

Student Government Association

Minutes

October 3rd, 2016

- I. Call Meeting to Order: 12:37pm
- II. Attendance/Roll Call
 - A. Absences:
- III. Approval of Today's Minutes: Treasurer Bloomberg and Senator Boyd
- IV. Approval of Agenda: Senator Boyd and Treasurer Bloomberg
- V. Advisor Report: Hello everyone, as I said before my name is Kayla. I am the Coordinator of Student Involvement as well as the advisor of Student Government. My office is located in Student Development across from the Student Government office. I am so happy to have all of you new members. Feel free to let me know if you have any questions or concerns. For example, if you want to get involved in any clubs or anything like that. Also, just a reminder than the Student Government training will be October 16 in Student Development from 1000:am until 2:00pm. Lunch will be provided. If you have any concerns in regards to that please see me or President Appenheimer after. Other than that I feel like this is going to be a good year! Thanks!
- VI. Executive Reports:
 - President Appenheimer – Again welcome everyone. The first thing we are going to do is swear in all of our new members. (Swore in all Upper-class Senators including Senator Carpenter, Senator Clark, Senator Froebel and Senator Ruszczyk. Then swore in all Freshmen Senators including Senator Cisternino, Senator Lamont, Senator Toledo and Senator Volkmar) Now I would like to go over the Student Government's Mission and vision statements. The Student Government Mission statement is "We, the Student Government Association of Medaille College, are the OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVE VOICE of the STUDENT BODY. We bridge communication between students and the collective Medaille community by creating opportunities for student engagement and facilitating a positive college experience." So as Student Government members we are advocates for the student body and we are here to fulfill any student's needs. Say a student wants to make a change and do something on campus we are the avenue for that. We also bridge communication between staff, faculty and students. Our Vision Statement is "SGA will be a STRONG ADVOCATE for the student body of Medaille College, acting as a voice and a resource for all by being available to students and working alongside them to create an open and enriching environment. We aspire to be the standard among the clubs and organizations and will work together to MAKE A DIFFERENCE on campus by collaborating with faculty, staff, and the administration to enhance the Medaille college experience." Working with our mission this is what we plan to do and this is what are vision is for SGA in the future. Our Student Government values are Synergy, Gregariousness and Advocacy. Synergy means to work with others in order to get things done better. Gregariousness means to be sociable. Like going up to people talking to

them and working with others. Advocacy means making sure the student body's voices are heard and making sure changes are being made on campus. Next is our Student Government goals. So far our goals for this semester are to advocate for the students and know what they really want. We also want to make SGA more available to the student body and staff. I have also made a goal sheet for everyone to fill out. I just want to know what you all would like to see SGA do either as a whole or within your committee. Those will be due at our next meeting, which will be October 17th because next Monday is a holiday so we do not have class or Student Government. If you would like to hand these in early you can put them in my mailbox, which is located in the SGA office. The office is located in Student Development across from Advisor Kayla's office. As SGA members you are all welcome to use this office it is for us. We also have free printing in the office in case you ever need to print anything. You are welcome to bring friends into the office I just ask that you please clean up after yourself and keep the office clean. Thanks!

- Vice President Sekuterski – Hello everyone, you should have gotten a committee sheet from me via email. If you did not or do not have a copy of it with you I do have extras. Basically, everyone in SGA must serve on at least one committee. The E-Board members will all talk more about each of their own committees. I ask that you pay attention and list which committee you want to be on the most to the least by numbering the committees one through five. Then please hand this sheet in at the end of the meeting so tonight at E-board we can assign everyone a committee. Going off of that, my committee is the Academic Affairs committee. We work with the Vice President of Academic Affairs in regards to any academic concerns. Such as Blackboard, internships and the student handbook. We will also be monitoring the SGA email and office phone for any messages from students. We will then decide which committee their concern falls under and relay the message to the committee. That's pretty much it for my committee. Robert's Rules is a code of conduct in which we use in order to run all of our meetings. This allows everyone a chance to speak and advocate for the greater good. It is a lot to go through but I will have a training for this. I have some dates set and I will pass around the signup sheet for those trainings. Just signup for a date that works best for you and we will go over everything more then. I also want to point some things out in our constitution. (Read aloud both attendance and dress code policy)
- Treasurer Bloomberg – Part of my report every week is to go over the amount of money in all of the accounts we have through SGA. (Explained what each account was) Also, I am in charge of the Finance committee. Basically, when clubs want money from us we go over the request and either approve or decline it. In April we will have Budget Week, which is when all the clubs place their budget request in for the following year and we go through each club's budget request and again approve or decline each budget request or change amounts where the committee feels are needed. I also come up with fundraising ideas for SGA to get some cool SGA gear. Whatever you raise is your money. If you do not

raise anything or do not raise enough money and still want to get the gear, we decide to get you will have to pay out of pocket. Thanks!

