MINUTES FOR THE FIRST EXECUTIVE BOARD

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Stern 321

30th of September, 2021

Attendance: Secretary Bruce absent, Director Broome Absent, President Thompson Absent, MD Absent

Call to Order: 3:38 p.m.

1. Treasurer Maguire
   • Allocations Committee
     ○ Doctors Without Borders, Library Student Ambassadors, Best Buddies have been approved for contingency.
     ○ Planning to approve Democrats at CofC and Hispanic Latino Club this week
     ○ Working through a few other requests
   • Working on Purchases for Bike Auction

2. Secretary Bruce
   • Sorry I can’t be here today! SOR has been pushed back to next week. Mock Trial is the only club that is confirmed attending. Young Democratic Socialists of America and Boxing for Fitness cannot make it at the time so I’m currently trying to plan something else for them.
College Link is also supposed to come through but I haven’t heard anything back from them yet.

3. Deputy Chief of Staff Walker

- Senate Programming
  - Ideas for senator bonding and getting to know each other outside of SGA
    - Pie A Senator
    - Escape Room Night
    - Beach Day
    - Walk/picnic at the Battery
    - Tabling
  - Send out a survey to senators to get their opinion on whether they would actually like to attend these events, given I would like them not to be mandatory, but attendance is expected.

- Availability Survey
  - Sending out survey to get a general idea of the times and days senators would be free to attend events and tabling
  - Want to send out both surveys by Monday so I can put into my report in senate on Tuesday

- Committee on Commemoration and Landscapes Survey
  - Survey questions still needed, I have come up with a few.
  - Plan to finish by Friday, if anyone has any questions they want to add let me know
  - Questions are currently in the google drive.

- Public Safety Forum
  - An open forum between students, student organizations and public safety
  - With the escalated assaults that occurred last semester and police brutality concerns, it would be a good way to connect students and public safety together
  - Will start planning now since the Bike Auction will be over next week.
    - VP Collins: Public safety is trying to work on their relationship with students so they should be receptive to
the idea. Converse college did something similar will send info

4. Chief of Staff Harmon
   ● Ex Officio Rotation of Committees
     ○ Will be dropping into meetings to make sure everyone is on track
   ● Committee Contracts
     ○ Explanation of committee duties and responsibilities
     ○ Need to be signed by each committee member, make sure they know their goal/purpose and stay on track
     ○ Director Kronsberg: the contract does not need to be mandatory, but if COS Harmon would like to he can.
     ○ Interpretation of the bylaws, it is in there however whether if it is mandatory or not is unclear.
   ● Presidential Advisory Board
     ○ Meeting with exec from Student 4 Support, and the PAB will be finalized by next week
     ○ Will have a list of organizations made by next week

5. Vice President Collins
   ● Freshman Committee
     ○ A lot of good ideas and are focused a lot on transportation and dining services
     ○ CARTA Bus
       ■ Drops you off a mile away from the beach
     ○ Dining services
       ■ Possibly have a joint meeting with dining services
     ○ Grade Forgiveness
     ○ Berry Rooftop Access
       ■ Honors college is pushing to get Berry refurbished, could possibly be talked about in that context
   ● Google drive
     ○ Joint google drive for Board and senate
     ○ Executive board minutes will be dropped in here for everyone to access
○ Committees and directors have their own folders
○ General folder contains contact information for resources and departments around campus

- **Dance Marathon**
  ○ Making an account mandatory for everyone? Open to suggestions
    - Needs to be discussed with MD
    - If they register on National’s Children Health Day the cost is discounted to $5.00
    - Concerned about making an account not being free, and senators actually raising money once making an account
    - Treasure Maguire: Use SGA revenue money possibly to pay for every senator's $5 fee?.
    - Incentivize senators raising money and making an account.
      ● Don't have to wear business casual to the senate?

- **Bike auction**
  ○ Oct 7th
  ○ George street has not been confirmed to close yet
    ■ Waiting on communication from Mandy about street closure
    ■ Will be in Stern garden if street can't be confirmed
  ○ Auctioneer is confirmed
  ○ Bike Auction is MANDATORY
    ■ Will be an unexcused absence
    ■ All committee directors need to be reminding their members

- **Open Forum**
  ○ Wants it to be more focused on initiative updates/ ideas rather then having a negative outlook like last year
  ○ Plan to only do it when we have nothing on the docket/ when we have time
  ○ Did go really well last senate

- **Ghost Tours**
  ○ C40 is planning to do them again. If they are we should partner with them again
Would need to buy candy/decorations possibly.
- DCOS Walker: haunted house in the Cistern??
- VP Collins: reach out to CAB and student life/ Jill Caudill to see if it would be possible. Campus buildings would also be an interesting idea as well.
- Director Kronsberg: Public Safety would probably need to be there
- VP Collins: A lot of moving parts and pieces, see if it would be possible
- Treasurer Maguire: Purchase requests would need to be done preferably 3 weeks in advance, already on a short timeline given halloween is basically in a month.

