Location: Congdon Hall Room 206

Time: 7:03

Call to Order by: Vice President Nicole Karlesky

Postpone reading of the minutes: Approved

Quorum Check

Other clubs in attendance:

Colleges Against Cancer
Make A Wish
American Institute of Graphic Arts
Purple Reign
TableTop Role Playing Club
Enactus
National Society of Leadership and Success
Peer Mentor Advisory Board
HPU 6 Gents
Film Club
Prowling Panthers Dance Team
Psi Chi
PRSSA
Biology Club
Executive Council Reports:

1. President - Greyson Whitaker
   - Voting instructions for Honors day (freshman, sophomore, junior, senior of the year and organization/event of the year)
   - Remember to ask questions and state your opinions during bill discussion

2. Treasurer - David Holmes
   a. Operations – $162,156.22
   b. Contingences - $6,557.91
   c. Discretionary – $3,263.95

   - Please remember that checks get written after the requisitions forms have been turned in, not when the bill passes.
   - Also remember that if you receive a check from SGA, you must keep your receipts to show back to SGA for approval of all spending.

Standing Organization Reports

1. Student Services/Diversity Chair - Mayessa Mitchell
   - If you are interested in joining my committee please see me after the meeting!
   - Diversity leadership scholarship has been created and is being funded by the HPU student diversity council
     - Given to incoming freshman and will be $1,00
     - Will open to freshman starting in the fall of 2016

2. Freshman Class Representative - Kendra Bickford
   - Thank you for approving our donation for 3,000 to the Guilford County Animal Shelter.
   It was used for medicine and vaccines
     - Moment of silence for freshman class representative who recently lost his mother.
     - Impact club is having a backpacking event in the Slane Gym from 12-4 and we hope you all can attend.

3. Biology Majors Club - Laura Bernitsky
   - HOSA’s Protect A Heart Of Gold Ball was a success and we raised over 2,000 so thank you to all who came.

4. Habitat For Humanity
   - The service committee for SGA is an ad hoc for SGA and we would like it to be for a central point of contact for those who are interested in service individually and for
5. Senior Class President - Alex Nelson
- Haley McKeown and I have the privilege to organize the service learning showcase this year. If you would like to participate, create a poster on what your organization has done and talking points. The poster can be used at activities fairs as well. The information is on the back of the bill packet if you are interested.

Old Business
None

New Business:

Presentation of Bills:
- S-15-25
  o Volunteer Center
    • Fall Break Trip - Guatemala
    • Coming to us for this semester for the sake of the ticket price ($870)
    • Each student must raise $1,500 for the equipment used on the trip and $350 for their travel fees.
    • Each student also must start their training for this trip in April
  o Requesting: $15,070
  o Account Balance: $25,574.30
    • Discussion on the bill

MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: Charlotte to Guatemala and not flying out of Greensboro is only $700, I think it would save you a lot of money if you did that instead!

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: This is coming from the past, they are going to give us back the money that they saved if they choose a different route of transportation than listed on the bill.

Inter-Fraternity Council - Dalton Sheppard: There is always a reason why flights go up and did you add fees in case that the prices went up before you purchase them
- Yes we rounded up a little bit

Senior Class Representative - Lexie Cannon: Why aren't you using your account balance?
- Our account balance is currently for other events that we host such as the blood drives.
Ducks Unlimited - Why do you have 16 rooms for 16 people?

- They are tents actually.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: I understand purchasing the airfare so that it is cheaper. May I recommend that you use some of your account balance to cover the flights or something up front. The SGA budget comes from all students tuition fees, which includes seniors. With that being said, seniors will be paying for something that is happening after we graduate.

I make a motion to table this bill to April 16th, the last SGA meeting of the year

Second

Discussion on the motion

Diversity Club - Maria: She did mention that they must start training in April for their trip

- We really can’t take from our account like I stated earlier

MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: As a member of the class of 2015, people always submit bills for the next year. I’ve traveled internationally and I’ve read up on how to get cheaper airfare. It is cheapest to pay 10 weeks out so you could wait.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: I get the point of not wanting to pay for things that are not directly contributed to the class. We’ve passed bills that we all don’t want sometimes or voted no on but that doesn’t mean we should ignore their need for next semester.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: This is basically helping every organization that is in here.

Teachers of Tomorrow - Emily Harris: Could you subtract some stuff from the bill like the miscellaneous expenses and only pay transportation now and at the beginning of next semester pay for the rest?

Junior Class President - Anne Davey: My only concern for postponing the bill is that we might not have enough for them at the end of the semester based on our budget right now. I think that will be a real big road block for them. I make a motion to vote on the original motion.

