



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

2015-2016 SENATE

FEBRUARY 2, 2016

MU 256, BEGINNING 5:15PM

Call to Order at 5:21PM.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Attendance: Alex Pate took Attendance.

Guest Speaker: Camp Kessum

- Adam Parker, Senior at JMU talked about experience as a camp counselor
- Camp Kessum is a nationwide community, driven by passionate college student leaders, that supports children through and beyond their parent's cancer
- James Madison University would be able to give these children a free and safe place to stay
- JMU is now a National Finalist
- What can SGA do?
 - Need our support
 - Post/share on FB/Twitter
 - Vote
- If JMU wins the national voting challenge, Camp Kessum would be here in Summer 2017

Business:

- Approval of the Minutes.
 - Meeting Minutes for January 26, 2016, were passed by unanimous consent by the Student Senate.
- Contingency
 - Vietnamese Student Association (VSA)
 - Group Details:
 - The Mighty Morphin' Culture Rangers show
 - Through a skit format, share Vietnamese culture
 - Held in Wilson Hall
 - Good representation of JMU's mission statement
 - Encourages and empowers minority groups
 - Spreads awareness of a culture and its history
 - Fosters a positive and knowledgeable outlooks
 - Previous fundraising
 - All money raised goes to CPP (Collective Philanthropy Project)



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- Kids without borders: International nonprofit organization in 30 countries that support orphans and children with disabilities
- Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$2,080 to allow VSA to host and represent JMU in the ‘Mighty Morphin’ Culture Rangers’.
- Finance passes 4-0-2
- Motion to amend the amount from \$2,150 to \$2,080 was passed.
- The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- Student Veterans of America (SVA)
 - Group Details:
 - Mission
 - To provide resources, support, and advocacy in a campus community for student veterans, servicemembers, and military family members
 - Attending the National SVA Conference
 - 8th Annual National Conference
 - The SVA National Conference supports SVA’s goal of developing student veteran groups to create a network resources, ideas and support to the individual veteran and institutions.
 - The conference is held annually and provides seminars, workshops, and networking sessions conforming to the established theme.
 - Previous fundraising
 - Veterans day t-shirt sales
 - Major gifts from individual and corporations
 - Veterans day event at 3 Notch'd Brewery
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$757.50 to allow SVA to attend and represent JMU in the ‘Student Veterans of America’.
 - Finance passes 5-0-1
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- United States Institute for Theory Technology (USITT)



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- Group Details:
 - Networking and professional development for JMU student interested in technical theatre and design.
 - Positive representation of JMU, and the University's engagement in the arts, in the professional theatre community.
 - This opportunity allows for experience and exposure to new ideas and bring them back to use in the Forbes Center.
 - Previous fundraising:
 - T-shirt sales
 - Calendar sales
 - BWW fundraiser
 - Chipotle Sales
 - Total fundraising: \$355
 - 14 people will be attending = total cost is \$11,012.00 for trip
- Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$2150 to allow USITT to attend and represent JMU in the 'National Conference and Exposition for USITT.
- Finance passes 4-0-2
- The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- GIVE
 - Group Details:
 - It would allow our members to "educate and inspire future change-makers on the topic of social innovation."
 - This is a topic that GIVE is passionate about as an organization, and would like to extend this learning experiences to those in our group who are interested
 - We will be able to take what we learn back to the JMU community
 - Previous fundraising:
 - We have a fundraiser with Which Wich Feb. 5th, funds are TBD 4PM-8PM
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$350 to allow GIVE to attend and represent JMU in the 'Alleviating Poverty Through Entrepreneurship' summit.
 - Finance passes 6-0-0
 - The request was passed unanimous consent by the Student Senate.



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Senate Reports

- Joe Demski, Speaker
 - Congratulations to Legislative action and Membership for the retreat and lobbying
 - Thank you for taking the time to attend the SGA Retreat
 - Next Tuesday I will not be here, but we will still have Senate
- James Bond, Academic Affairs
 - No report
- Brooke Price, Community Engagement
 - Pen Pal letters are DUE TODAY!! Stay after Senate and write yours if you don't have it done.
 - Thank you to everyone who signed up to help with the Dingledine Scholarship Day!
 - MadiTHON
 - Phi Mu and Sig Ep
 - 3rd Dance Marathon
 - Benefits Children's Miracle Network
 - 10AM-10PM
- Alex Pate, Membership
 - Thank you to everyone who came
 - Virginia Tech really appreciated our participation
 - Senator and Representative of the Week:
 - Shout to the entire Membership Committee for throwing such a great event
 - Amanda -- thank you for being such a great leader!
 - Celina -- thank you for your hard work!
- Matt Mueller, Legislative Action
 - Please continue getting people signed up for voter registration
 - Lobbying went great!
- Kiersten Schierenbeck, University Services
 - Bus Update: issues about 7 buses coming one after another all going the same route
 - No changes can be made, so please be sure to check schedules
 - Working on a lot of projects so hit us up if you want to help out or contribute!
 - Each Committee Member is responsible for a different project
- Conner Lewis, Communication Director
 - Huge shoutout at the Membership Committee
 - Be sure to "like" and "follow" all classes on social media



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Class Council Presidents

- Senior Class President: Kathy Corena
 - 100 Days Celebration was very successful
 - 50 Days at DHALL dinner
 - Downtown on Thursday to talk to businesses for 25 day countdown
- Junior Class President: Tori Atkins
 - Shoutout to membership for an awesome retreat
 - Class stickers for laptops
- Sophomore Class President: Seemran Patel
 - Social media focus this semester
 - Stickers will be given out to promote this
 - Madison Union 203, 9PM Class Council Meeting
- Freshman Class President: Julianna Boettger
 - Spring Event
 - Fall 2016 Event
 - Binders are being started
 - What we wish we knew?

Advisor Report: Kristen Muncy

- When it comes to voter registration, we have 80+ people and everyone should sign up for at least two slots minimum
 - College Democrats have registered 800, while we've only done 100
 - We need to represent our organization and get involved
- Lobbying trip was very exciting
 - Very impressed by every single person who was on the trip
 - Learned so much by being in that space -- reminders about how VA works and what decision are being made
 - Even if government isn't your thing, do it! It's fascinating
- Next Tuesday in Senate we are going to have some guests come in and speak about getting permission to tear down Topdog/PC Dukes while temporary facility is up
 - PC Dukes and Top Dog: used to be a ballroom
 - Lines are too long, too small of a space
 - Would like to tear down and combine it with Madison Union
 - Go online at other big schools and take a look at their Student Unions

Executive Council Reports



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- Student Body President: Ryan Windles
 - Ryan is lobbying with VA 21
- Executive Vice President: Meredith Parker
 - Shout out to Membership for a great retreat!
 - Please sign up to register people to
 - Class Council: filling in area where there is a lack of communication both in terms of us communicating with them, and the students with us!
 - More Title XI information coming to you soon!
- Executive Treasure: Casey Donnelly
 - Madison and Diego, thank you for speaking out!
 - Andrew Halves: FEB Review on Friday February 19th
 - Volunteers needed
 - If you did not get your shirt, please let us know!

Staff Reports

- Executive Assistant: Niti Jadh
- Administrative Officers: Heidi Jenkins
 - Congrats Andrew! Thank you to everyone who emailed me about the plug-in. I felt very loved :)
 - Calendar to visualize the rest of the year, coming soon made by Meredith and I
- Parliamentarian: Haley Aldridge

Motion to Adjourn at 6:33PM.