

Student Government Association Minutes
October 1st, 2013
Cascia Hall

President: Tony Bruno **Vice President:** John Ferraro
Secretary: Mackenzie Goebel **Treasurer:** Tim O'Leary
Member at Large: Max Zhang

Members present: Julie Salisbury, Sarah Connelly, Lauren Foster, Jennie Votta, Allison Langone, Chris Hart, Katelyn Davis, Maria Russo, Lauren Folino, Brooke Coupal, Baloun Ma, Kate Mermelstein, Shakee Messina, Jiawei (David) Qin, Sue Ung, Brandon Shea, Neil Gagnon, Danielle Trudel, Jessica Arsenault

Members absent: Cam Greenburg, Ashleigh Concetti, Ariana L'Ecuyer, Zhijing Yu, Chenyang Yan, Madison Davis

- Lauren motioned to start the meeting at 5:05PM
- Tony welcomed everyone, showed off the new SGA binders that include goals, expectations and previous agendas & minutes
- Mackenzie took attendance
- Max asked for committee reports
 - Campus Life: Lauren motioned to discuss technology on campus so that she has something to bring to her upcoming meeting
 - Tim suggested a mobile version of MyMack or MackApps
 - Julie suggested an app of Tim's suggestion
 - Kaitlyn said she is required to sign into safe connect all the time while Julie said she has connect once a semester
 - Tim motioned to close the discussion
 - Dining Committee: Jenny has nothing new to report, her first meeting tomorrow.
 - Julie motioned to open a discussion about Sparky's.
 - Julie complained about her experience at the den concerning poor customer service. She would like to pose a question to Sodexo of what supervision happens during operating hours.
 - Lauren suggested asking what the protocols of sanitary measures are.
 - Allie proposed for the Sparky issues that Jennie and the dining committee should create a formal form for complaints.
 - Tony said he will attend the next meeting to see if Sodexo can change.
 - Tim motioned to close
 - Finance Committee: Tim and Lauren went over supplemental budgets that were sent out the next morning
 - Campus Infrastructure: Allison is still in the works of setting up her meeting, one of her concerns is motorcycle/bike parking
 - Academic Affairs: Maria has nothing new to report.
 - Public Relations: Danielle has been keeping up with the Twitter & Facebook pages. During office hours, she noticed the bulletin board was missing near the first floor

elevator of the Sakowich Center. NEW BUSINESS: create an official trifold for office hours on Oct. 14th

-Tim motioned to have a discussion on getting the bulletin board back.

-Tim explained that the bulletin board gives SGA the opportunity to showcase what's happening across campus. Tim motioned to vote that we get the bulletin board back.

After a hand vote, the motion won 23-0.

-Tim motioned to close the discussion

- Student Organization Committee: John reported that the criminology organization and improv organization are moving along well
- Reports of Office Hours:
 - Sparky's complaints about the whole wheat pasta and rice. Jennie took note.
 - Tony said there was a complaint about the new campus signs
 - Julie motioned to open discussion about signs
 - Lauren likes the design but claims they are repetitive
 - Brendan questioned the parking lot changes and said there has been confusion because the parking stickers now don't match the parking lots, and the lots are labeled with both old and new signs
 - Jennie likes them, claims they give campus a more professional feel
 - Allison said she'll ask about consistency with the signs and what kind of input was taking into consideration with the decision to put them up at her meeting
 - Maria would like to see a notification email about the changes
 - Tim motioned to close the meeting
- Mackenzie then talked about the blood drive. Jamie, a representative of Red Cross, will attend our next meeting to discuss details and information. The blood drive itself will be October 17th in the Multi-Purpose Room. Signs up will go out in an email for tabling every day to advertise and for the day of to help work the event.
- Tony discussed the October 15th meeting. Because it is the day after Columbus Day and class schedules are switched and the Orientation banquet is scheduled for that night, we will not be holding a meeting that week.
- Tim discussed the Mack Meeting, an open forum meeting with the president of the school that provides students with the opportunity to ask questions and give feedback about anything to do with Merrimack. This semester's date will be October 29th at 5PM. Our advertising campaign flyers will encompass different topics so students can specify their concerns. Tony suggested "Pizza with the President" as means of providing food and attracting a larger turnout. Jennie proposed sending an email explaining the Mack Meet to students who may be unfamiliar with the event.
 - Tony asked if members would be willing to make a subcommittee focused on the Mack meeting, to which Maria, Kate, Max, Brooke, and Sarah volunteered.
- John discussed the vacancies, and said there are still 5 freshmen seats and 2 senior seats to fill
 - Julie motioned to open the discussion about vacancies.
 - Tony reflected on the amendment we just changed that we can advertise the spots and the seats can be open to anyone who volunteers. He then asked for feedback as to what members think should be the process of them joining. They

will have to write a letter of intent, and then prove through a sit down that they are serious about joining. Everyone agreed with the process.

- Mackenzie motioned to close the discussion
- Tony explained the “Warrior of the Week”, a small recognition for someone who went above and beyond their fair share, who is Max!
- Open floor:
 - Julie asked if google drive will be out for different sign-ups.
 - Maria would like to see all Mack Meeting volunteers to stay for a few minutes
- Mackenzie motioned to close the meeting at 5:42PM