

# October 5, 2011

Student Government Association Meeting  
October 5, 2011 7:00 PM  
Approval of the Minutes (9/28):

- Minutes approved as read.

## Welcome from the President

- By the time we return back from Winter Break, the goal is for the first floor of Andrews Library to be completely renovated.
  - "21<sup>st</sup> century research center for undergraduates"
  - Comfortable, high-tech place for us to be able to work on research alone and in groups.
- Developing the Advising Program at Wooster
  - Educational Learning and Advising Center (EPAC) – There will be one place to offer support for students looking for internships and other experiential learning opportunities.
    - Academic Advising
    - Career Services Advising
    - The Lilly Project
- All of these renovations are not just aesthetic. The hope is that they will also change students' lifestyles for the better.
- Welcomed us to use the new governance room in the Scot Center for our meetings second semester.

## Committee Reports

- Student Services
  - Wing Wednesdays at Mom's have begun in order to get things moving faster and shorten the wait time in line.
- Public Relations
  - The bulletin board is finished! If you have any suggestions on what Loni should include on the board, let her know.
  - Newsletters were placed out on the tables in Lowry today.
- Academic Affairs
  - Looking to do some sort of poster series in which the committee will post academic tips.
  - Looking to develop a peer mentoring program that was departmental, in which a listserv is created so that underclassmen could contact upperclassmen within the major to get advice about the department or the track for a particular major.
- Student Advocacy
  - Meeting with Christie Kracker, Krista Kronstein, and Chief Glick set.
  - On the whole, security and residence life's goal is to clarify and make students aware of the Scot's Key policy and state law.
- Outreach and Diversity Affairs
  - Committee will be tabling for student suggestions & concerns prior to our meeting with the Trustees.
- Student Bill of Rights Ad-hoc
  - Had a successful first meeting and will continue to meet and develop the document.
  - Meeting at 7pm this Thursday.
  - It looks as though we will be getting some publicity in *The Voice* with a Viewpoints article.
- Water Bottle Committee
  - Rubbermaid will give us 15% off water bottles.
  - Please keep working on getting petitions signed.
  - Committee and SGA working to dispel the rumors about the "poor quality" tap water on campus.

Josh motioned to suspend the rules to move onto questions for the President in New Business. Chad seconded. Approved by voice vote.  
New Business:

- Policies
  - Academic policies are set and determined by the faculty of the college.
    - You are welcome to make suggestions, however professors and faculty will always have the final say as they withhold the integrity of the college.
  - Student Government is seeking better communication between the students and administration when policy and/or procedural changes are made, and President Cornwell agrees that this should happen.
- The Campus Master Plan
  - Serves merely as a guide to changes on campus over a 10-15 year period. It is a draft, not the final say.
  - The Board of Trustees has complete control over the plan, and they will be voting on the final plan this academic year.
  - Items on the priority list for renovation/building: the pool, gym floor, life sciences facilities, student residence halls, and McGaw Chapel.
  - The future of student dining at the college is also an area of student life that needs improvement.
- Asked for Student Feedback Regarding:
  - Perception of Campus Climate & Involvement
  - Center for Diversity and Global Engagement

Old Business:

- Logo
  - Picked our top three choices.
  - Thanks, Maggie, for all of your hard work!
- Motto
  - "Be the Change"
  - "One Team. One Dream."
  - "Your students. Your Government."

Open Discussion:

- Motion from Membership Committee to elect Liz Plumley to fill the open Class of 2013 Senator seat. Passed by a vote of 18-0-0.

Announcements:

- Molly is making door tags for all of us, though not for those who live in a house. This will allow hall mates & building mates to give us their suggestions.
- Boy Scout spaghetti dinner in Kitt over Fall Break, hosted by Dean Holmes' son's troop. Tickets are \$6 each. Bring money to buy a ticket next week!

Meeting Adjourned: 8:17 PM

- Motion: Steve
- Second: Hannah
- All in favor to adjourn, with no oppositions or abstentions.