

General Body Minutes

SGA Meeting 9/26/2024

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00

Members in Attendance:

- Racheal Michalski
- Ava Rankin
- Hailey Unger
- Ashlynn Cooper
- Emma Craddock
- Anita Rodriguez
- Hayden Crowe
- Kyle Ganson
- Hailie Toro
- Megan Farrar
- Cierra Cooper
- Tanasia Thomas
- Nick Mullen
- Raegan Kelly
- Gracie Herron
- Hannah Bortz
- Sydnie Scrie
- Ana Lazano
- Zachary Johnston
- Tiara Halder
- Hailey Weaver
- Nadeline Portillo
- Gregory Areford
- Lilly Rakes
- Joyce Clark

Last Meeting Minutes Approved

Introduction of the Gallery

President Remarks

- Safe Zone Training on the 3rd
 - o Failure of attendance results in Demerit Point
- Committee tabling
 - o DEI is next
 - o Communicate availability with Chair
- Communication Dialogue
 - o Invited SGA to attend events
 - o Optional but encouraged
- Tailgating

- Tuesday October 19th
 - Encouraging senators to come out
 - Let Rachael know of any Dietary restrictions
- Check Microsoft Teams

Vice President Remarks

- Introducing herself to new and previous senators of the current term
- Informing senators about her role as compared to the President
 - Internally connected with the chairs and senators
 - Questions, concerns and comments are encouraged
- Communicate to chairs your availability and getting back to them

Secretary Remarks

- New Office Hour system Instructions will be sent out 9/27/2024 at 8:00 am
- Appeal form will be posted in the office for those who deem it necessary

Treasurer Remarks

- Updating senators on the current fiscal accounts
- Timelines put in place with implementation of Workday
 - 5-week limitation to request a funding packet
 - Reach out to Ava with any questions

Committee Reports

- Governance:
 - Reminding committee members to reach out their availability
- Senate Finance:
 - Reminding committee members to reach out their availability
- Student Affairs:
 - Reminding committee members to reach out their availability
- Public Relations:
 - Senators are to reach out to public relations chair for pictures
- DEI:
 - Starting a google form for student feedback concerning Accessibility and continuing the Menstrual Product Initiative
- Student engagement planning to collab with BSA and UPC
 - Committee is open to attend

- Resume workshop collab with civic engagement
 - Listening workshop listening to student concerns
 - Reminder to respond on teams
- SafeRide
 - Nothing to report
- UPC
 - Events coming up
 - Tuesday 1st aroma therapy bracelets
 - October 10th paint a plant (make and take)
 - October 17th Variety Show
 - Oct 19th showing Despicable Me 4
- BSA
 - Halloween trivia October 2nd
- RHA
 - Concerns about shower curtains
 - New shower curtains are now in residence halls
 - Concerns should be brought to RHA rep
 - Air fresheners for hallways
 - Oct 25th haunted maze in Cumberland Hall basement
 - Where CAPS was formally
 - Senator explanation
 - Helping delegate RHA matters with senator requirements of office hours etc.
 - President congrats them on handling of the water break
- FSL
 - Rankin Nothing to report
 - Alpha Phi Omega
 - Tailgating spot next to sga, offering to help sga and presenting face painting activities

No Old Business

New Business

- President Nowackzyk and open conversation with the senators and the Gallery
 - Introduces himself
 - "I want open dialogue" - opening the floor for questions from students

1. "I was wondering about the Maryland General Assembly Internship and faculty involvement..." (Student Question)

a. Looking into advocates to represent in the next 2 weeks will get back to students soon (President Answer)

2. "Would you be able to elaborate on the retrenchment process and if the committee have come to any conclusions on moving forward" (Student Question)

a. Change in pay raises for state employees conducted by state legislators. Cutting the budget by 1 million dollars has brought a new set of problems for the university. We are supposed to be at a 16-1 ratio (students v faculty) now we are less than 13-1, "good for students but not for budget" (President Answer)

b. Shared with committee all 26 departments at Frostburg and tasked them to come up with a productivity read of each department and reduce up to 45 faculty positions to get the university back to 16-1. Which was once an 18-1 school. He sees no need to get rid of any program or department. (President Answer)

c. The Committee have until oct 21 to provide a plan from which the President can reject, modify or recast committee. Departments have seen a 50% decrease in enrollment. Courses currently do not meet faculty established guidelines. (President Answer)

d. Retiring Faculty are factored into the Retrenchment (President Answer)

