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)
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)
■ 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 changemakers 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 out group who are interteretex
  ● We will be able to take what we leave 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.
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
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
● 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.