CALL TO ORDER by Vice President Elizabeth Taheri

POSTPONE READING OF THE MINUTES

SPECIAL INTRODUCTION AND ANNOUNCEMENTS: Mr. Potter: follow-up about the hours at our food locations, specifically The Café. We negotiate annually to make improvements with Aramark. Mr. Potter shared a graph which illustrated the declining attendance in The Café as the hours of the evening went on. The food in The Caf is made ahead of time and there may be issues extending the hours of the caf. There may be better cost-effective options on campus to keep open later. He asked for suggestions or thoughts. Matt Jakubowski suggested having other options past 9pm, and says that students feel unwelcome in The Caf the closer it gets to closing in the evenings.

Mr. Potter suggests that HPU could trial a later opening at the Caf. If the data reflects people from main campus going off to other locations, then that might prompt change. It’s about supporting the initiative of students, but we want to make sure that we use dollars that don’t only affect a small portion of students.

Jessie Giaquinto asked how much students are paying out of tuition to pay for food. Mr. Potter says he knows what HPU pays with Aramark, but the individual budget is not currently available for public information. Allie Dearie, Campus Chronicle, asked if HPU has the stats for the bakery and would they consider keeping that location open later next semester. In response, Mr. Potter stated that numbers have increased since last year and the demand is going up. They will look into that for next semester. Patti Suchan made an announcement that Campus Dish app doesn’t update for Farmers Market, Mr. Potter responded that can get fixed right away. Mr. Potter also responded to questions about having earlier option open during finals. (There will be!)

OTHER CLUBS IN ATTENDANCE:
- Physician’s Assistant Club
- The Offbeats
- Alpha Lambda Delta
- Impact
- Ski Club
- Inactus
- High Point Broadcasting Society

Taheri moves it ALONG.
Reports
- Executive Council
  o President - Tyler Steelman
    ▪ We will have a long meeting tonight.
    ▪ Later in the meeting we will address bill packet preparation
    ▪ Food service and dining options speaker – Mr. Potter
  o Treasurer – Casey Hiers
    ▪ Operational fund: $15,8318.08
    ▪ Discretionary fund: $4,409.91
    ▪ Contingency fund: $3,224.00
    ▪ Asks for clarification on the math in the future bills
  o Attorney General – Zach Hall
    ▪ Wants to remind everyone that the dress code is Steakhouse appropriate.
    ▪ At the next meeting, if you are not correctly dressed you will be asked to leave
- Standing Committee
  o Student Services Chair – Lindsay Christel
    ▪ We are going to introduce the idea of co-sponsoring bills. If you have bills that you
      want to introduce, you can team up with different clubs or classes or departments to
      co-sponsor, so that both can contribute and ask for less from SGA. For right now, if
      you are interested, then email Casey if you are presenting them together (two
      separate bills)
  o Tech Chair – Greyson Whitaker
    ▪ Co-sponsoring the bills; brings up the bills website page. You can either submit two
      bills or you can list your co-sponsor in the “Optional: Additional Information”
      section
    ▪ The census will be used to update the chartered orgs website
    ▪ This idea stemmed from the Freshman Success committee so that freshman can
      access your club’s info
    ▪ If you did not submit your census, please do so soon.
  o Publicity Chair – Kate Greer
    ▪ Thank you for passing the bill for Corrie’s Riff-Off
    ▪ Multiple teams performed; it went extremely well; we packed the house and raised
      $5,700+ for Corrie’s family.

Unfinished Business: None

Presentation of Bills
- S-14-8
  o APO
    ▪ Will be traveling to New Orleans for a service trip.
    ▪ Discussion
      ▪ None
    ▪ Voting
      ▪ Passed
- S-14-9
  o MACS
    ▪ Research project to construct a touchscreen table from scratch.
• **Discussion**
  • None

• **Voting**
  • Passed

**7:30pm** (Issue with quorum) There was an issue the clickers

**Point of Personal Privilege**
Anne Davey  
Matt Jakubowski  
Vince Perez

- **S-14-10**
  - Volunteer Center
    • Fall break volunteer trip.
      • **Discussion**
        • HPU CCM: if each student fundraises the amount, what is the $25,000 being used for?
          • The money from students is being used to fund water purification systems
        • Maddie Brown, 2015: do we pay for the food?
          • Tyler Steelman: in the past we fund the food to the church or organization or host.
        • Lindsay Christel: since this bill is for next semester, we can pay for flights and table the rest of it to get it approved later.
          • **Makes a motion to just pay for the flights (seconded)**
          • Discussion
            • Kate Greer: bus to & from airport? Yes.
            • Taheri: is the motion to include transport? No
          • **Voting: Passed at $13,320**
        • Jimmy Sanders: does this include deductions? Hiers suggests to put the deductions in the next bill

- **S-14-12**
  - Volunteer Center
    • Rebuild damage in NJ after Hurricane Sandy
      • **Discussion**
        • Maddie Brown, 2015: $15 same as last time? (yes)
        • Laurny Polo: Where in NJ exactly? (Doesn’t know)
        • HPU CCM: Per day amount for food, did you take into account travel days? (Not included)
        • Jessie Giaquinto, 2016: what exactly will they be doing? (They affiliate with the Methodist church in that area to reconstruct local houses and business, like Habitat for Humanity)
        • Patti Suchan HPU CCM: Question on donations? (SGA) What kind of material? (Construction materials like a hammer, wood, etc.)
        • Bio Club: face masks, goggles, rakes, shovels, etc.
Maddie Brown, 2015: **Makes a motion to raise the student contribution to $100** (seconded) (Rep: that amount is too high for what they are doing and she thinks that less people would go

