HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY

STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

General Meeting & Bill Presentation
January 22nd, 2015

Location: Philips 120

Time: 7:04pm

Call to Order by: Vice President Nicole Karlesky

Pledge of Allegiance: Judicial Vice President Steven Edwards

Postpone reading of the minutes: Approved

Quorum Check

Other clubs in attendance:
Tutor
Physical therapy
Purple Reighn
TTRPG
Colleges against cancer
HPU 6 gents
Enactus
Bonner Leadership Program
Film Club
English Club
Executive Council Reports:
1. President - Greyson Whitaker
   - Breakfast items will be closed until closed if they serve breakfast items.
   - A new online ordering system will be coming.
   - Bare with the staff at food places, new system has been in placed.
   - The grille will update their ordering system from the paper slips.
   - The poor television signal at the Village has been resolved.
   - A plaque honoring Ron Carter will be installed at the Finch kiosk.
   - Concierge has a new board that you can advertise your event on
   - Millis pool locker room has a new shower valve to fix the water temperature.
   - The terrace has a plumbing problem that will be taken care of.
   - Feel free to send cards or thank you cards to staff members on campus.
   - We have a lot of bills tonight, a record number of 13. Please be courteous in your discussion.
   - Appalachian state has had their 4th student death of the year, and we will be reaching out to their student government president to show our condolences.

2. Treasurer - David Holmes
   a. Operations – $80,209.22
   b. Contingences -$6,792.06
   c. Discretionary –$3,868.63

Standing Organization Reports

Academic Chair - Patti Suchan
- In need of students interested in being on an academic committee
- Meet with you after the meeting if interested.

Sophomore Class President - Haley McKowen
- Thank you to IFC for making a donation to the Stop Hunger Now meal pack on MLK service day.

HOSA - Laura Bernitsky
- Selling tickets to protect the heart ball at the Philanthropy tables in Slane.

Old Business:
None

New Business:

Presentation of Bills:
- S-15-2
- College Republicans
  - National Prayer Breakfast
- Requesting: $675
- Account Balance: $50.68
  - Motion to suspend the rules on the bill - she is not the name listed on the bill.
    - Senior Class Representative Molly Phalen: I make a motion to suspend the rules.
      - Approved
  - Discussion on the bill
    - Junior Class Representative - Reza: How many people are going?
      - One student
    - Publicity Chair - Caleb Redslob: When is this?
      - Next month
    - Biology Club - Laura: was there a typo of the dates in the bill?
      - Yes
    - Sophomore Class President - Haley McKeown: Why is there a change in hotels?
      - There is a change in hotels because of security reasons at the event.
    - Unknown: Why is only one person going?

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: They were nominated, selected and went through a lengthy application process.

President - Greyson Whitaker: School policy states that an advisor needs to attend the trip.

Senior Class Representative: I have spoken with the university and I do not have a faculty advisor and they allowing me to go alone.

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento: Can we pass the bill with the stipulation that she maintained permission from the office of student life that she can go without an advisor?

President - Greyson Whitaker: We can do one of two things, we can make a motion that we vote on this bill that one, the student attends the advisor to attend or two, the advisor gives her written permission that an advisor doesn't need to go.
Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquinto: I make a motion to make an amendment that we will approve this bill based on the prior items.

Voting:

- Approved

Discussion on the amendment:

IFC - Dalton: Would adding an advisor double the price of the bill?

Senior Representative: They would not be able to attend the conference because of how hard it is to get into but they can go with me if needed and be in the hotel.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: One student and one advisor is not very safe because of what can happen and be accused of. I think we are opening a door here. You have to be nominated by the government to attend this so I believe a written permission would be best.

Senior Representative - I have emails from Dr. Quebein with no issue of me going by myself.

- Voting on the amendment
  - Approved

- Voting on the bill
  - Approved

- S-15-4
  - Inter Fraternity Council
    - Northeastern Greek Leadership Association Conference
  - Requesting: $6,000
  - Account Balance: $16,754.28
  - Taylor Symons is going as an advisor
  - Each student is going
• Discussion on the bill

- **Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquinto:** Thank you for doing the $75 donation

- **Freshman Representative - Alex H:** What is the possible transportation costs?
  - It is just wiggle room so that if the price changes!

