

Student Government Minutes

November 18, 2002

I. Meeting was called to order at 4:05pm

II. Attendance was taken

III. Minutes were read and accepted by unanimous consent

IV. Officer Reports

A. President Williams

1. Board of Visitors - VPSS Davis went to student life section of BOV, then I went to the regular BOV meeting during the open session, can't go into closed session under freedom of info act; Board of Visitors appointed by governor; freshmen apps are up from approx 700 applications to over 1000 applications; BOV talked about how school is helping with nursing and other cut programs along with Riverside; taskforce put together to discuss minority enrollment; discussed resolutions, don't know discussion on this; tuition discussion is delayed; this is our chance to say how we feel about tuition, JMU, W&M, UVA, and VA Tech raised theirs, CNU is looking to raise tuition \$100-\$200 a student; talk to your friends; how do we feel about this, how should we respond to them; open discussion about this next week

2. Feedback - you've had a semester to get adjusted to SGA, new to freshmen, we want to know how you feel, we want constructive feedback, if you think we suck, what can we do better, let us know, e-mail us at sga@cnu.edu, what's your expectation from SGA

3. Committee Appointments - two vacancies on constitution committee - new appointments are Abbie Tang and Thomas Welch IV; move for unanimous consent to appointment them to committee; no nays; appointed

4. Letter to Governor Warner - pictures are back, letter done, university has had time, letter states: "Dear Governor Warner, The students at Christopher Newport University would like to express their concern with the status of the budget of Virginia. We are disappointed that higher education has not been a priority in previous years and now the students across the state are suffering. At our university we have been forced to cut programs that will affect a great number of students. These students may have to transfer to other universities in Virginia or in other states. Christopher Newport University is a small university and we realize that we were not hit as hard as other colleges and universities in the Commonwealth however, losing programs will drastically affect the university community. We know the students and faculty that will be leaving our university. We know more than just their names and their faces, we know their stories, we know their hopes and dreams. These students and faculty are our classmates, our roommates, our friends, and our mentors. We know programs must be cut in order to protect the university at large, but we want you to know how our university is hurting. Now only is out university hurting, but also the community is hurting. In the future we hope that we will not have to cut programs in order to survive. Higher Education must be a priority in order for the state of Virginia to prosper."

B. VPSS Davis

1. Blurt-Out Results - copier reimbursements - SGA allows orgs to use copier, we have to pay for ink, toner, repairs, we don't mind if you use it, we ask you to put it in your budgets, we never charge you all, please put this in your budget proposals; Student Center hours - supposed to close at 10pm, if it closes early again come see me; Student Directory - went out to everyone on campus, is public info unless you signed FERPA act, sign if you want, unless you sign this everything can be printed, we've informed you through SGA and the school has informed you; Harbor Lights - talked to Steve Papas about ensuring quality meals; York 433 - housing director came and helped with room; police ticketing - police have authority to ticket - will ticket on weekends, have discretion, that concern particular young lady who was moving stuff in and out of building; concern log - Emily Anderson ask showcase glass to be in over the CCM showcase, this should be put in soon; Victoria Floyd - new apts and doors, anyone can walk in, these doors are magnetized and that's what is causing the issue

2. Faculty Senate - appeal for Board Of Visitors, let Faculty/ Senate be a part of looking at the budget again and be a part of suggestions, before they weren't allowed to look at revenue side, now Faculty/ Senate has been working on resolutions to get in front of BOV, been working on amendments for the past few weeks, each takes about four hours

C. VPUR Boyd

1. Senator of the Month - Travis Binns, excited about this; Taya Moss was senator of the month

for last month; senator of the year - both can be nominated for this; nominations for this month, you can already submit these to the SGA office (SC238)

2. SGA is submitting a budget proposal - will be asking for a new computer for \$1350, an Ethernet card for \$50, paint brushes for \$80, Paint refills for \$160, Helium Tanks (4) for \$300; TOTAL \$1940

-Senator Herrin : \$80 for paintbrushes?

-VPUR Boyd - these paintbrushes are Texas Markers, they the good markers that have three different paintbrushes to them

3. Club and org workshop - should be all presidents, Wed at 4pm, Student Center room 233, should only last an hour; what will we be doing - all clubs are invited, as many clubs as possible, talk about recruitments to be a member, how we can help, formulating your visions, leave feeling empowered, with having different reps we should have lots of ideas; hopefully this will establish connections, and have events for entire student population

-Senator Salzburg - is this open for people starting clubs

-VPUR - anyone can come

D. Secretary Wenzel

1. Organization Recognition - all club and organization representatives as well as club officers need to come to the SGA office and update their registration forms; officers have complained their info has been printed, but only the Class of 2004, 2005, Student Government, and the Captain's Log have come to change their information; if no one changes the info wrong info is still being given out; come to the office and change your info

E. Parliamentarian Maher

1. New Clubs - CNU Presents Club - Purpose: "The purpose of this club shall be (a) to foster student interest in the knowledge of different fields of theater such as acting, singing, dancing, directing, writing, and theater tech through programs and service activities not offered by other theater organizations on campus, and (b) to assist students in their development in theater and leadership skills."