3. "What are some resources for students to be educated on the current issues" (Student Question)
 - a. He plans on sending Rachael an article entitled "We Are Not Alone" (President Answer)
 - b. Recognize changing demographics, for example, Nursing is a fast growing major. He believes this chance is tied to 2008/9 recession and seeing a decline in certain groups (President Answer)
 - c. He plans to recruit a lot outside of the region, unfortunately not among populist states. He wants to diversify the student body regarding age, dual enrollment students from Alleghany and Garret country. And expand to adults who want degrees. (President Answer)
4. "For clarification, the retrenchment will affect more 10-year Faculty over yearly faculty" (Student Question)
 - a. No, it is at the discretion of the retrenchment committee (President Answer)
5. "You mentioned earlier we are 1 million dollars lower, the state is not giving us x amount of money, can you tell us why?" (Student Question)
 - a. Budget in Maryland has been cut and it now affects our university, as we have gained the lowest funding from the state (President Answer)
6. "How long will this go on for?" (Student Question)

- a. The state is worried about maintaining its budget for the next few years, so we don't know. It's up to the state. (President Answer)
- b. Faculty and staff have gotten considerable raises sizable increases impact state budget (President Answer)

7. "I understand you said staff cuts, but what other precautions are we taking in the event of these budget cuts becoming worse?" (Student Question)

- a. They are looking at utility costs and becoming more agreeable with budget in those areas. Looking into increasing housekeeping. (President Answer)

- b. Athletics will be considered (President Answer)

8. "What about Brownsville and if any tuition fees are going toward fixing it" (Student Question)

- a. No. (President Answer)
- b. They need to Identify on what needs done as they are looking at who is responsible for the state of building and the university having the position it is on the construction company. They are hoping it will be restored in the fall (President Answer)
- c. They are deciding what company can help revamp and restore the building as well as looking at other things that need fixed around the university. (President Answer)

9. "There was a rumor of increasing tuition, when would that come out?" (Student Question)

a. The rumor is false and the university would not ask for nothing more than a 2% increase if it came to that (President Answer)

10. "Do you plan to consider reducing the salaries of the highest paying staff and faculty at Frostburg" (Student Question)

a. No, they are looking at salaries compared to other schools while keeping in mind we are the lowest paid school. (President Answer)

b. Even if salaries are cute, it still does not affect the issue with the 16 1 faculty issue (President Answer)

11. "After the implementation of town hall, how do you plan to increase communication between students and administrators" (Student Question)

d. The resident plans on increasing his attendance at SGA meetings. He is also open to student ideas for communication, as he prefers face-to-face communication over emails. (President Answer)

e. Finding new communication since learning that town hall is not accessible to students. He has received concerns about the continuous emails that are bombarding students (President Answer)

12. "How do you help us recruit students" (President Question)

- a. Talk to Coop about joining plc to give the president direct feedback
- b. He is against hiring more admissions counsellors
- c. Feedback from students (Student Answers)
 - i. "Offer programs that guarantee jobs after graduating"
 - ii. Students are here for career opportunities
 - iii. "Frostburg has good programs on master's degrees" advertising those opportunities
 - iv. "a great way" for people (alumni) to come to Frostburg is having representatives to come to schools and actively recruit and advertise
 - v. "Emphasize the organizations and opportunities to incoming students"
 - vi. "Advertise student leadership opportunities"
 - vii. We are the only college town campus and letting people know if the environment
 - viii. "We do live in a specific area...people from away have a sense of boredom. How can we take the uniqueness of our campus and help students adapt to the area and away from what they are used to?"
 - ix. "Putting more effort in things that students can get involved with off campus" Examples such as leadership retreat and alternative breaks
- d. Students are here for career opportunities, and we can't guarantee jobs. what is hurting the university, and college schools currently are jobs that offer to people who don't have degrees "you don't need a degree" (Student Answer)

13. “Where are we finding the money to do these things or steps to implement money to invest in advertising?”

(Student Question)

a. A part of the budget has been given to admissions to help enrollment (President Answer)

b. Details are not known yet (President Answer)

c. “Majority of 1 million dollars are put pack into scholarships” As told to Senators by Patrick and confirmed by the President

14. Ideas are welcomed by the President, and you can contact him at 6874 1111 from which Donnel can meet with you for any questions or concerns

Group Photo with the President

Announcements

- NCNW
 - o Line Dancing Class in on October 9th
- R.I.S.E
 - o First General Body Meeting September 27th
- Congrats to those going on the Leadership Retreat
- Alternative Winter Break Tri Application is open until Tuesday October 1st
- October 1st is the Vice-presidential Debate Watch party
- New York Trip is November 16th

Senators Complete the Get to Know Me Form

Meeting Adjourned: 8:24