Approved

Voting on tabling to the end of the semester:

Not approved

Discussion:

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: I would like to make a motion to table this bill to the end of the meeting.
Voting on the motion to table to the end of the meeting:

Approved

Continued Discussion at the end of the meeting:

**Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton:** If we are going to pass a large bill for corn, goodies and pickles, we should pay for 15 students to go to Guatemala to help others

**Freshman Class Representative - Alex Hosteler:** Motion to vote

Voting on Motion to Vote

- Voting
  - Approved

  - S-15-26
    - PRIDE
      - Speaker Lea Delaria (Diversity Week)
      - All inclusive fee (housing, transportation, meals and speaking event)
      - Completely run by students which history shows leads to success
      - April 18th, 2015 is the date of the event
    - Requesting: $10,000
    - Account Balance: $470.09

  - Discussion on the bill

- **Freshman Class Representative - Alex Hosteler:** Is this event open to everyone or just the club?
  - It is open to everyone and we may open it to the public if it has a lot of positive feedback during marketing

- **Academic Chair - Patti Suchan:** What venue are you considering holding this in?
  - The Hayworth theater and it is available on April 18th and our backup is Phillips lecture hall

- **Sales Club - Hannah:** Is she a stand up comedian or is she speaking about anything motivational or about the club?
- It is marketed as a lecture ranging from her own personal experiences within civil rights areas with comedy included. She is even a jazz musician and she incorporates that into her events that have to do with PRIDE.

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Ryan Chow: Do we have any idea how much the diversity events will total out to?

- No we are not sure yet but we are planning on giving a chunk of our funds to this week so that it is all available

Art Club - Tory Franklin: What is the 10,000 paying for again?

- It is a flat fee of 10,000 for all inclusive. She will be paid when we get here.

Art Club - Tory Franklin: So for 5,000 extra we could send 16 people to Guatemala for a week to do a mission trip?

Inter-Fraternity Council - Dalton Sheppard: LGBT does not have a big presence on our campus and I really think that this will be a good thing for our campus. There is not a lot of diversity here and her topics could bring a lot of insight to this campus.

- This is a very low speaker figure for the ones that are going, a lot of them are going for 35,000.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: Our school preaches diversity so why is SGA funding this completely and not the university?

- Based on history, student run events have been more successful. I think it would speak a lot louder if students planned it all and did not depend on the university.

Society of Professional Journalists - Nicole: Is this a ticketed event?

- It is first come first serve

MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: You do not have to pay her till she comes, is that correct? If we might be tight on funds this year, could we table this until the next meeting and have the diversity organization pay for half of it?

- 200 people attended last year. Yes that is what I’ve gained from her is that in order to book it and reserve a spot with her we need to make sure we have the funds.

Junior Class Representative - Emma Riley: Have you looked into having her block bookings for the weekend she comes? CAT shows that if she is in the area already, her prices could drop.

- I will speak with her agent like that. If that is negotiated, we would give the money back to SGA
Freshman Class President - Austin Baker: For 10,000 it should be in Hayworth hall and it should be televised and very well marketed. We should have it open to the public to be “High Point’s” University. Jut making the school diverse is one thing but making the whole community diverse is also very important

- Definitely. Last year we did a full marketing campaign. With a bigger name and venue this year we could do even more this year!

Academic Chair - Patti Suchan: This discussion is all very great so I would like to make a motion to vote

Motion to vote:

- Approved
- Voting
  - Approved

- S-15-27
  - Biology Majors Club
    - Atlanta Georgia Spring Trip
    - A lot of applied science opportunities in Atlanta
    - 27 students signed up (9 boys, 18 girls) one advisor
  - Requesting: $6,737
  - Account Balance: $1,717.46
    - Discussion on the bill

Freshman Class Representative - Alex Hosteler: Is this in spring break?

- No it is a weekend in april that worked for everyones schedule

Sales Club - I don't understand how the Coca Cola museum is going to further the biology club?

- There is a back tour that shows the actual science of creating Coca Cola.

MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: On here you have specified that you got the group rate tickets for Coca Cola, why didn't you do it for the aquarium and the body exhibit? I think the Atlanta zoo is a lot more appropriate for you.
- The pass for the aquarium includes other museums that we do not have a lot of time for those. We will look into the zoo for you, but it is based on the location of our hotel

*Freshman Class Representative - Kendra Bickford:* Can you up your student contribution?

*Senior Class Presentative - Molly Phalen:* Upping the student contribution could almost cover the whole body exhibit and could save SGA 1,400

- Can I make a motion to just remove coca cola out of the bill?

**Voting on the motion:**

Approved

The bill is now 6,317

**Voting on the amendment**

- Voting
  - Approved

*Freshman Class Representative - Alex Hosteler:* Motion to increase student contribution to $100 a night.

