Student Government Association Minutes (October 23, 2020) 3:00 - 5:00 p.m. on Zoom

1. Call to order: President Cole Church calls the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call -

Present: Coleden Church (President, School of Math and Sciences), Jenna Tast (Vice President, School of Health Sciences), Avery Frankhouser (Secretary, School of Math and Sciences), Samantha Hensley (Treasurer, School of Arts and Humanities), Karyn Forbes (Senator, School of BTA), Caden Callaway (Senator, School of BTA), Jolee Sanford (Took position as Senator, School of Health Sciences), Sarah McMann (Member-at-large, Albany County branch of LCCC, School of Math and Sciences), Tylor Purdy (Senator, School of Math and Sciences).

Absent: Brittany Messenger (Member-at-large, resigned from the School of Math and Sciences), Yusef Washington II (Senator, resigned from the School of Health Sciences), Lauren Lacey (At a volleyball scrimmage, School of BTA), Ashley Nowlin (Senator, School of Math and Sciences), Taylor Lloyd (Senator, School of Health Sciences).

1. Public Input: Andrew H attended the meeting as a student guest (last year’s President of SGA).
2. Executive Reports
3. President: Met with Dr. Shafer, he was excited that SGA got started up, progress update; if we ever need anything from him, all we have to do is ask; he requested two things: t4651he student forum (ideas on how to get students engaged, get student forum up and running, participation), and participation in class evaluations (numbers have been going down).
4. Virtual Office for Minutes – minutes uploaded, more efficient than emailing them; if there are any issues accessing the minutes, contact President Cole or Diana.
5. Congratulations to Jolee Sanford – took position as a Senator for School of Health and Sciences.
6. Vice President: Met with Dr. Melissa Stutz, she is concerned about the students’ mental health and wants feedback from SGA and other students, ideas for things SGA can do to help struggling students.
7. Ex-Officio: Diana announces that Senator Karyn Forbes is appointed as the Ex-Officio, congratulations! Diana says that Karyn Forbes has already been attending the Board of Trustees.

Senator Forbes: Attended Board of Trustees on September 9th, gave the report to the returning senators. Told Board about upcoming elections, not much to report, will attend board meeting next Wednesday (October 28th) and will have full report next SGA meeting.

1. Treasurer: Temporarily skipped due to loss of internet connection.
2. Secretary: Move to present the minutes from October 9th.

President Church: Pull up agenda from the virtual office, look over minutes in case there is anything that is needed to be changed.

Senator Purdy: Move to accept minutes as presented.

Senator Forbes: I second that.

President Church: Motion has been properly called and seconded to accept the minutes from October 9th by Senator Purdy and seconded by Senator Forbes, all in favor of passing that motion, please say “I”. Any and all opposed?

President Church: Minutes from October 9th passed.

1. Old Business:
2. Finalizing Committees – College Council: Cole (accept), Samantha (check for confirmation), and Tylor (accept); Bookstore Committee: Avery (accept), Lauren (not present); Food Service Committee: Jenna (check for confirmation), Caden (signed up, accept); Student Committee: Cole (accept), Avery (accept), Sarah (signed up, accept); Faculty Committee: Caden (accept), Jolee (accept), Tylor (accept); Campus Committee: Karyn (accept), Lauren (not present), Samantha (accept – verbal confirmation of both committees); Community Committee: Taylor (not present), Ashley (not present), Jenna (check for confirmation).

President Church: Need a motion to accept the committees of the college and of our constitution.

Senator Forbes: Motion to accept LCCC and constitutional committees.

Senator Hensley: Seconded.

President Church: Motion put up to a vote; figure 1 will be accepted

into SGA as this year’s committees.

1. New Business:
2. Expectations for Senate:

President Church: What are your expectations?

Senator Purdy: Election day (Nov. 3rd) is a holiday on several campuses across the States, isn’t at LCCC, push for that? No in-person classes after Thanksgiving Break, get feedback from students and faculty on whether they like hybrid classes or not?

President Church: Can forward a resolution to Dr. Shafer, limitations on what is plausible. Look into election day as a holiday, James and Diana can help. Poll for hybrid classes is a wonderful idea, thank you.

Diana: While it may not be possible to look at a holiday for election day, Dr. Stutz sent an email about what other colleges are doing for election day, work on it with your committee (civic engagement and voting).

Senator Purdy: What would it take to make LCCC a polling station? And have students as volunteers, increase engagement.

James: Fantastic idea, LCCC is a voting center for Laramie County, would have to work with county to have students as poll workers.

President Church: Anything else?

Senator Forbes: General expectations include equal involvement, not all the pressure onto the executive team, Cole, etc. You do not need to do everything by yourself, equal weight to carry in our respective positions.

President Church: Anyone else?

Senator Frankhouser: Are these just things that we are concerned about?

President Church: It can be, can be things you are expecting of me, how you want to see the meetings run, if you guys have ideas on how you want to change the meetings; student involvement and student concerns.

Senator Frankhouser: Being a student and taking these online classes, feel like there is not enough structure and regulation in how professors are teaching online, resources and supplying information.

President Church: You’d be surprised the amount of documentation and things that we don’t know about, request that students are made aware, have what the college is doing presented to us; LCCC has gone out of their way to make sure that students are able to succeed, one of the best colleges to put forth that amount of effort, equal communication.

President Church: 3 expectations – 1) want you to be present at all times, cameras turned on, reply to conversation, actively participating. 2) make constant connections, go to students and be advocates. 3) be constant, get things done throughout the semester and not all at once.

Senator Forbes: What do we have this year in terms of a “suggestion box” for online students?

President Church: Look at sending out emails to get suggestions in, not sure of anything.

Senator Purdy: A drop box may be something we can use.

Senator Forbes: Note box was anonymous, cannot be anonymous with emails, more comfortable and willing for students.

President Church: We can look into that, word document with ideas.

1. Executive Expectations for Senate:

Senator Hensley: Participation and being present, very important.

Senator Purdy: A couple of senators that are 0-3 in the meetings, how do we go about removing them or replacing them?

President Church: Will discuss at next executive meeting, anyone is welcome to sit in. Stipends at risk if you do not continually show up to meetings, stipend deduction.

1. Assign clubs: SFAC funds, advocates.

Senator Forbes: Motion to accept to continue with assigning clubs.

Senator Hensley: Seconded.

Clubs: Block and Bridle – Cole, Collegiate Music – Caden, Dental Hygiene – Karyn, E-gaming – Tylor, Future Technicians of America – Avery, Phi Theta Kappa – Ashley, Radiography – Samantha, Rotaract – Tylor, SAFE – Jolee, Skills USA – Sarah, Sonography – Karyn, Student Nursing Association – Lauren, Surgical Technology – Taylor, Tabletop gaming Club – Jenna, Theatre Club – Sarah.

President Church: 4 constitutional committees meet up by Friday.

Senator Karyn: Adjourn before breakout rooms?

President Church: Yes, relay information back from each committee next week.

1. Meeting adjourned.