Fundraising: \$ 8,802.98 Contingency: \$ 15,195.24 Overall: \$ 260,842.09 SGA Account: \$ 37,127.82

- Secretary Kornowski – Hello everyone, as President Appenheimer said we will have approval of the minutes as well as the approval of the agenda each week. It is your job to look over both documents and make sure all of the information is correct. If you see a mistake raise your hand and let me know. If it all looks good to you then you can motion to approve and wait for someone else to second it. That gets into Robert's Rule, which you will understand more about after you attend the training with Vice President Sekuterski. I also have a few sheets to pass around, the first is the SGA contact sheet. This sheet has everyone's current contact information including name, position, email and phone number in case you ever need to get a hold of any of us. I have most of the information filled out I just need a few more phone numbers. I do ask if your information is already filled in that you look it over and make sure that it is all current and correct. The second sheet I am passing around is for access to the SGA office. Again as President Appenheimer had mention we all are able to use the SGA office. In order to access this office, you need to go to the Public Safety house and get your Student ID card swiped. Public Safety has requested that we send them a list of all the SGA members name and ID numbers who are allowed access. So that sheet will be coming around as well. As far as my committee goes I am the Chair of Campus Improvements. I work with different departments here at Medaille to address different campus concerns. Whether that be fixing something within the dorm or the food company here at Medaille. I just finished a project in which my committee reached out to maintenance about fixing and replacing all of the broken and messed up clocks within all the classrooms here at Medaille. As far as I know the new clocks and batteries have been ordered and the project should be starting soon. Well, that is my committee and if you have any more questions feel free to ask me. Thanks!
- Club Council Officer Leone - My position is a bit different from the others as I do not Chair my own committee. I do however work with Treasurer Bloomberg within finance committee. I do work with all of the clubs the SGA over sees though. So once a month I hold a Club Council meeting to meet with all of the clubs and go over different tactics. I often have a different topic for each meeting. My next meeting will be held on October 19 at 12:40 in Main 333. I encourage all new members to attend so you can see what I do and how the meets are run. Between Advisor Kayla and myself we communicate with the clubs and help them with anything we can as well as keeping them updated with information that may be useful to the club type. I also make sure the clubs are staying active and doing all that they are required to do. Thanks!
- Programming Officer Belz – Hello, I am in charge of planning all of the SGA events. These events are ones such as Rocktoberfest and the Tree Lighting. This year Rocktoberfest will be more like a festival.

We also have an end of the year banquet. So if you join programming you will help with planning all of these events. My goal for this year is to do events differently than what they have been done like in the past. Thanks!

- Public Relations Officer Cicero – Hello, I am in charge of the newsletter. This year we are trying to get more of a social media presence so that is the goal for Public Relations. However, on my committee you will be helping to make event flyers and write articles for the newsletter. Thanks!

VII. Senator Reports:

- Senator Boyd- “Hello, my name is Vanessa and one of the things here on campus that I am apart of as well as President Appenheimer is the Multicultural Student Council. Last week was our first Diversity Week. We had two workshops and had people sign a pledge. We do have one more spot open if any of you are interested in joining. Throughout the semester we will be working with Dr. Macur, BSU, Asian Culture Club and Jason Perri to come up with ways Medaille can be more Diverse.”
- Senator Froebel- “I see there are a lot of business majors in the room. I am President of DECA, we had our first meeting last Wednesday. We are currently working on signing up to go to New York City in November. If anyone has any questions or is interested in joining please let me know.

VIII. General Announcements:

- Treasurer Bloomberg- “I am also the President of the Student Activity Board. We meet every Friday in Student Development at 12:45. We plan a lot of different events. Like MavFest. If you want to help out that would be great. We also do movie nights and plan a holiday party. If you have any ideas, feel free to stop by one of our meetings and share.”
- President Appenheimer- “Just an overview of our year. We will meet every Monday here at 12:35. We will also start to have committee meetings. Those will be at times your committee can all meet. We will all find out more about those once we are all assigned a committee. Depending on what committee you are in and what you are doing your committee might meet every week or every other week. Some other important dates to keep in mind are: SGA Training on October 16th from 10am until 2pm and Rocktoberfest October 27th. You are required to attend both of these events. Also, just a reminder our next meeting will be October 17th, which is two weeks from today.”

IX. Old Business:

X. New Business:

XI. Student Suggestions:

XII. Motion to Adjourn: Senator Sciandra and Senator Boyd

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