- **Senior Class President - Alex Nelson:** What grade are these students?
  - They will all be juniors because it is a new executive council

- **Unknown:** If the price of the flights listed on the bill go down in price, will you return the money to SGA?
  - Of course! We always give the unused money from our bills back to SGA

• Voting
  - Approved

- S-15-5
  - Inter Fraternity Council
    - Beta Theta Pi Keystone Leadership Conference
    - February 6th-8th (Jacksonville Florida)
    - The chapter is covering the traveling costs
    - Dave Thompson and John Lauter are our advisors and they will be going with us.
  - Requesting: $1,791
  - Account Balance: $16,754.28

• Discussion on the bill

- **Freshman Class Representative - Alex H:** Is the $16,000 in your account going to something else? Why isn’t it being used for this event?
  - IFC is an umbrella organization so that is an umbrella fund that we do not like to use those funds unless necessary. Those funds can be given to other things throughout all the greek fraternities such as the Stop Hunger Now meal pack that was previously mentioned that we donated $2,000 to.

• Voting
  - Approved

- S-15-7
o Inter Fraternity Council
  ▪ Pi Kappa Phi Date Auction

o Requesting: $1,387

o Account Balance: $16,754.28

o Motion to make three amendments
  ▪ Add $50 to accessory items
  ▪ Remove $300 food for dates
  ▪ Add $50 liberty gift card

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquinto: I make a motion to amend the bill to $1,187

Voting on the amendment:
  - Approved

Discussion on the amendment

Josh: Have you gone to businesses to see if these businesses would donate gift cards or not? A lot are willing to give gift cards because we do so much for them

  - I cannot speak to if they have done that or not but thank you that is a great idea!

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: If you look what are some of the things are on the bill, Harlem Globetrotters and Lululemon gift cards has nothing to do with High Point. We have contacted other organizations to donate and those items are not on this bill because they were already given to us.

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: As my experience with working with Liberty and organizations like that within the community, they are not as willing to donate to events like this.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: Can you confirm if these gift cards were approved through the business office?

  - I am not able to answer that, I am unaware of the answer.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: It has to be approved. I make a motion to table this bill. There is another SGA meeting before this event so there is time to pay for it.

Academic Chair - Patti Suchan: If we table the bill, we will be bringing back the amended bill

Vice President - Nicole Karlesky: That is correct!
Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento: Am I correct in saying that if they are already a passport partner, it is approved by the business office?

Advisor - Anna Ventrone: It depends on the organization.

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento: Is there a list of vendors online that we can look at for this?

Advisor - Anna Ventrone: It is on blackboard and you can also go to the business office of student life for it.

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: Delaney, we can talk after. Summer Preddy will help you order everything and it is really easy to transfer the money so that it is not as complicated as the bill is currently.

- Voting on tabling the bill
  - Approved

- S-15-8
  - Alpha Phi Omega
    - LA Alternative Break 2015
  - Requesting: $11,950
  - Account Balance: $4,181.02
    - I would like to make a motion to add $50, bringing it to an even $12,000

- Publicity Chair - Caleb Redslob: I make a motion to make the bill $12,000

Discussion on the amendment

- Sports Link - Casey Ellis: Can you clarify what you are asking money for?
  - Transportation to the sites

Senior Class President - Alex Nelson: You already have 900 on the bill for transportation

- The prices have gone up and they are now at $950

PRSSA Representative - Jay Carol: Have you raised any money on yourself?

We will be raising 1,000 through fundraising and each student will contribute $230
- Voting on the amendment
  - approved

- Discussion on the bill

*Junior Class President: Anne Davey* - Why did you choose LA?

*Alpha Phi Omega - Tori:* We are a national organization and we don't want to just help locally. The Habitat For Humanity is in desperate need there which is why we chose it. We also chose it based on weather because we want to be able to work everyday. It has a very high homeless population so we thought our needs would best be used there.

*Big Brothers Big Sisters - Ryan Cale:* Where else did you look?

