

## **Student Government Association Forum Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, March 15, 2018

**Call to order:** 12:30pm

### **RSO announcements**

- There are no RSO announcements.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

#### **Logan Ragan, President**

- Logan introduces Kristin Williams with the Office of Admissions. One of Kristin's responsibilities is planning events on campus, and what they want to do this year is revamp the Accepted Student Day so it is less formal and more fun. The theme is more carnival and celebratory and will be held at the clocktower. They want RSOs to be a part of the event. The date for it is Saturday, April 21 with a timeframe of about 12pm to 3pm. An email will be sent for RSOs to register to be a part of it, but you can also contact Kristin at [kwilliams@columbusstate.edu](mailto:kwilliams@columbusstate.edu). To help with planning and space, you can also let her know what type of event you are thinking of doing.
- Graduate assistants from the exercise science department talk about an ongoing study they are doing on women's fitness and health. They are looking for women ages 18 to 25 to volunteer to participate. It's a way to assess your health levels right now.
- Office hours:
  - Monday: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  - Tuesday: 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. / 12:30 – 4:30 p.m.
  - Wednesday: 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  - Thursday: 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.
  - Friday: 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- You can email him if you have questions about anything. His email is [sgapresident@columbusstate.edu](mailto:sgapresident@columbusstate.edu).
- Applications for SGA positions are open now until next Friday, March 23, the end of spring break, at 11:45pm. The candidates will be announced that Tuesday, March 27. Once they are announced, they can start campaigning and students can start voting. A debate between the candidates will be held at the Thursday, March 29 forum. The winners will be announced at the Thursday, April 12 forum, and they will be sworn in at the last forum on Thursday, April 26.

- Senator positions are also open.

### **Jasmine Navarro, VP of Scholastic Affairs**

- When campaigning, there's a rule that you have to be 10 feet away from your voting area.
- The Educator of the Year committee is composed of 4 different students from different colleges. There are 20 nominees for Educator of the Year. The committee is in the process of getting their class schedules. Jasmine will provide updates about the process and what the committee is doing. The Educator of the Year will be announced at the Scholastic Honors Banquet on Friday, April 27 at 7pm. It's open for all students to attend.
- Monthly Oversight Reports are due Saturday, March 31. You can combine January and February together since January was a short month.
- Monthly Oversight Reports help determine the Organization of the Year winner. Instead of being announced at forum, the Organization of the Year will be announced at the Organization Banquet on Thursday, May 3 at 7pm in the Multipurpose Room in the Recreation Center. The Organization of the Year winner will receive a \$500 check, \$150 account for Aramark, and a trophy.
- SGA is still doing the sheets around campus for students to write down their concerns, but currently they are creating short Instagram videos to explain the constitution changes and why they changes were made. This is to inform the entire student body about the changes and will help the administration understand the changes. RSOs can leave any questions they have in the comment section or come to the SGA office with their questions.

### **Jabin Stepp, VP of Financial Affairs**

- Office hours:
  - MW: 12:00pm – 6:00pm
  - Tuesday: 9:00am – 11:00am
  - Thursday: 12:00pm – 4:00pm
- Jabin knows that the form to submit funds requests has been acting up, but just let him know if you have any questions and he will help you with it.

- There is \$1,184.03 remaining in the RSO budget. The last day to request funds for the semester is Tuesday, March 27. If you have any events in April or May, make sure to put in a funds request by March 27 or it won't be valid. This is due to accounting.
- If you have questions about which RSOs have requested money and how much money they requested, just ask Jabin and he will give you the information.

### **Joslyn Ellis, Speaker of the Representatives**

- Joslyn thanks everyone for electing her as Speaker of the Representatives for the remainder of the year.
- Office hours:
  - Tuesday: 1pm – 3pm
  - Thursday: 1pm – 4pm
- Joslyn asks how many reps had been placed on a committee at the beginning of the fall semester and how many have attended meetings. She has created a committee form Google document to put in what you talked about at the committee meeting so the executive board and others know what goes on during the meetings. She will send a link to the form after forum.

### **Logan Ragan, President**

- The library is going through a process to be renovated. Kaleb, the previous Speaker of the Representatives, sat on the committee and you can ask him about it if you see him. Logan talks about some of the changes that have been proposed for the renovation. Because the tutoring center will be moved to the library, Woodall will be demolished to allow for an open green quad area by the clocktower.
- SGA applications are on CSUInvolve. Logan explains how to get to CSUInvolve, which you can access from the main Columbus State page.
- Logan goes through a rundown of each of the executive committee positions and senator positions. There are brief descriptions of the positions on the application, and you can find more detailed descriptions in the constitution. All of the executive committee positions are paid. If you have any more questions, you can come to the office and ask.
- Logan talks about the importance of SGA.
- Thursday, March 29, the Thursday after the break, is the next forum meeting.
- After a motion and a second, forum is adjourned at 12:57pm.