

Helena College Student Government Association Minutes

Monday, September 29th, 2014

Roll Call **President:** Christian Arp **Business Manager:** Shawn Palmer **Staff Advisor:** Ben Nickol
Quorum has been met. Meeting called to order at 12:02pm.

Attendees (Senators in BOLD) – Tim Cagle, Mike Soderholm, James Hill, Leesa Estey, Marvin Oglesby, Jim Crawford, Kellie Knapp, Joshua Mostad

Kellie Knapp motioned to approve the minutes as written, Leesa Estey seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

SGA Vice President – voting in Leesa Estey to VP chair. Vote – 8 – 0 – 1, vote passed. *Leesa Estey is now HCSGA Vice President*

SGA Budget – Shawn Palmer presented the budget as it presently stands. Main points of discussion: explanations of each line item and amounts set aside for specific needs; needs include \$5000 to both events and fund requests, and \$2000 for club startups.

FMOA – Kellie Knapp and Jim Crawford presenting for FMOA. Machining students are part of this club. Primary focus for field trips: to view program in real world applications. \$600 for bus per trip. Fundraising has been discussed during their meetings, stressing the task on the individual rather than the group. Money may come from other organizations to pay for repairs to machines. *Vote to recognize the club next week*

Nursing Students – Tim Cagle and Mike Soderholm presenting for the nursing students. Issues with chairs in classrooms: 4+ hours long classes, at most twice a day, discomfort expressed by students, and current chairs failed ergonomics test across the boards. Argued better chairs = better grades. Medical students have asked Helena College to fund replacements; response: unable to send money due to needs elsewhere. Moneys requested: \$4000 – \$6800. Funds requested too much for budget. Look into other organizations that hire our med students for funds/supplies. Possible SGA support by fundraising between both groups. *Tabled until more information into other avenues are explored*

Diversity Committee – Ben Nickol representing/presenting. Faculty and staff primarily form the committee. Requesting senate member(s) to sit on committee; meetings once a month, 2nd Wednesday at noon. This will count as a committee. Events are held in student center. James Hill, Leesa Estey, and Marvin Oglesby have volunteered to sit in. There is a possible co-sponsoring of Native American Month between the committee and SGA, but email correspondence was vague. *Vote next meeting, pending additional information from diversity committee*

General Discussion

Food for SGA Meetings – snacks and coffee promised for next week senate meeting.

Senator Applications and Recommendations – required paperwork for senate approval has not been submitted, please send your applications and recommendations to the executive council.

Announcements

Legacy Gift – ideas needed for possible gift options for both campuses

Highway Cleanup – October 18th at 10am, meeting at the Mini Basket. If interested, please inform one of the executive council members.

SGA Senate Meeting – next meeting will be at the airport campus, room has not been acquired. *Email will be sent out pending the acquirement of said room*

Christian Arp motioned to adjourn, Kellie Knapp seconded. Motioned passed at 12:54pm.

Next meeting at the Airport Campus at noon.