- Danielle Santos: This is a trip for students to go volunteer to help others and thinks we should keep it at $50
- Allie Dearie: agrees to keep it at $50
- Ashley Gass, alumni council: the amount for food does not add up (Hiers: they are one day over on their allotment)

**Voting: Not passed**

**Further discussion:**

**Jimmy Sanders makes a motion to make the food $1275**

- Discussion: none
- **Voting: reduced to $1,275, new total is $5,564**

Alex Nelson, 2015: who are the two advisers? (Bob Yarborough and Don Belton)

Ashley Gass: What is the rest of the budget? (for carnival & blood drive)

Alex Nelson, 2015: Housing? (The money is going towards sleeping bags)

Patti Suchan HPU CCM: What happened last year to the sleeping bags? (not sure)

Jessie G: not sure

Alex G makes a motion to take out the $20. Jessie G seconded

- Discussion: Rep doesn’t see the need to reduce it.
- Tyler Steelman: general statement that when you present a bill and you did not write it, you should understand what the costs are and where the money is going to because we plenty of money but that doesn’t mean we should spend that much; we are not required to budget to 0. In past years we have, but we shouldn’t do that in the future. The motion on the table is to remove the housing; we can do that if VC returns and asks again and vote on it again. If we approve it, donate the sleeping bags. This bill packet tonight took an hour and the bills are not up to a professional standard. There was an issue with people leaving. We have a giant budget on campus and other departments would love to see that. We waste it sometimes. If you’re not serious about being here, please find a better SGA rep. or ask Tyler Steelman for a Freshman list.
- Torrie Bastardo: present a spring carnival bill? (yes) If we take out the sleeping bags, can you substitute that in the future?
- Lindsay Christel: we pay for people do things for themselves. This bill is for volunteers, please keep that in mind.
- Alex Nelson: agrees with Lindsay but we don’t know where that money is going.
- Voting to exclude the housing: Passed, new total $5,225
  o Matt Gahrman, SOS: will the students have showers (yes)
  o Voting: Passed

(bald guy left from the left side)
- S-14-13
  o Odyssey Club
    • Remove food, motioned, seconded, the ayes had it.
    • Williamsburg VA trip
    • Discussion:
      • Andrew Lanier, 2015: why only $30 per student (in the past we’ve charged $50 per student) why should SGA fund half the trip? (we only ask for money once)
      • Jessie G: point of reference – the honors budget is really small and Dr. Toole does not have the funds. (in order to reach an Honors College, we need to have a social element)
      • Ashley Gass, Alumni Council: is that a negotiated rate? There are cheaper options in the area
      • Video Games Club: there are cheaper options but you don’t want to stay there.
      • Allie Dearie: they need 16 rooms, not just 1.
    • Voting:
      • Passed

- S-14-14
  o Biology Majors Club
    • Annual spring trip
    • Discussion
      • Andrew Lanier, 2015: Makes a motion to raise the student contribution to $50 Maddie Brown (second)
        o Jessie Giaquinto: doesn’t think the amount should be raised because the bill is so thorough.
        o Andrew Lanier: still should pay more for a whole weekend trip when volunteer center is paying more for a service trip.
        o Lindsay Christel: this bill is completely different from volunteer center; Rep negotiated the price down and saved her club significant money.
        o Allie Dearie: agrees that the bills are different.
        o Voting: not increased
      • Casey Ellis, Sports Link: the transportation is not worded well. How many people are going? (25 students and 4 advisors)
    • Voting:
      • Passed

- S-14-16
  o College Republicans
- Budget Chair recommendation: the math on the housing part is correct.
- Trip to DC to hear Republican congress people speak
  - Discussion
    - Patti Suchan, HPU CCM: clarification on the van? (Pres. Steelman: HPU transportation can refer you to another service, eg Enterprise)
    - Patti Suchan, HPU CCM: can the girls share a room together or share a double bed? (No, he wouldn’t ask them to.)
    - Allie Dearie, Campus Chronicle: is there any student contribution? (No, they will pay for food)
    - Bio Majors Club: why book the single when the double is cheaper? (To get a king-size bed; getting a discount price)
    - **Patti Suchan, HPU CCM: Make a motion to remove the single room. Seconded.**
  - Discussion:
    - Lindsay Christel has shared a bed with at least four girls ;)
    - There should be no issue with the girls sharing a bed for the weekend.
  - Voting: Passed, new total is $2,421

- S-14-17
  - SGA EC
    - Diversity conference
    - Discussion:
      - Mayeesa Mitchell: How did you choose the people? (You will have to read the next SGA email and fill out the application to get a spot on the trip.)
      - Patti Suchan HPU CCM: Future costs? (Between $2,000-3,000)
    - Voting: Passed

( Ellen Barker left 8.07pm)

**End of the meeting announcements:**

- Fire drills? There is a new newsletter on fire safety that will be included in our next SGA Panther Pause.
- Bill presentation: The past few months, we have issues with people leaving and making quorum. Please tell Tyler any ideas you have. Please also remember decorum; it is a privilege to have access to administrators so please stay off your phones in the future. Please dress appropriately for next senate meeting.

**Adjourned: 8.30pm**