved to the Spring Semester. The SGA voted on the date change and it was a 12-10 vote, majority in favor of moving inductions to the Spring.

Campus Ministry: Lisa Gravato, Chair for Campus Ministry

There will be no mass on Sunday, October 11th due to the Columbus Day Holiday.

Mercy Communities, an extra support group on campus, will be meeting on Thursday, October 8th at 8:00 PM in the St. Catherine's Hall First Floor Lounge. All are welcome.

The annual Crop Walk is on October 18th, and everyone will meet at 1:30 at the Toms River Presbyterian Church. The walk starts at 2:00, and anyone interested should sign up with Campus Ministry. All funds raised go to the Ocean and Monmouth Food Banks.

Mercy Collegiate Society will be pairing with Alumni for the Point Pleasant Beach Beach Sweep at Jenkinson's Boardwalk on Saturday, October 24th. Anyone interested should speak with Campus Ministry and give them their T-shirt size. The Beach sweep will begin at 9:00 AM.

Throughout Dr. Marbach's Inaugural Week, there will be an ongoing Children's Book and Food Drive. See Campus Ministry to donate. There will also be drop off boxes in the Raymond Dining Hall and Jeffries Hall Lobby. All proceeds will go to the Providence House, which is the charity of Dr. Marbach's choice.

Residence Life: Grace Talian, Chair for Residence Life

Residence Hall Association (RHA) will meet on October 19th at 9:00 PM in St. Joe's First Floor Lounge. Snacks will be provided.

RHA now picks one Resident Assistant per month to help them with their monthly event. On October 17th at 10:00 PM (location TBD), there will be a "Paint Your Pumpkin Pink" event. Seasonal snacks will be served, pumpkins will be provided however you may bring your own.

Which Jewel Are You? Presentation will be hosted by Kathleen Brady on October 6th at 10:00 PM in the St. Joe's First Floor Lounge.

There will be a Stress Less Event for Sophomores at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, October 7th in the Maria Hall First Floor Lounge.

Campus Activities Board (CAB): Deanna Briganity, CAB President

CAB will host a meeting at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 8th in the Lion's Den. Immediately after at 8:00 PM there will be a Wii Night.

On Tuesday, October 20th, there will be a Build a Zombie Event from 11am-2pm in the Jeffries Hall Lobby – while supplies last.

On Thursday, October 22nd, there will be a Humans vs. Zombie Manhunt event. From 11am – 4pm, students can get their makeup done "zombie style" for free in the Gavan Student Lounge. Manhunt will begin at 8:00 PM starting in Jeffries Hall.

On Wednesday, October 21st, there will be a Make Your Own Candy Bag event from 11am – 2pm in the Gavan Student Lounge.

On Thursday, October 15th, there will be a Karaoke Night at 8:00 PM in the Gavan Student Lounge.

Open Business

Schedule Changes for Spring 2016

An SGA Member expressed concern over the schedule change for the fall semester. Now rather than in class learning time two days a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes at a time, students will have in class learning time one day a week for 1 hour and 15 minutes and an online assignment to take the place of the second class.

It has been brought to the SGA's attention that this may be due to construction, but students and faculty were not consulted before the decision has been made.

A student has already experienced this issue, and she said how she feels she is learning less and the classes have become more difficult.

The Executive Board is going to meet with Provost Behre soon, and invite Provost Behre to the next Open Forum to discuss this further.

Hoops Madness

Hoops Madness will be on Wednesday, October 14th at 7:00 PM in the Wellness Center. SGA is partnering with Athletics again to run the event.

All of SGA is expected to help, and are expected to wear the t-shirts provided by Athletics on Wednesday, October 7th and Thursday, October 8th, as well as on Wednesday October 14th in order to promote the event.

Painting Dr. Marbach's Fence

Dr. Marbach expressed to the SGA that his fence is not a solid color, it is black and gray. He would like for it to be just black. He has asked that the SGA help him in painting his fence outside of Kingscote. A date that works for the SGA and Dr. Marbach is currently being discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:01 PM.

