



**Student Government Association General Assembly Minutes
November 16, 2006 8:00 p.m.**

I. Call to Order

II. Roll Call

Absent: Jacob Coburn, Jordan Fry, Kolby Kallweit, Drake Kaufman, Chuck Knapp, Chase Kruse, Sam Moore, Mallorie Rodak, Zach Tusinger

III. EC Reports

A. President, *Zachary Tusinger (by Brandy Enver)*

i. Welcome!

B. Vice-President, *Brandy Enver*

-Mirror updates will be published weekly and the assignments for the remainder of the semester have been made. If you are interested in writing one for next semesters, contact Brandy and let her know.

i. Joke

ii. Committee Reports

a. Actions, *Drew Kifer*

-Student Survey Highlights

- There were 452 respondents; Environmental sustainability showed high and medium priorities; Outdoor gathering place and library restoration showed neutral interest; 81% were aware of the Collegiate Readership Program, taking advantage of the papers on average 1-2 times a week and say it is a good use of the student fees (the New York Times was the most requested for the regional paper); Feedback wanting later hours for the library and the gym on weekends; 35% agreed that they wanted healthier drink choices; Majority said they strongly agree that class size was a factor (now ranges from just right to too large); Mirror wages for students was neutral, but agree over disagree; SGA expenditures ranked: 1) Safety and Security, 2) Other organizations, 3) Big Four, 4) Small scale and big scale improvements; Increase in students knowing what SGA does and how to contact them.

-The Student Affairs Committee met with Kevin French, Director of Safety and Security, about sidewalks (\$18.5 thousand), cameras for Wallace and Smith, and lighting on campus. Crosswalk signs cost \$900 each and you have to order two for both sides of the street plus one for reserve; civil engineer suggests this is a bad idea to place them in the middle of the street and perhaps the speed tables would be a better avenue for Benton.

- For the Collegiate Readership Program, 350 surveys were filled out; on average, 433 papers are picked up per day; Bob Duffy will be at next General Assembly to speak and SGA will vote on what to do given the results of the trial run; the card reader is still possible and is free; SGA has control over the stands and we would get a fourth slot for the Mirror; keep getting feedback from students.

b. Functions, *Cara Britton*

-Hanging of the Greens: Weston and Cara will go shopping soon; the Sunday before, everyone who can needs to be present to help out with the tree (Cara will email out the time later); everyone's Santa hat and ornaments to sell will be available at that time (you must sell 12 for \$1 each that week of Hanging of the Greens, if you fail to do so, you owe SGA the money) and the money will be due that Thursday (the money is going to Toys for Tots); Chamber and Show choirs will be present; the event will begin around 7 and lighting will be around 8; everyone will wear the Santa hats the day of the event for PR

-Those who have yet to pay and pick up their T-shirts need to do so; pay Cara or Matt (\$10.95 for long sleeve and \$16.95 for hoodie).

c. Budgeting, *Jack Hyde*

- Budgeting Committee is updating the budgeting handbook and policies.

C. Secretary, *Ashley Na'ayem*

i. Weston Kisse moves to approve the minutes; Jack Hyde seconds

Motion Passes

D. Treasurer, *Julia Moyer*

i. The updated budget since last allocations has been handed out before meeting.

E. Tech Coordinator, *Kolby Kallweit (by Matt Battaglia)*

i. The website looks great and Kolby has done a superb job! Give him feedback and let him know of any suggestions you may have.

F. Senior Class President, *Justin Powell (given by Zachary Tusinger)*

i. Met with another advertiser, but he had higher prices and not so good stuff

- ii. Dr. Julian has approved the ideas decided upon by the senior class regarding the senior gift. Now, there is one more person to meet with and then the seniors will vote on one of the three: flag pole, panther plaza, or library restoration.

G. Advisor, *Matt Battaglia*

- i. Please get all your evaluations in by Monday, November 27, 2206. Thanks go to budgeting for having all of their's in.
- ii. In the spirit of Thanksgiving, thank you to Nic Zweifel for the Collegiate Readership Program, Drew for the Student Survey, Budgeting committee for smooth and successful allocations, Cara and Functions committee for PR and t-shirts, Brandy for speaking at Leadership Springfield on behalf of SGA and for the recent election participation.
- iii. Elections are right around the corner and will be here before we know it—let's keep going and accomplishing the tasks ahead: Student Forum in the spring, Spring Allocations, and Hanging of the Greens.

IV. Special Orders

- A. None

V. Old Business

- A. None

VI. New Business

A. Winter Capital Improvement Project

- i. So far, there have been two meetings to discuss the possibilities. Cara Britton has volunteered to lead the committee if enough interest and volunteers are committed. Those who showed an interest in the committee and will be in town over break are Cara Britton, Justin Powell, Malorie Cashel, Joe Roy, Zach Tusinger, and Jake Coburn. Cara will set-up a meeting and will email the information at a later time. Ten SGA members showed an interest but would not be able to help in town over break. If interested but cannot make the meetings, contact Cara.
- ii. If you have a particular project in mind, look into the details and prepare them for the committee.

B. We are currently in limbo regarding the last freshman representative spot.

C. If anyone has ideas for Hanging of the Greens, contact Cara and Weston. Remember to invite people to the event so that we have a good turnout!

D. Remember to show up to your office hours!

VII. Alicia Libla moves to adjourn; Charles Neiss seconds

Motion Passes