No second

*Peer Mentor - Hannah Carlson:* There is a body exhibit in Virginia beach as well as the aquarium, why didn't you create this?

- The club voted for it and our advisor has lead trips to both and agreed. This body exhibit is also the national exhibit. The prices would be the same as well no matter where we went.

*NSLS - Gabby Hayes:* We went to Virginia beach last spring trip. Not only are students contributing 30 each but they are paying for their own meals as well.

- We are also paying out of our own pocket for the bus driver

*Tutor Club - motion to vote*

Seconded and approved

**Voting:**

Approved
o SGA Executive Council
  ▪ Hunger Task Force & Food Summit
o Requesting: $4,000
o Account Balance: $6,557.91
  ▪ Discussion on the bill

_Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton:_ Sophomore class put on similar event where they fed 20000 people and SGA prohibited the sophomore class from presenting a bill to the Senate. Why is this bill different?

_President - Greyson Whitaker:_ At the time that the sophomore bill would have been presented it would have been a reimbursement bill, which is not allowed by the SGA constitution.

_MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel:_ Is the point of the SGA to benefit HPU students or is it a charity?
- SGA annually donates money to multiple charitable organizations, many of which students are very involved in.

_MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel:_ How are students involved in the fundraising for this event?

_Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen:_ The High Point Food Alliance is a new group which has a short turnaround for accumulating sponsorship before the event. High Point ranks very poorly in terms of hunger and security. The effects of this bill/organization will impact countless families in the surrounding area.

_MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel:_ Is there an explicitly defined purpose of SGA funds?

_President - Greyson Whitaker:_ SGA funds are completely at the discretion of the Senate as a whole. Majority vote eventually determines the distribution of funds.

_PRSSA - Jay Caroll:_ This is a great event that benefits the entire community and is student run. Events like these help establish stronger relationships with the community.

_English Club - Motion to Vote_

Second
  • Voting
    
    Approved

  - S-15-29
  o Impact Club
- Give Back Pack Lunch
  - Grant is being contributed to 1,600
    - Requesting: $994.00
    - Account Balance: $2359.40

- Discussion on the bill

**Sophomore Representative:** Motion to donate 1,000 to the bill

**Ducks Unlimited:** We are funding pretty huge stuff. It is through High Point University but it is pitiful that 1,000 yards out of these gates there are people that cannot pay for food. We pay 40k a year to go here and we are debating over 1,000 to help these people in need.

  - It is only 5 dollars to feed these kids for a weekend.

**Senior Class President - Alex Nelson:** Last year you had more money than you needed, do you think that this would be an issue again?

  - No I don’t think so because last year we just didn’t have time to purchase more food for the event but we have enough time this year.

**Tutor Club:** Motion to vote on the amendment

  Voting
  - Approved

The bill stands at 1,994.00

**Bonner Leader Program - Josh Caudel:** What these clubs and organizations does in the community is very beneficial. I am from High Point University and I was hungry at one point growing up. These organizations are the reason I am here at High Point University. This is bigger than just donating money for them to eat.

**Toccantones:** Motion to vote

  - Voting
    - Approved
      - S-15-30
        - Bonner Leader Program
          - Trip to Washington DC
        - Requesting: $8,778
        - Approved: $5,838.00
New Total: $5,838 (PENDING)

Account Balance: $0.00

- Discussion on the bill

Inter-fraternity Council - Dalton Sheppard: What are the unexpected finances that are on the bill that is 10% of the bill?

- We really do not know, it is for unexpected things.

Inter-fraternity Council - Dalton Sheppard: I just wanted to make sure it wasn't going to be for a dinner or anything.

- No, we wont do that!

MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: Have you considered high point transportation? It is 1,000 cheaper? Can you walk for a lot of this trip?

- Yes we have looked at all transportation! It is the cheapest. Where are we going to park a bus in DC? I agree with you but this is the cheapest and most effective way. Yes, we will be walking when we split up. As for when we are going to our group activities we will be using the metro.

Teachers of Tomorrow - Emily Harris: Being from DC, they will need to use the metro. DC is a big city and they would be walking over a mile and a half for one location which is a lot. They will need those metro passes!

Academic Chair - Patti Suchan: We do not cover food so I am making a motion to cut out all the food expenses except for the $480 for the groceries.

Voting on the amendment:

Approved

The bill stands at 5,838

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: There are student discounts for metro so please do look into that!

Biology Majors Club - Laura Bernitsky: The Bonner Leader Program is very cool and this attracts student with diversity to the University so we should support it.

- In order to be a Bonner you have to qualify for federal work study. Our organization will be able to bond during this trip.

