



STUDENT GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION 2015-2016 SENATE MEETING

MADISON UNION BALLROOM
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2016
BEGINNING 5:15 PM

Call to Order at 5:16PM.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

Attendance: Alex Pate took Attendance.

Business:

- Approval of the Minutes
 - Meeting Minutes for January 19, 2016, were passed by unanimous consent by the Student Senate.
- Active Minds
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, That The Student Government Association advocate and support the efforts and the use of the James Madison University quad for Active Minds “Send Silence Packing” event.
 - Read aloud and debated.
 - This resolution was passed by unanimous consent by the Student Senate.
- Contingency
 - New Improv.’d
 - Group details:
 - Similar to “Who’s Line is it Anyways”
 - Improvisation is an extremely focused medium of performance
 - It is a part of our team’s history
 - Many of the members of our team plan on continuing after school
 - We are a operating alcohol-alternative group for the JMU campus
 - We work with JMU and Harrisonburg community
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$2150 to allow attend the NCCAF Comedy Arts Festival in North Carolina.
 - Finance passes by 5-0-1
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
 - Delta Sigma Pi
 - Group details:
 - How does it benefit JMU?
 - Allows for business networking for students
 - Provides opportunities for students to advance professionalism and business skills
 - Inspires Students to give back to the community
 - These networking events help to give JMU students internships and even jobs.
 - Previous Fundraisers
 - Basketball Concessions
 - Candy Grams



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- Padfolios
 - Total Fundraising: \$437.00
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$1,278.51 to allow Delta Sigma Pi to attend and represent JMU in 'LEAD.
 - Finance passes by 6-0-0
 - The Student Senate amended total from \$1778.51 to \$1,278.51 because of a grant the group received for \$500 from the College of Business with a unanimous passing.
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- Horn Society
 - Group details:
 - Our presence at the workshop will develop JMU's national image in the professional music community and provide students with new ideas and experiences to bring back and share with the School of Music
 - Previous fundraising:
 - JMU Horn Society Century Run: \$1,600
 - JMU Parade of Champions: \$100
 - Total Fundraising: \$1,700
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$1096.26 to allow the Horn Society to attend and represent JMU in the Northeast Horn Workshop.
 - Finance passes by 4-0-2
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.
- ASTA
 - Group details:
 - Out chapter will be representing JMU by attending workshops and master classes. We can take the information and resources that we learned, and bring it back to JMU and the School of Music.
 - The conference allows students to make valuable connections
 - Previous fundraising
 - Selling t-shirts: \$130
 - Now, therefore, be it Resolved by the Student Senate of James Madison University, that the Student Government Association allocate \$1970 to allow ASTA to attend and represent JMU in 'ASTA Conference 2016'.
 - Finance passes by 4-0-2
 - The request is called to a vote and passed by the Student Senate.

Senate Reports



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- Speaker Joe Demski
 - Please keep an eye on the master calendar for upcoming events
 - SGA polos are to be worn at the next Senate

- Academic Affairs: Micah Smith
 - Publish Major information
 - Please let the Academic Affairs Committee know if you would like to help make this dream a reality

- Community Engagement: Brooke Price
 - Pen Pal Letters: **DUE NEXT SENATE**
 - If there is picture drawn for you, do one back!
 - **SIGN UP TO HELP WITH THE DINGLEDINE SCHOLARSHIP DAY!!!** The Event is February 14th but I need sign-ups by **FRIDAY**
 - “MY FAVORITE OPPORTUNITY! You get to share your experiences at JMU with people who are excited to come here. They are nervous so you get to make them feel at ease in their new home.” -Kathy
 - “It is a great opportunity to ease the concerns of parents and meet potential JMU students. It makes the experience even more worth it when you see students around campus the next year!” -Meredith

- Membership: Alex Pate
 - Retreat!!
 - Friday (1/29) 4pm-7pm in Madison Union 256
 - Saturday (1/20) 3pm-9pm in Madison Union 256
 - Working with the Student Government of Virginia Tech
 - Goals of the Retreat:
 - How many people of the organization know every person in the organization?
 - What is the mission of the organizations?
 - What is the vision of the organization?
 - Casual Attire
 - Senator and Representative of the week!!!
 - Emily M.
 - Caroline G.

- Legislative Action: Matt Mueller
 - Voter registration efforts
 - About 500 people registered
 - 94 people registered after the letter from the President’s Office
 - If you are interested in helping, direct them to stationary voter registration spot or Department of Elections website



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- Richmond Lobbying
 - 17 people from inside organization
 - Monday, February 1st at 5AM
- University Services: Kiersten Schierenbeck
 - Upcoming Meetings...
 - Towana Moore
 - Please let us know if you have any concerns you would like us to relay!
 - Student Technology
 - Libraries
 - Dining
 - If you have concerns or suggestions let us know!!
- Communications Director: Conner Lewis
 - N/A

Class Council Presidents

- Senior Class President: Kathy Corena
 - 100 Day Celebration from 5:30PM-7:30PM
 - If anyone wants to help with decorations
- Junior Class President: Tori Atkins
 - Binders to pass down
 - Any ideas for events, please let us know!
- Sophomore Class President: Seemran Patel
 - Semester outline for the remainder of the semester
 - Monday nights at 9PM in Taylor 303 for bi-weekly meetings – come visit!
- Freshmen Class President: Julianna Boettger
 - Let freshman know that they can come to bi-weekly meetings if they would like to come share ideas
 - Please let us know if you have ideas yourself

Advisor Report: Kristin Muncy

- Women in Leadership Conference
 - How JMU experience has helped women's experience when entering the professional world
 - MYMOM Applications are now live – please consider applying!

Executive Council Reports



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- Student Body President: Ryan Windels
 - Spring semester goes very quickly – stay focused and make sure to take note of upcoming events
 - Friday night he will be at the Teletubbies Fun-Time Reunion concert, and therefore will not be at the retreat both days
- Executive Vice President: Meredith Parker
 - Title XI Event
 - If you would like to be a facilitator please let me know
- Executive Treasurer: Casey Donnelly
 - What is FEB?
 - FEB= Front End Budgeted Organization
 - 13 total orgs are considered FEB. SGA reviews 8 (IFC, Panhellenic, BSA, CARE, SA, NAACP, UPB, Madison Equality)
 - Retention: an annual review of each organization's upcoming budget; we look at each line item and budget expense. Each organization and each SGA Finance Team member gets a vote to approve/deny a budget.
 - Retention Board (lead by Andrew H.): SGA Finance Team, SGA Representative, 8 Org Reps
 - Upcoming Retention Date: Feb 19th, 1:30-5:30 in MU 403 (w/ CHIK-FIL-A)
 - We need 1 NON-Finance SGA member to serve as a voting member of the FEB Retention Board
 - After the Board hears all budgets, all senators and reps have the opportunity to read and amend the budgets. Senate will hear all budgets and amendments on March, 1st.
 - Active Minds: Resolution will be sent to Mark Warner, any other suggestions?
 - Program Grant Applications will be released: Monday, March 14th

Executive Staff Reports

- Executive Assistant: Niti Jadh
- Administrative Officer: Heidi Jenkins
 - Participate in my cool hat challenge! Thanks!



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- Parliamentarian: Haley Aldridge

Motion to Adjourn at _____.