

Student Government Association Forum Minutes

Date: Thursday, November 16, 2017

Call to order: 12:33pm

RSO announcements

- Information about the events for Cougar Kickoff for the Spring semester is on the back table.

Executive Committee Reports

Logan Ragan, President

- Logan says it was brought to his attention that some students want to know about some of the meetings he goes to concerning things across campus and asks if there is an agreement by a show of hands. After a show of hands, he says it does not seem like a lot of students want to and that if anyone has questions, he is open to talking about them. If anyone has questions during forum while he is talking, ask him and he says he will gladly give you information.
- There were about 260 responses from the SGA survey. Logan thanks those who have done it and asks reps to get their organizations to give feedback as well. He says it will help in the Spring semester, where there will be a focus on legislation.
- Logan says when he went to Ireland, there were bike stations where people could rent bicycles for a day, bring them back, and then get their money back. He asks if a bike station like this is something students would want on campus.
- Logan gives an update from a student success meeting he attended. The ACE Center received a grant and is looking to hire some specialists to help at-risk students, students who are below 2.0 GPA for two semesters straight. Some of the things that will come to them are tutorial services and how to overcome hazards in their lives so they can succeed. Logan is not sure if they are hiring, but it will be students or peer members, who just graduated from the program and are succeeding, that will individually help the at-risk students.
- Another initiative they are doing is a program that helps prepare 7th and 8th graders who may not have a chance to attend college see what a college lifestyle is like. One thing that SGA will be helping towards this is attending a College Expo at Trade Center tomorrow. Kids from local schools will attend this expo and hear from college students about college.

- Logan says in mid-January he will be meeting with legislators, which is how the school is funded. He says this is why the feedback and students voicing their concerns is important, so he can have material that includes what the students want when talking to them. He says this is the same for USG. He had a meeting this past weekend with the chancellor and they spoke about trying to get engineering at CSU, which was a concern a student brought up when President Markwood was at forum.

Jasmine Navarro, VP of Scholastic Affairs

- Jasmine thanks everyone who participated in the Home Away From Home event. The banner is hanging up in the Center for Global Engagement in Schuster.
- SGA's social media pages are: CSUSGA1 on Facebook and columbusstate_sga on Instagram. SGA is starting a new campaign, where they voice student concerns on a certain day and then give an update on actions that were taken in regards to the concern on Friday. She uses the concern about the lights near the bridge being out as an example. She says if anyone has concerns, email her or Logan. If you want an update, feel free to come by the SGA office, but try to check the social media first.
- The December event is Cougar for a Cause, which is a partnership with the police department. It's a toy drive and drop boxes will be outside the SGA office and there may be one outside the cafe. Drop off some toys and make sure to sign the sheet. This time, Jasmine will count points per toy.
- NAACP is currently winning Organization of the Year.
- Monthly Oversight Reports from November and December are due Monday, December 4.
- Make sure to email Jasmine before putting boxes for donations outside of the SGA office or putting flyers on the SGA bulletin board.

Z'Taria Frazier, Speaker of the Senate

- Z'Taria office hours are: 12pm to 3pm on Mondays and 1:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesdays. She says you can come to her with any pressing concerns no matter which college you are in. It is the Senate's responsibility to collect the data students have.
- She has been having problems with her SGA email account, so she says to CC her CSU account (frazier_ztaria@columbusstate.edu) if you ever email her SGA account (sgass@columbusstate.edu).

- Senators are needed. 1 senator from the College of Arts (it does not matter what your major is as long as it falls under the College of Arts), 1 from the College of Education and Health, 2 from the Grad School, and 1 from the College of Letters and Sciences. Talk to her after forum if you know anyone interested.
- J'Lynne Jordan, a College of Business senator, gives information and an update from the recent College of Business Town Hall. Another Town Hall is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28. The tentative location is Stanley 209A.
- Z'Taria reiterates the importance of attendance at Town Halls, as the attendance for the last town hall was lacking. Come to Town Halls and bring any concerns you have.

Kaleb Corcoran, Speaker of the Representatives

- Dr. Wert from the Department of Health and Sciences is here if anyone wants to talk to her.
- Before forum, Kaleb talked to a few students and says he got the sense that they want to do more, so he provides information on what the representatives' duties are. Reps are one half of the legislature, which means their job is to serve on committees in order to influence the policy on the school. One thing the SGA executive wants to push next semester is legislation and says everyone takes a part in it through committees and other outlets. Reps also vote on floor measures, the most common one being funds requests, but Kaleb says new measures may be brought to the floor.
- Kaleb talks about the sustainability legislation and says to contact him if you want to join. They will be meeting some time at the end of the month to write the legislation.
- Kaleb talks about the importance of student government and the reps involvement.
- His new office hours: 2:30pm to 3:30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays and 4:20pm to 5:50pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays. His office is Davidson 206 and says he has an open door policy within those hours. If anyone needs to talk outside of those hours, send him an email to let him know.
- Kaleb has gone through the forum attendance. He says RSOs must attend 50% of forums. If you want to know if your RSO is active, talk to him, but he will be sending out emails to inactive RSOs soon. If you have a reason for your lack of attendance, let him know and they might have to introduce a measure on the floor to get past it.
- Kaleb talks about the format of the legislation and how it is worded. He says they are going to try and format it differently like a bill you see in Congress.

- By show of hands, he asks if anyone aside from the constitutional committee members have attended a meeting from the committees they were assigned to. No one has, so there are no reports to be given.
- Kaleb is going to be sending out a big email to the reps with the forum minutes so far and summaries of what goes on in the executive board meetings.
- A student complained about the lack of hot water in Rec Center and he followed up on it. It has been resolved, but if the issue still persists, let him or someone else know.
- Next semester, there will be talk about the bus stops, expanding hours of various services on campus, parking, and any other issues students have. Contact him and they can talk about writing legislation.

Logan Ragan, President

- Logan reiterates importance of committees and the duties of representatives. If a rep has not attended a committee meeting, contact Kaleb. He tells the reps that they should know the constitution and bylaws and hold the executive board accountable. They should also bring information and concerns from their organization to forum and vice versa.
- Parking garage report: Logan has not been able to meet with Steve Morse, so he does not have a report to give about their ideas on the parking garage. He says they will have to wait to vote until they know what they can do with the garage.
- Logan mentions the Saber and says they are reporting on information and trying to be more journalistic. He says it's a useful tool and that they are here to voice student opinions, so if you're not being listened to by SGA or anyone else, go to the Saber, who will gladly listen.
- The next forum meeting is Thursday, November 30, the last meeting of the semester. The first meeting for Spring will be in early February. At this forum, reps will be voting on the new constitution, so look out for email today with information on it. He says they will have two weeks to read through and suggests that they take notes on it. At forum, they will go through it article by article, so reps should come with their concerns and thoughts.
- After a motion and a second, the meeting is adjourned at 1:02pm.