Student Services and Diversity Chair - Mayessa Mitchell: SGA does have a point that a student contribution is given to all trips. I would like to make a motion to add a $20 contribution to the trip.

- $20 is admirable
MAC Club - Sydney Knoechel: Can we amend the motion to make the student contribution to $50?

No Second

Tutor Club: Motion to Vote

Voting

- Approved

Young Life College Life - Casey Ellis: When we took the food out, did we also take out the $890?

- Yes we did.
  - Voting
    - Approved

- S-15-31
  - SGA Executive Council
    - Open Door Ministries Annual Banquet
      - Requesting: $2500
      - Account Balance: $6,557.91

- Discussion on the bill

- Ryan Chow BBBS - Can you clarify how it’s fighting hunger?
  - This money is not going to their banquet, this is just a donation to their organization. It may be used for anything that their organization may need

- Molly Phalen - So, it is a recognition at the banquet but the money is going to outside things within the organization?
  - Yes that is correct!

- Laura Biology Club - This is 2,500 and High Point University is known as just a bunch of obnoxious kids in the community, it is a good thing.

Taccatones: Motion to vote

- Voting
• Approved

- S-15-32
  o SGA Executive Council
    • Service Showcase Banquet
    • Annual donation from SGA
    • The award is going to who the organization sponsors in the community
  o Requesting: $5500
  o Account Balance: $6,557.91
    • Discussion on the bill
    • Voting
      • Approved

- S-15-33
  o SGA Executive Council
    • Earth Day (April 22nd)
    • Annual Sponsorship
    • All things bought by SGA has our name on it
    • Corn, pickle, bags and t-shirts
  o Requesting: $5500
  o Account Balance: $6,557.91
    • Discussion on the bill

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: Does the Corn and Pickle fall into the not paying for food bylaw?

- It is okay because it is an approved vendor through the university

Volunteer Center - Diana McKay: If we do not sponsor it, who would it fall back on it?

- If we do not sponsor it, I cannot guarantee that these items will be. It is only a few items during earth day. The event will continue but I cannot say that these items will remain
Voting
Approved

Community Affairs Meeting:

Film Club - Heather Frinkle:

- I live in Millis and during the warmer months the apartments get rowdy and throw cans through our windows. Can I make a petition to have trees or something planted between those dorms so residents feel a little safer?

- I will address that with security because that is violation of the student conduct code

Advisor - Paul Kittle: Please use the live safe app that the university offers. It gives you the opportunity to do real time reports as well as attaching photos and videos.

Teachers of Tomorrow - Emily Harris: I have never heard of that but is there anyway we could send something out to students that informs students of that app?

Advisor - Paul Kittle: Of course we can do that! that is a great idea

Young Life College Life - Casey Ellis: I think it is time to reupholster the chairs in the point and the bakery!

I also want to make a comment that we were comparing apples to oranges tonight and they were all great bills but you cannot compare some bills to things like the Guatemala trip. The PRIDE speaker could have a psychological affect on someone and save their life and the biology club could inspire a student to cure cancer.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: In my four years of being in SGA I don't think I have ever felt the way I do tonight. Every person cares about their organization. We are a family. Every single one of you is a leader. While we meet in here every other thursday, we are all here for one mission to embower and enable students to go out into the community. We cannot hurt each others feelings or make clubs feel negatively about their organization.

Technology Chair - Michael Cantor: This is the first meeting that we have had opinions on bills and this is what a senate should be. I do not like the side comments, but I do like the discussion.
President - Greyson Whitaker: This is a learning experience and thank you all for your patience tonight.

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Academic Chair - Patti Suchan: At the beginning of the year you made a big pitch about donation and perks for otiuse who donated a lot?

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: I did not know a lot about the bonfire as well. The last event fell through last minute and this semester there are two more remaining for this semester. This is run by the Student Center of Institutional Advancements.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: There are senior pop up donor events coming up!

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Freshman Class Representative - Alex Hosteler: So I live in the Wanek Center and you can’t get to the learning common doors through the stairs.

    - I will contact Mr. Potter about that!

Young Life College Life - Casey Ellis: That may cause a lot of noise for the quiet library with the door opening and closing.

End of the meeting announcements:

• Class Officer Election Campaign Period
  • Thursday, April 9th - Sunday, April 13th
• Elections Interest Meeting
  • Thursday, March 5th after SGA meeting
• UNC-TV Festival Fundraiser
  • Saturday, March 21st
  • Contact Don Scarborough: dscarbor@highpoint.edu
• Next Senate Meeting
  • Thursday, March 5th at 7:00pm in Phillips 120

Thursday February 26th 6pm - Are you smarter than a greek? Event

Adjourned: 8:58