*Alpha Phi Omega - Tori:* We wanted to work with Habitat For Humanity because it is the cheapest to work with them. Secondly, you have to do a first come first serve and most places were already taken because they were open to campus organizations, so California was the only thing left.

*Sports Link - Casey Ellis:* I saw you are flying to Charlotte, how are you getting to Charlotte? High Point provides transpiration during breaks, but not on the sunday listed on the bill.

*Alpha Phi Omega - Tori:* We have a lot of brothers in the fraternity that live in the area that are willing to take us to and from the airport so that it does not add cost to our trip.

- Voting
  - Approved

- S-15-9
  - Alpha Kappa Psi
    - PBLI Conference
  - Requesting: $3,247
  - Account Balance: $1,146.50

- Discussion on the bill

*Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton:* Have you considered the prices on what is to drive since Maryland is not that far from school?

  - Our advisor believes that it is a liability issue to drive people that far on her own.

*Big Brothers Big Sisters - Ryan Cale:* Have you considered other transportation such as the train; AMTRAK?
- No, we did not consider that

*Advisor - Anna Ventrone:* You are actually allowed to drive with an advisor if they feel comfortable doing so and are approved to drive the van. If your advisor does not feel comfortable driving, someone else from the school can take you.

*Senior Class President - Alex Nelson:* is there another meeting before then?

*President - Gryeson Whitaker:* There is but it is the day before hand so that is not possible in regards to funding

*Senior Class President - Alex Nelson:* Can you tell me the price difference if a passenger bus takes the group?

*Sports Link - Casey Ellis:* It will be 375 miles. It is 1.50 per mile, or 2.50 per mile with a driver.

*Bonner Leader Program - Josh:* I took the Amtrak once and it was cheaper! If you don't feel comfortable driving, you can take the Amtrak for $800 total.

*Biology Club - Laura:* We have no way to know if they can get this many tickets for next week, especially there and back that goes with their schedule for the weekend.

- We have actually already purchased our plane tickets.

*Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquinto:* I think we should approve the transportation cost and if they find a cheaper way, they can give the money back to SGA.

*Student Services Diversity Chair - Mayessa Mitchell:* Due to the fact that this is their first time presenting a bill, can we move to suspend the rules for reimbursement since they already purchased the tickets?

- Our advisor has been in close contact with Dr. Caroll. I know we should have gone through the office of student life. I know we made a mistake. I apologize.

*President - Greyson Whitaker:* We need to make an amendment that they use alternative transportation and they would return the money to their advisor. It is their first bill and we understand that but it is a big problem to give reimbursements. The rules on that are listed in their senate manual so they should have been aware of the rule prior to the bill. I suggest that we table the bill to the end of the meeting.

*Student Services Diversity Chair - Mayessa Mitchell:* I make a motion to table the bill to the end of the meeting

- Voting on table
  - Approved

**Bill Discussion continued:**
Junior Class Representative - Reza: I make a motion that we approve the bill as is pending the approval of Paul Kittle and Dr. Carol that this transportation is okay.

Voting on the motion:
- Approved

Voting on the bill
- Approved

- S-15-10
  o College Republicans
    - CPAC 2015
      - Motion to suspend the rules on the bill - she is not the name listed on the bill.
      - Senior Class Representative Molly Phalen - I make a motion to suspend the rules.
        o Approved
  o Requesting: $6,773
  o Account Balance: $50.68
    - Discussion on the bill

Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton: How many people are going?

11 people, one advisor (Nick Ruden) and his brother will be going on the trip.

Biology Club - Laura: Is this the cheapest hotel?

We have a deal with college republicans and this is the cheapest option for us and the best set up for us.

Biology Club - Laura: Are you using high point transportation?

No, we decided to use an outside organization because it is cheaper.

Advisor - Anna Ventrone: To clarify, they are allowed to go elsewhere if it is cheaper!

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: Who’s estimation is it that gas will be $3 a gallon

We have done the research and it is currently at $2.99 in the states we are traveling to.
Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquinto: We can debate about gas prices for a long time but they can return the extra money if they have it. It is not a big deal to be over .10 a gallon.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: What is the gender breakdown?