- VP Collins is encouraging halloween costumes the senate before halloween

**Period Products**
- If custodial services don’t get back with us on this soon, SGA will more than likely take over the restocks

6. President Thompson
   - **Provost Austin Meeting (10/1)**
     - Will talk about grade forgiveness
     - Add/Drop idea from Director Kronsberg
   - **Trustee Renee Romberg**
     - Was informed of new guidelines of renaming building names on campus
     - Will join us at board on November 18th

- **Bike Auction**
  - Make sure your committee members sign up to volunteer for the bike auction

7. Director Broome
   - **DCOS Walker**
     - Not present due to previously scheduled appointment off campus
• **Senator Pace**
  ○ wants to look into restarting the Period Products Initiative.
    ■ VP Collins: Treasurer Maguire is already trying to get period products running again. Senator Pace can get into contact with her on that.
  ○ She is also looking into some sustainability initiatives (more info to come on that later)
  ○ Senate Office hours.
    ■ VP Collins: Senate office hours were thought about/ worked on last year, but there were concerns because students barely come to executive office hours, so would there be a turnout for senate office hours? A better idea may be tabling, allowing more interaction and a less informal setting to talk to students.
    ■ VP Collins: Senator Pace can work with DCOS Walker on tabling, and also reach out to VP Collins about how senate office hours would operate/her ideas on it.

• **Senator Valluri**
  ○ was not present. (Had something at MUSC to get taken care of)

• **Senator Zych**
  ○ did not have any ideas this week, he said he just wanted to get a feel for what the committee would be like and what we do. Will come with 1 to 2 ideas next week.

• **Michael Stein**
  ○ wants to look into trying to get more leeway when it comes to Jewish and other religious holidays here at the College.

8. **Director Kronsberg**
  • **First committee meeting**
    ○ Tomorrow (10/1) at 12:00p.m in stern
    ○ Is looking forward to their first meeting
  • **COVID Resolution**
○ Pass a resolution on COVID today “Omnibus”
○ Encouraging vaccinations, reporting vaccinations, getting tested, echoing what the administration is pushing
○ Also encourage students to report their positive tests
  ■ Possible concern from a student perspective is that if they report a positive test, they’ll be forced to go through a bunch of red tape/ processes which is no longer the school protocol.
○ VP Collins: Do an open forum in senate so the resolution could be more collaborative
  ■ Nervous about some push back due to different perspectives on COVID in SGA
  ■ Treasurer Maguire: likes the idea and following up with the concept of what it looks like to test positive with COVID today compared to last year
  ■ VP Collins; see if the college can spread information about what happens when you test positive, since isolation is no longer necessary in all cases.
  ■ Director Kronsberg: wants open forum to be separate from his resolution, but does like the idea. Open forum attached to his resolution will cause his resolution to no longer be “unbiased”/opinions and debate will sway opinion/voting. Based on open forum next senate, he will go from there on writing his resolution
○ Plan to go through next Senate

• Add/Drop Period
  ○ Wants to extend it past a week
  ○ Will discuss with his committee tomorrow
  ○ Clemson and UofSC have add/drop periods longer than a week

9. Director Schaner
• Committee Meeting
  ○ Everyone was in attendance (9/29)
  ○ Wants to focus on health initiatives with her committee
  ○ Narcan on campus and residence halls and AED machines
  ○ Make gym more inclusive
- Sexual assault month
  - Happens in April because its national awareness, but could work with being more vocal/ and sharing resources at the beginning of the year
- Third Party Vendors
  - VP Collins: really likes this idea. Would look like us inviting more vendors on campus. Would need to figure out how to get around Aramark
- Improving benefits for RA’s
  - Early course registration
  - VP Collins: Senator and former DCOS Wright worked on early registration all last year, will pick up with her work
- More Water fountains in Dorms
  - VP Collins: May not be doable, but more water filters is a good start
- Stern Food Court
  - VP Collins: understaffing issue. Freshman committee also brought this up and talks of having a joint meeting with dining services is in the works
- VP Collins; get committee members to focus on one initiative to start with to narrow the ideas/thoughts down, but all great ideas.

10. Communications Directors
   - Director
     - Making flyers for the Bike Auction will be printed and distributed around campus
   - Mental Health Month
     - IG campaign and spread on campus resources

Adjournment: 4:44 p.m.