

Student Government Association Minutes

March 4th, 2014

Cascia Hall

President: Tony Brunco **Vice President:** John Ferraro

Secretary: Mackenzie Goebel **Treasurer:** Tim O'Leary

Member at Large: Max Zhang

Members present: Sue Ung, Kate Mermelstein, Brenna McDonald, Shane Pacheco, Neil Gagnon, Brooke Coupal, Jennie Votta, Shelby Luna, Julie Salisbury, Shakee Messina, Colin Sherman, Sarah Connelly, Lauren Folino, Lauren Foster, Katelyn Davis, Ashleigh Concetti, Allison Langone, Brendan Shea, Tayla Bertolino, Jessica Arsenault

Members absent: Molly McKenna, David Qin, Baloun Ma

- John motioned to start the meeting at 5:02PM.
- Tony thanked Jamie for bringing the pizza for our blood drive success. As a group, we saved over 400 lives! The First Lecture was last week, thank you to everyone who came out for support.
- Mackenzie took attendance.
- After correcting the date, Mackenzie motioned to approve the minutes.
- John motioned to move the agenda out of order so Molly can present the Art Warriors.
 - Molly explained the desire for more art work around campus and potentially having an art gallery. There are opportunities for students to thrive academically and athletically, and the Art Warriors would provide a chance for students to excel artistically. The group would be accepting of all students, art background or not, graduate or undergraduate, as long as they fully commit to the group. Members would be expected to make meetings, hopefully in Augie's. Kevin Salemme is willing to be their faculty advisor and the organization has several subcommittees in place. They are looking for a budget around \$1300. Molly explained the group participated in Mack Gives Back and has plans to create a community service program to do arts and crafts at the Boys and Girls Club. They have recruitment and fundraising ideas to put in place if passed.
 - Tim asked if any student is able to submit art work for the gallery. Molly said yes
 - Allie asked where their ideal place would be for the gallery. Molly said there is not one ideal place, Augie's is a possibility.
 - Allison asked if members will be making art at the meetings. Molly said yes.
 - Brenna asked if nonmembers have access to supplies. Molly said yes, if necessary.
 - John motioned to vote by secret ballot, the Art Warriors passed and are now a new student organization.
- John motioned to move the agenda back to order.
- Max asked for reports of committees.
 - Campus Life Committee: Lauren explained cups are not allowed as giveaways because they promote drinking. The Under 21 Space has been named "47" and should be opened the week after spring break. Shuttles are still running, but OSI is looking for input with the schedule. If other members would like to come to the Campus Life meeting with Donna, please do. Lauren motioned to open a discussion about cups.

- Get Out the Vote: Mackenzie had nothing new to report, will be in contact with public relations.
- Tony addressed the Mack Meeting. It is scheduled for March 25th but President Hopey will not be present. We are either rescheduling for a new date with him or having a “mini Mack Meeting” with Donna, Sara, Michael, and others to answer questions. Maria will head the subcommittee again and is looking for other members to help. Allison suggested combining the sustainability forum with the Mack Meeting and inviting Maria or Lisa. Cat, our graduate fellow, is doing her capstone on sustainability at Merrimack, so Allie suggested Allison talk with her. Tony promoted tabling for the Mack Meeting while tabling for our Relay team.
- Tim mentioned we are trying to take a group photo after our meeting next week.
- Tony announced we have two potential new members, Matt Goodwin and Katey Johnson. Each introduced themselves. Mackenzie motioned to vote on new members by secret ballot.
 - They both passed and are now members.
- Tony said there is no new Warrior of the Week.
- Allie plugged the leadership conference at the end of the month.
- Tony promoted the hockey get away this weekend to Maine.
- Tony mentioned our banquet and asked that members nominate people for superlatives.
- Mackenzie motioned to close the meeting at 6:08PM.