3 girls and 6 men, Nick Ruden and his brother.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: If it is two people per room, you can put two in a bed and one in a sofa bed.

That is not something we thought about but we think it’ll be more functional this way

NPHC - Shirley: I think it would be best if you reduce it from 6 rooms to 4 rooms. To lower the price of the bill

Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton: They can use a cot

I did actually ask that and they have a policy against them in this hotel, I am not sure why

Publicity Chair - Caleb Redslab: It is not a bad price about what they are paying to be honest. A lot of hotels are strict and will kick you out if you try fit to many in the room.

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento: We have discussed this already and it is a fire code violation for the hotel to put more in a room. He has contacted the hotel and they did advise him that this was the best idea.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: I do not remember the last time I was in a king size bed and had a hard time sleeping in it with others.

President - Greyson Whitaker: We have mentioned previously in a resolution in regards to travel, that the number of rooms required will be broken down between genders and number of non-students. The university does have a policy for too many people in one room. We want this to be consistent with how many people we place in a room here on campus. It is not fair to make an assumption without asking the organization.

NPHC - Shirley: Do you think it would be uncomfortable if there were four rooms instead of 6?

I do not feel comfortable speaking for the individuals going on the trip.

Unknown - Emmy: I would like to make a motion to table this bill so that they may discuss this with the individuals attending the trip.

Discussion on the table:

PRSSA - Jay Carol: Will you be paying a lot more if you are not paying the college republicans rate?
Yes, it is $250 not $199

*Publicity Chair - Caleb Redslob:* I think we are getting too far off of topic. We need to be efficient as well as respectful to this club.

*Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento:* This was the hotels recommendation based on their fire codes and their special discount. We can debate forever on who sleeps in the bed.

*Academic Chair - Patti Suchan:* There is an early bird rate?

   Yes, that is what is listed on the bill

   - Voting to vote on the table
     - Approved

Voting to table the bill to the next senate meeting

   - Not approved - the bill has not been tabled

Discussion on the bill

*Sports Link - Casey Ellis:* I am making a motion to amend the bill to only include 4 rooms

Discussion on motion:

*Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento:* I believe we should not pass this motion because it is the hotels recommendation. Given the hotels fire code and their discount that they are providing.

*Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen:* They are prepared, it is a detailed bill! They did not just throw it together. I don't know why we are still debating over it. If they end up with only 4 rooms, the money comes back to SGA.

*Academic Chair - Patti Suchan:* Did you specifically ask the hotel how many people can stay in the room?

   We told them we had 12 adults. We also discussed that they do not have double beds and we also discussed that they do not have cots.

*Psi Chi - Unknown:* Paul Kittle has suggested that there are as many people per room as there is beds.

*Bonner Leader Program - Josh:* We do not know how big these rooms are. We are waisting time we should just move on!

*Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento:* Motion to vote
Vote to vote

- Approved

Vote on the amendment to make the bill to 4 beds instead of 6

- Not approved

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: Motion to vote

Vote to vote:

- Approved

Vote on bill:

- Approved

- S-15-11

  o Society of Physics Students
    - Hover Crafts
      - Motion to suspend the rules on the bill - He is not the name listed on the bill.
      - Sophomore Class President - Haley McKeown: I make a motion to suspend the rules
        - Voting
          o Approved

  o Requesting: $6,217

  o Account Balance: $300.00
    - Discussion on the bill

Biology Club - Laura: Do you intend to build these yourselves?

Yes

Publicity Chair - Caleb Redslob: How many are you building?

Three
Unknown - What is being done for safety for the design?

It doesn’t go fast, they are going like a few inches off the ground.

Catholic Campus Ministries - Rebecca: When will they be used?

Next Saturday

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquonto: Even if they can't get the funds in time, they have one for the science fair and they will use them for numerous events throughout the year. It is a great bill to pass.

PRSSA - Jay Carol: I know a lot of kids aren't interested in science so I think this is great. I make a motion to vote.

