

Student Government Association Minutes
November 5th, 2013
Cascia Hall

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

Members present: Sarah Connelly, Chris Hart, Maria Russo, Lauren Folino, Brooke Coupal, Baloun Ma, Brendan Shea, Neil Gagnon, (Chenyang) Tim Yan, Cam Greenberg, Allison Langone, Lauren Foster, Jessica Arsenault, Julie Salisbury, Jennie Votta, Sue Ung, Kate Mermelstein, Danielle Trudel, Shakee Messina, Shelby Luna, Brenna McDonald, Tayla Bertolino, Katelyn Davis, Shane Pacheco, Colin Sherman

Members absent: (Jiawei) David Qin, Zhijing Yu

- Lauren motioned to start the meeting 5:02PM
- Tony welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that with the Red Sox winning, Sara and Donna send their congratulations on a successful event at the basketball court. John talked about the Town Hall meeting, which was also a success. Student Organizations were happy to have a time to see our faces and have their questions answered. Tony mentioned Mack Gives Back and reminded members they need to sign up and include SGA as a group. If there is no valid reason for missing the event, we are counting it as an unexcused absence.
- Mackenzie took attendance
- Lauren motioned to approve minutes.
- Max asked for reports of committees.
 - Campus Life: Lauren reported Donna is reaching out to the laundry company but we need to be letting students know about how to use the system. Club Cascia will become an event either late this semester or next, so keep an ear out.
 - Dining: Jennie had nothing new to report. Tony said for new business, we should work towards making Fine Dining Night a tradition. Jennie will bring it up at her next meeting
 - Finance Committee: Tim reported supplement budgets are in.
 - Campus Infrastructure: Brendan reported they met with Maria last week and discussed the parking signs. Turns out Maria knew there were new signs but was unaware of the letter changes. She also mentioned a master plan for 3,000 students in the future that still incorporates the small classroom size/small community feel while still expanding. The green bean machine is a great success, and Brendan discussed possibly having a rewards system with Dunkin with returns.
 - Academic Affairs: Maria is still working on the veteran's day pitch, Tony would like for it to be complete before our meeting with President Hopey.
 - Public Relations: Danielle reported there is a new sign on Main Street for office hours. She also reported for the Mack Meeting campaign, PR will be utilizing social media & having a daily countdown. Once the event is over, she plans to post photos from the meeting

- Student Organizations: John reported Criminology and Athletes in Action are doing well, and Athletes in Action will come in within the next few weeks for approval.
- Mack Meeting: Maria meet with Public Relations and all is in place. The committee would like to see a flyer in Sparky's near the pizza to create some buzz. Allie put a note out about questions for Mack Meeting to get members thinking.
- Tony pushed for tabling for office hours and Mack Meeting advertising.
- Tony gave an update on honors housing. He reported SGA has done all they can with the issue. Any further concerns should be directed to ResLife or the honors program.
- Tim motioned to move the agenda out of order.
 - Jessica Walsh, from the Internationalization Leadership Team, is here to explain what her office does and ask that all our members give feedback and fill out the survey so Merrimack and her office can move forward in this growing process.
- John motioned to move the agenda back into order
- E-Board wants to reflect on the goals set in place at our retreat earlier in the semester. We recapped on our values, working mission statement and working vision statement. General members feel that communication is effective. We plan to continue working on communication and visibility, as well as doing more service outreach off campus.
- Tony discussed Relay for Life. The kickoff event is on November 20th and the actual event is not until April. Tony suggested doing something to help raise money at the event. Most members are interested in joining a SGA team with Chris Hart as the leader. Tony will send out the registration link in an email. Any questions, email Chris or Tony.
- Tony announced the Warrior of the Week, Maria! Thanks Maria for your hard work. She is dedicated to office hours, giving extra help and has put forth incredible effort for the Mack Meeting.
- Open floor:
 - Mackenzie mentioned making a Thanksgiving basket for the Campus Ministry drive and asked that members bring a donation for the next meeting.
 - Danielle asked why the front and back apartments can't swipe into each other.
- Mackenzie motioned to close the meeting at 5:44PM