

September 13, 2023

I. Preliminaries

A. Call to Order- 4:35 pm

B. Prayer- **DoE Vannatta**

C. Opening Remarks- **President Compaan**

1. Jason Le Shana shared with President Compaan and Vice President McIntyre the “secret” to SGA. The goal is to build off of what last year’s administration accomplished and to build off of it to serve the student body for the year of our administration. We need to speak kindly of past years to continue to build SGA’s legacy.

II. Committee Updates

A. Experience Committee led by Senator Towne

1. A table has been procured for the committee to be present on Cougar Walk this Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. to gather student feedback on a name for the new student space. 50 flex dollars will be given to the winner. They are currently in discussions with Heather Schynder to find a way to facilitate the sale of feminine and household products.

B. PR Committee led by Senator Airth

1. They are workshopping the newsletter for October and are currently deciding on logos for this newsletter. Discussing the possibility of collaborating with Campus Life to bring back an APU game of Humans

v.s. Zombies. They are also

working on possible Halloween events SGA could host. They have created a graphic for the blood drive and are planning to include all of the above information in the newsletter. Friday is the beginning of Hispanic Heritage Month and the PR committee is planning an Instagram campaign to celebrate this month.

C. Wellness Committee led by Senator Fillari

1. The main focus of the committee is the upcoming blood drive on October 4th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Daniel DeAngelo is the main coordinator with the Red Cross and has been the main point of contact with the Wellness Committee when coordinating the Blood Drive. AN e-flyer has been created for the event, they are also looking into the possibility of advertising in Chapel.

D. Belonging Committee led by Senator Airth

1. The committee meeting took place last week and their discussion focused on points of contact across the different offices and which Senator would be the point of contact for each office.

III. Budget Presentation led by DoF Gray

A. DoF Gray presented the SGA budget for the year. The budget was created by DoF Gray, President Compaan, Vice President McIntyre, and Advisor Browning. The budget has been divided among the following areas of SGA's scope:

1. Main spending for events (i.e. The Table, Elections, etc.)
2. Spending budget among committees

3. Office Budget
4. Staff Development
5. Awards and Miscellaneous Expenses
6. Class Pass
7. Discretionary Fund
8. Financial Committee

B. Open for Questions.

1. How do the break penalties for clocking hours work?
2. How do these penalties work with two jobs?
 - a) Time was spent explaining how APU time-keeping software works and what the university policies are regarding multiple jobs.

IV. Budget Implications led by President Compaan and Vice President McIntyre

A. Due to a decrease in student attendance, the budget overall has decreased. The budget just presented is based on cost projections. Our actual funds from the University are less than our anticipated budget. Because of this, we need to rethink how we are stewarding our money well for the student body in light of recent changes in enrollment numbers. The majority of our money is going to salaries, leaving very little for the student body. One main reason for this is that SGA has not reduced its staff accordingly to changes in the student population. Our staff should be ___ members. Our staff for this year will consist of 14 members. The best solution to this dilemma is to cut the maximum number of hours our staff works. Everyone's hours will be cut by 30-40%. This change will put salary spending at around 77% of our total budget. These changes are:

1. Presidential staff will go from 20 hours a week to 15 hours.
2. Executive staff will go from 15 hours a week to 10 hours.
3. Senators and strategists will go from 10 hours a week to 7.5 hours.
4. Representatives will go from 8 hours a week to 5.5 hours.

Along with these changes, the office will now be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. instead of the current hours of 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Staff members will also be able to work more hours outside of SGA as proportional to what was cut from their original contracts without needing to petition for those hours. There will be changes next year in the size of SGA to help stabilize our organization and the future of SGA.

- a) What about fundraising to help those funds

B. Questions

1. Is fundraising an option?
 - a) It would be extremely difficult due to all other fundraising currently taking place for our university. It is also unlikely to gain support to fund salaries for employees. We may, however, be able to discuss the possibility of increasing our funding with the University.
2. Can SGA help with the problem of decreased enrollment?
 - a) Enrollment is down across the country due to a smaller pool of high school graduates. Overall, there is very little we can do besides increase the University's reach to prospective students.

This is an issue that needs to be addressed at the Presidential Cabinet level and exits the scope of SGA. SGA is meant to support current students and the on-campus issues. We can support the University and it seeks to attract prospective students, but that is not within our area of focus.

V. Closing

- A. Closing Prayer- **Senator Garibaldi**
- B. Meeting adjourned- 5:30 pm