- Voting
- Approved

- S-15-12

  - Model UN
    - MAL Houston Conference
  - Requesting: $8,745
  - Account Balance: $996.77
    - Discussion on the bill

Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton: Is there criteria for those who are going or can anyone go?

We have a point system and those most dedicated to our organization will be going.

Catholic Campus Ministries - Rebecca: There is an error in the bill, you have 13 people listed x $50 but only 12 people going.

Thank you we will fix that and make a motion

Big Brothers Big Sisters - Ryan Chow: A motion to take out the space center group tour

No second was given; denied.

Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: Pending your account balance, would you be willing to utilize some of your account funds for something like that for a reward for your members.
I guess that we can do that out of our account balance. We are hoping to make this happen as easily as possible. We do want to reward them.

Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton: Are there things that come up throughout the semester that you use your account balance for?

We use these funds to host our fundraisers

Model UN - Erica: We have had a lot of change since last year and we are hoping to use those funds to have a speaker come to campus and hold a second debate this year.

Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquento: The space center is an educational experience and is a small amount of money and we should just pay for it.

- Voting to vote
  - Approved

Voting
  - Approved

- S-15-13
  - Sports Management Association
    - NFL Conference Combine
  - Requesting: $2,316
  - Account Balance: $3,308.48
    - Discussion on the bill

Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton: Are there any student contributions?

No only the EC is going so we didn't ask them to go.

President of SMA - The account balance is wrong, it should have been debited and been $900.

Sophomore Class President - Haley McKeown: So you are only asking for us to pay for 2 out of the 3 hotel rooms?

We purchased one and put a hold for two more because we did not have the money at the time for that and the registration fee.

Sophomore Class Representative - Delaney Crampton: Because you have already contributed 2,500, I make a motion to vote.
- S-15-14
  - Student Alumni Council
    - Alumni Employee Luncheon Bill
    - Senior Class Representative - Molly Phalen: I make a motion to suspend the rules on who is reading the bill
      - Approved
  - Requesting: $921
  - Account Balance: $892.72
    - Discussion on the bill
  - Voting
    - Approved

- S-15-15
  - NPHC
    - Zeta Phi Beta’s 70th Eastern Regional Conference
  - Requesting: $682
  - Account Balance: $6,497.06
    - Discussion on the bill

*Academic Chair - Patti Suchan*: Do you have an advisor going?

*NPHC - Shirley*: Yes, we have an advisor going who is not a member of the university.

*Academic Chair - Patti Suchan*: If I am correct, we have to have an advisor from the university go

*President - Greyson Whitaker*: An advisor is either insured by the university with a background check or a staff and faculty member

*Big Brothers Big Sisters - Ryan Chow*: Where is your account balance going to as of now?
Recruitment

*Bonner Leader Program - Josh:* NPHC is 9 organizations so if you divide their account balance by that, they do not have that much money.

*Senior Class President - Alex Nelson:* For a point of clarification, can we make sure that the advisor going on that trip has passed those qualifications for the safety of our students?

*President - Greyson Whitaker:* Yes, we will check on that as well as the advisor going on the Beta Theta Pi trip that was approved earlier in the meeting.

  - Voting
    - Approved

- S-15-16
  - Psi Chi
    - Psi Chi Conference Travel Request
      - Requesting: $16,780.00
  - Account Balance: $1,965.70
    - Discussion on the bill

*Inter Fraternity Council - Dalton:* Are there any qualifications for the members going to this conference?

  Yes, majors and minors of psychology and those within that are doing research are going. It is a heavy research component as well as participation within the organization and fundraisers.

*Treasurer:* There is an error in the bill total based on the housing. It is off by $50

*Junior Class Representative - Jessie Giaquanto:* I make a motion to amend the bill to be 16,730.00

  - Voting on the motion
    - Approved
  - Voting on the bill
    - Approved

End of the meeting announcements:
Ducks Unlimited: the student that died at app state is a good friend of mine and I just want all of you to know that there is help for depression out there.

- President - Greyson Whitaker: Yes, of course. Thank you for that. The counseling services at the university is always here for the students.

Biology Club - Laura: NSLS is back up and it has leadership, we are hoping to get cords for those senior members.

Adjourned: 9:08