

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Minutes Report

Jazmin Thomas, President

Stephen Aaron, Vice President

September 29, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:01pm by **Stephen Aaron, Vice President**.

The motion to accept the minutes from September 22, 2010 was made by **Senator Chris Earls** and seconded by **Senator Kenneth Bragg**. The motion passed by majority vote.

Michael Arena, Treasurer, announced that the budget currently stands at \$13,372.62. Michael also announced that CAB, Forestry-Wildlife, and International Club have money currently “stored” in the SGA Foundation Account. These are proceeds from last year’s Fall Carnival. Please contact your advisor to set up a Foundation Account so that the funds can be transferred from the SGA account.

Cody Morris, Chief Justice of Judicial Court, announced that there was no court this week. Alfonzo Roberson was inducted.

Eric Pansen, Chief Justice of Traffic Court, announced that there 18 cases on the docket. Nine were no-shows, four were denied, two were granted, and three were reduced.

Committee reports were as follows:

- **Academic Affairs: Tanner Newhouse** announced that there were no reports.
- **Student Affairs: Justin Murrell** reminded senators and club representatives that the sign-up forms for Fall Carnival games are due by October 6th.
- **External Affairs: Ashley Morris** announced that there are currently six clubs participating in the Rodeo events for Celebrate ABAC. Please contact Ashley ASAP to get involved.

In the President’s Report, **Jazmin Thomas, President**, provided information on the following:

- Family Weekend is this weekend. Clubs should have their booths set-up on the Meadows from 10am to 12pm on Saturday, October 2.
- The Debate Watching Party will be in the Student Center at 7pm on Sunday, October 3rd. ABAC has been asked to provide a question for the debate. The following were suggested:
 1. What will you do to expand vocational education in Georgia?
 2. Will you help undocumented high school graduates attend college?
 3. Do you have plans to return any of the funds cut from the USG institutions?
 4. What are you planning to do to correct the downward spiral started by No Child Left Behind?

Old Business was as follows:

- **Megan Green** moved to reconsider the motion regarding Campout for the Homeless. The motion was seconded by **Nikki Thompson** and passed by majority vote. The original motion was amended to reschedule the event to November 12. The main motion passed by majority vote.

New Business was as follows:

- Mr. Keith Barber spoke about the cost and benefits of hosting a rodeo as part of Celebrate ABAC. Mr. Barber requested \$5000 from SGA Student Activities to cover a portion of the

contract. **Megan Green** moved that SGA allocate \$5000 from our Student Activities budget for the event. After great discussion, **Nikki Thompson** moved to table the discussion until the next meeting. This motion failed (11 to 18). During the remaining discussion, Mr. Barber guaranteed the Senate that, should the \$5000 be allocated, students would be charged at most \$10 admission to the event. Mr. Barber also pledged that, should the rodeo bring in \$20,000, the first \$5000 above and beyond the \$20,000 would be given to the SGA. The main motion was passed by 2/3 majority vote.

- **Megan Green** moved to form a Fundraising Committee. Rosa Miranda seconded the motion. Nikki Thompson moved to limit debate to five minutes; Chris Earls seconded. The motion passed. After discussion, Megan Green called the previous question; Marcus Green seconded. This motion passed and a vote was taken on the main motion. The main motion failed.
- **Chris Earls** moved that the proceeds from the Fall Carnival be returned to the respective clubs in the same manner as the 2009 Fall Carnival. Tickets will be sold at one booth, possibly two, for \$0.25 each. These will be spent at the club booths. At the end of the night, tickets will be counted and an equivalent amount of money will be deposited in each club's Foundation Account. If your organization does not currently have a Foundation Account, please contact Amanda Bridges to create one.

Announcements:

- Horticulture Club is now selling Hay Bales for the Annual Decorated Hay Bale contest. The cost is \$25 for the first bale and \$10 for each bale after that.
- SGA and CAB are joining forces to host ABAC's Got Talent on November 19th. Students are encouraged to help recruit participants for the event. Any faculty or staff member can compete. Should someone be reluctant to perform, they may choose to participate in Penny Wars. This will be a monetary competition during which students will vote for the faculty or staff member they want to see perform. Coins will count as point for the performance, paper money will count as points against the performance.
- Political Science club meets Oct 6, in the courtroom.
- When completing the online Facilities Request, please indicate the name of your organization in the name of the event, i.e. "SGA: Fall Carnival" and include a statement in the comments to the effect of "Program request form is being processed." This will help the Facilities Manager determine what events are for clubs and organizations.

The motion to adjourn was made by **Senator Chris Earls** and seconded by **Senator Kenneth Bragg**. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:19pm.