

## **Student Government Association Forum Minutes**

**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2018

**Call to order:** 12:33pm

### **RSO announcements**

- Cougarthon, a school-wide philanthropy event, is Friday, April 13 from 6pm to midnight in the Lumpkin Center. All the money that is raised will go to the Children's Miracle Network here in Columbus to help them expand their NICU. The registration fee is \$10 and they're asking all participants to raise \$46 as well. Their goal is to raise \$16,164. Their Facebook is @CSUcougarthon and their Instagram is @CSU\_Cougarthon. If you need more information, email Kaitlynn Powell at powell\_kaitlynn@columbusstate.edu.

### **Executive Committee Reports**

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

- Logan is at a prior engagement.
- Jasmine reminds reps that Cougarthon is one out of the five required events RSOs have to participate in to be in the running for Organization of the Year.
- Educator of the Year nominations are open and last throughout February. This year, you have to fill out a physical form, which can be found in the SGA office. You can nominate any professor you would like. It is anonymous, so you do not have to put your name on the form. Jasmine has a committee formed and will provide updates after all forms are collected at the end of the month.
- SGA's next event, a Students' Rights Panel, is Thursday, February 22 at 6:30pm in the Davidson auditorium. There will be a focus on the Campus Carry law. NAACP and Young Americans for Liberty are co-hosting.
- The parking proposal from last semester concerning faculty parking in the parking garage is revisited. There is a general vote to figure out if students would be okay with allowing faculty and staff to park in the garage. This is targeted to faculty in the Lumpkin Center and Health Education building. Faculty would pay an additional fee to park in the parking garage.
  - A student asks if this would reduce the time it would take to pay off the parking garage debt. Jasmine says the school took out a loan to build the parking garage, which is why there is a fee for it in the tuition, and with faculty paying towards it as well it could help pay off the debt faster.

- A student asks if there was any information provided on whether the faculty would receive designated parking in the parking deck or if they could park wherever they want. Dr. Craig explains that the president says there would be no more than 30 spaces and wanted first to find out if the students would mind faculty parking in the garage. Faculty would have a special decal and pay a little more. They are working on where the spaces will be, but it will be no more than 30.
- Jasmine explains that this is just a general vote to see if students would be okay with allowing faculty and staff to park in the parking garage. Afterwards, when SGA gets more information, it will be presented and explained.

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

- There is \$8,300 left in the budget, so submit some funds requests.
- Jabin will be holding a funds request training to explain how to request funds and the proper paperwork needed. It will be in the Davidson auditorium on Wednesday, February 28 at 2pm.
- Funds request:
  - Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) creates events to bring together athletics and athletics with the rest of the university, and raises money to donate to the Make a Wish Foundation at the end of the year. One way they do this is by hosting a 5k race in the spring to help raise money. With SGA's help last year, they were able to raise about \$2,000 to donate. For the 5k race this semester, they are requesting \$2,000 to help with their advertising and marketing campaign so they achieve their goals of raising awareness of the race and increasing participation.
  - The SAAC rep answers questions, and Jasmine Navarro explains how to fill out the ballots. Your vote does not count unless you sign the ballot.

### **Kaleb Corcoran, Speaker of the Representatives**

- Kaleb announces that he is resigning from his position as SGA's Speaker of the Representatives. His last day will be on Wednesday, February 28. He will still be a representative, so he will continue attending forum meetings.

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

- Constitution voting: Jasmine explains that someone has to motion to vote on the constitution as a whole, but if it does not pass, it will be voted on amendment by amendment. Even though reps have had the constitution for over a month and there was a meeting to discuss the edits, if there are any questions, they will still be addressed.
  - A student motions to vote on the constitution as a whole and it is seconded, so Jasmine explains how to fill out the ballot.
- The reps will get the results of the parking vote soon and the other voting results will be announced at the next forum on Thursday, March 1.
- Elections are coming up. SGA is hosting two information sessions. Anyone that wants to run for an elected position (President, Vice President of Scholastic Affairs, Vice President of Financial Affairs) must attend an information session. If you want more information, the first information session is Tuesday, February 20 in the Davidson Lobby at 12:30pm. The second session will be February 27 in Clearview at 4pm.
  - A student asks if the current people in the elected positions are planning to rerun. Jasmine says they all graduate in May.
- The funds request training is Wednesday, February 28 in Davidson auditorium at 2pm.
- The next forum meeting is Thursday, March 1. Reps will receive an email about the results of the votes before then.
- After a motion and a second, forum is adjourned at 1:01pm.