



**Minutes of Tri-Campus Student Government Association Meeting**  
Friday, October 9, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.  
Student Union, Wheeling Campus

**Attendance:**

Students: Mynx M. (Weir), Adahm B. (Whg), Courtney O. (Whg), James M. (NM), James P. (NM), Sarah B. (Weir), Carrie Simmons. (Whg), Andrew Cooke (Whg.), and Cassie U. (Whg)

Staff: Ida Williams

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. – Sarah Blankenship presided over the meeting.

**Approval of Minutes:** Tabled – until next meeting

**The Office of Student Activities Up-dates:**

- A. A sign-in sheet was provided seeking permission to share contact information with all SGA members.
- B. If you have not turned in your SGA senator office ours, please turn in. We will make signs to promote your hours. It was noted that Senators can make themselves available for their office hours during their already scheduled tutoring center / workstudy hours.
- C. Reviewed the ‘Chain of Command’ when addressing concerns regarding a class/faculty member. Recommended steps:
  1. Encourage to talk directly with the Instructor
  2. Take concern to the division chair
  3. Dr. Carrie DeAtley
  4. The President

**Suggestions proposed from / discussed by SGA Members:**

- Make a friendly poster to add to the locked boards in the stairwells regarding the ‘Chain of Command’.
- Have some kind of helpful folder or something on the portal regarding the ‘Chain of Command’..
- Let teachers know directly of problems, concerns and even instructional suggestions. Keep in mind that not all professors have had formal training on teaching techniques and/or a specific degree in Education. Their degrees and/or professional background may be specific to the field in which they are actually teaching (Nursing, HVAC, etc.) It was then noted about the importance of completing Course Evaluations.

**Reports of the Officers**

**Board of Governors:**

The sink hole in the parking lot (ATC) is in the process of being taken care of. If was poorly made and an impression of the ground needs to be made to see what needs to be done. They are

also looking into the rest of the parking lot for the same issue. They need to connect the city of Wheeling to find out who is reasonable for the lot. This is the reason for the delay in fixing it.

### **State Advisory Council**

- 15 to finish- push as a school. Full semester is 12 hours, however taking 12 does not get you to graduation in two years. You will come up short on your hours; take 15 hours per semester to finish an Associate's degree in two years (4 semesters). Four year school are doing this, most 2 year are not. Should be flyers posted outside of the financial aid office and must provide brochures.
- Problems with the 15 to finish- classes are not available each semester. Class times are changing and classes will be dropped without efficient enrollment. Classes become too full and students cannot get into some classes. Need to make it known to students when classes are available. Classes get dropped do to no funding.
- Trying to make it easier to transfer credits from college to college with the 70% rule.
- Cut backs on financial aid do to cut backs from banking on the oil and gas for taxes. So tuition will be going up. Calling the leg. Once a month to let them know that we do not want our funding cut.
- Piercing loan maybe closing down this year. If we lose the Piercing loan 45,000 will be effected by taking down enrollment, cutting classes and instructors.
- Jamie's law is a student awareness of suicide prevention. States that higher education needs to have posted information on suicide prevention and have it readily available to students. It is to be given out at orientation and posted in the B&O Building.
- Suggestions on how to get SGA active in the community:
  - Have a student on City Council

### **Campus Reports**

**Weirton-** Breast Cancer Awareness door decoration contest. Door decoration contest is for the whole town for the Weirton Chambers of Commerce. Had their movie night on October 8<sup>th</sup> - Went well. Weirton Christmas Parade is November 28.

**Wheeling-** The movie night is on October 22. A Medium is scheduled for the 16<sup>th</sup>. And Geri Jewell comedian is on October 14. Have had a sub sale for the American Heart Association - Went well. Christmas Parade is November 20<sup>th</sup>.

**New Martinsville-** Movie Night is October 15. Christmas Parade is December 5<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **A. Academic Appeals-**

NM Representative- Had one that got moved, but did not hear anything else.

Weirton Representative – Had one scheduled for September 30<sup>th</sup>, but then it got moved and was scheduled last minute for this morning at 9:30 am (10/09). Representative couldn't attend due to having class.

#### **B. Assessment-** No report

- C. Curriculum-** First meeting on this afternoon (October 9<sup>th</sup>). According to meeting agenda 3-5 proposals regarding classes will be discussed. If SGA members have any course/program suggestion give to representative after the meeting.
- D. Enrollment Management Council-** Have not had a meeting.
- E. Financial Aid-** Nothing will happen probably till March with the scholarships.
- F. Institutional Technologies Committee-** Have contacted Steve about times. Have not yet had a meeting.
- G. Library/LRC-** Meeting is scheduled for November 6<sup>th</sup>.
- H. Retention-** Meeting took place on September 30<sup>th</sup>. Representative informed committee about the SAC – ‘15 to Finish’ initiative. The committee discussed the difficulties students have with choosing between school and work. It was suggested that maybe the school can get involved more with employers regarding offering internships and perhaps offering more opportunities for online & weekend/evening classes. Advising issues were also mentioned and that it has been recommended to have workshops for advisers. Members discussed having a cutoff date for late enrollment.
- I. Ad-Hoc Committees**

## **Club Reports**

### **SCARSI-**

- Is having a blanket drive for the Wheeling Homeless Coalition and the Winter Freezing Shelter. The drop off is in the Student Union and in Joyce Britts office 317 B&O.
- Popcorn Day in the student Union on Tuesday October 27. Donations will be accepted. Their Topic is Suicide.

### **Rad Tech-**

- Have several people who will be SGA reps. Will also be starting fundraisers.

### **Phi Theta Kappa-**

- Had a conference October 16-17. Will be selling candy bars for the scholarship for new inductees. We will be giving out pieces of cake and selling homemade ordainments on Founders Day November 19. And we will be attending the Bikers for Santa’s Kids Toy Wrap in Moundsville on December 05. October 30<sup>th</sup> will be the orientation for the fall Induction Ceremony. And the Ceremony will be November 13. Are doing an Honors Topic and are wanting to be a 5 Star Chapter.

### **Computer Club-**

- October LAN Party got moved.

### **Theater Club-**

- Trying to start up. Trying to find a better time to meet.

## **Unfinished Business:**

No Unfinished Business

## **New Business**

- Service Projects per campus – A suggestion was made to encourage all SGA members to help support the campus specific service project that way SGA doesn't seem so divided. Example: If a service project takes place in the Weirton Community, both New Martinsville and Wheeling members will be asked to help. The opportunity would also allow members to see the other WVNCC Campus – perhaps campus tour could be offered. Members were asked to bring volunteer projects for each community to present at the next meeting. Transportation / Carpooling arrangements can be explored once decisions are made.

## **Announcements:**

**Next meeting: November 6 @ 11:00 am – Student Union**

(Note: Date adjusted due to conflict with staff during original meeting date)

## **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by James Melott. Seconded by Cassie Underwood.