-motion for unanimous consent; opposition

-Vote: yeas - majority, nays - 3, abstentions - 6

-The Class of 2006 Club- Purpose: "The purpose of this club shall be (a) to foster a wide student interest and participation in campus activities, (b) to represent the Class of 2006, and (c) to unite the Class of 2006 as one part of the Christopher Newport University community."

-motion for unanimous consent; opposition

-Vote: yeas - 61, nays - 28, abstentions - 40

-Senator Welch - motion for a five minutes recess

<<Five minute recess>>

-Parliamentarian Maher - in the Rules of Procedure on the back of your paddle; in the motion for action section, regular business is defined as acceptance of minutes, matched funds, and adjournment and must only have a simple majority to pass; all other business requires a 2/3's majority; the vote was not explained very well, so we will redo the vote

-Senator Martin - motion for moderated debate

-Vote: yeas: majority

-Parliamentarian Mike - motion for the Class of 2006 as recognized

-Vote: yeas - 51, nays - 38, abstentions - 38; motion failed

V. Old Business - none

VI. New Business

-Senator Cabiroy: motion for action - controversial topic, some people may feel this is the time to bring it up, own forum, propose that a forum be put together kind of like a town hall meeting for budget cuts; rather than continuing discussion on web mail about the freshmen registration; SGA put together a town meeting for that

-Senator Cabiroy: motion for SGA to form a town hall meeting or forum to discuss freshman registration challenge

-Vote: yeas - 44, nays - 44, abstentions - 31; motion does not pass

-Senator Atkins - seeing a disrespectful Senate every Monday, people are really rude, don't know if we need to change seating arrangement or what, but this needs to be addressed immediately

A. Blurt Outs

-Senator Poljacik (Alpha Psi Omega)- cars stopping on road outside of York River, this is

dangerous, students walk in between cars, something needs to say you can't stop on road; doors being locked in Fregusson, Shoebox Theatre and classes over there, closed early, police keep doors open over there; Japanese tree house - when's it going to be open

-Senator Dillon - leaves over at Barclay, you can't see the ground, you can fall in street; mulch at Barclay - grass growing, thing hasn't been weeded

-Senator Martin - the Saturday Freeman Center was closed all day, shouldn't be closed all day; if you have CNU e-mail account, you've been blessed with registration e-mails, read two delete the rest, keep bashing CNU, tell them to leave; why don't the good e-mails get sent through, but these do; captain's log - sent out an e-mail rather than grievances on internet put it in the Captain's Log; why do we want to read it in the Captain's Log if we don't want to read it in our e-mail

-Senator Salzberg- love people around me, but need more space in between chairs

-Senator Schardoski - convenient store, music is very offensive, employees bring own CDs, lots of vulgarity and really loud

-Senator Mick - not everyone in the world has a cell phone, pay phone needs to work in breezeway;

agree with needing space but I don't know what I would do without Monique

-Senator Welch - when it rains, drainage situation is horrible

-Senator Munson (Order of Omega) - really offensive e-mail sent out today, screen e-mails so "shit" is not on my e-mail account, very offensive

-Senator Hutchins (Class of 2004) - echoing an earlier blurt-out - can we make sure club e-mails get out before registration e-mails

B. Blurt-Ups

-Senator Herrin - blurt up Jeremiah's diet

-Senator Church (Circle K) - IT Services, spent ten minutes on phone helping me

-Senator Suggs - GQ pageant being hosted tomorrow, students are \$2

-Senator Welch - Visitor section needs to be acknowledged, we see them every week

-Senator Cox - student center housekeeping did a great job cleaning up after homecoming, we made a mess

-Senator Weber - football team has worked hard and have been very dedicated; Sat me and Jeremiah need dates to semi-formal, let us know if you want to go with us

-Senator Hodges- blurt up everyone coming to CAB; XXX tonight in Anderson auditorium

-Senator Jaeschke (Gay Straight Student Union) - Senator Cabiroy's session

-Senator Cabiroy (Campus Girl Scouts) - badge workshop; all 24 girls had a blast; good fun had by all

-Senator Wenzel (InterVarsity) - Secretary Wenzel's 22nd birthday was this past weekend

-Senator Bell (Young Democrats) - Freeman center staff during freshmen registration did a great job

-Senator Brooks (WCNU) - Senator Deeley, VPSS Davis and myself all got pies in the face

-Senator Peterlin (Campus Activity Board) - casting crew of CNU Tonight to bring you a good show

-Senator Hutchins (Class of 2004) - all those successfully registered for classes

-Senator Fellers (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) - don't classify entire freshmen class as being puke

-Senator Mick - blurt up former senator of the year Travis Binns

-Senator McCleave - Breakdancing Club was out all weekend

-Senator Binnix - CNU Presents will be performing at a holiday show in Patrick Henry the 24th at 7 and 8pm

-VPUR Boyd - Senator Herrin, Welch, and CAB have all done great jobs

-Senator Anderson - JRH residence life staff, our residents have the best experience they can have

VII. Announcements And Proposals

A. President Williams -proposal - will not be presented for today

VIII. Matched Funds

-Senator Atkins (MSA) - GQ pageant tomorrow; showing off talents, two of our senator are in it: Donta Wade and Chris Rice; 8pm; Melissa Suggs is directing it; motion for SGA to grant MSA up to \$100 for the GQ Pageant

-Vote: yeas - majority, nays - 3, abstentions - 3

IX. Meeting adjourned at 5:04pm