

Charleston Southern University

Student Government Association

October 3rd, 2016 Meeting Minutes

4:30; WCCL Room 110

ATTENDANCE

MEMBERS PRESENT:	Lauren Willard	Student Body President
	Michael Logsdon	Student Body Vice President
	Jess Downing	Student Body Secretary Treasurer
	Josh Carter	Student Affairs Chairman
	Chandler Krogh	Commuter Chairman
	Robert Banks	Judiciary Chairman
	Corey Addy	Senior Senator
	Cameron Dominy	Senior Senator
	Lindsey Asarch	Junior Senator
	Alyssa Petzel	Junior Senator
	Ryan Robidoux	Junior Senator
	Ayana Thomas	Junior Senator
	Jeremy Worthy	Junior Senator
	Tanner Brunson	Sophomore Senator
	Kyle Chandler	Sophomore Senator
	Micah Deveaux	Sophomore Senator
	Jenny Kenny	Sophomore Senator
	Princeton McBride	Sophomore Senator
	Katrina Phelps	Sophomore Senator
	Diana Snellgrove	Sophomore Senator
	Caroline Shreve	Sophomore Senator
	Kyle Addy	Freshman Senator
	Ryan Coughlin	Freshman Senator
	Julie Jarrett	Freshman Senator
	Margaret Jarvis	Freshman Senator
	Morgan Pheffer	Freshman Senator
OTHERS PRESENT:	David Eudy	Chaplain
	Hannah Medford	Secretary of Student Organizations

Dr. Michael Bryant
Clark Carter
Dr. Blake Lineberger

Executive Vice President
Dean of Students

MINUTES

Vice President Michael Logsdon called the meeting to order at 4:31 PM. Chaplain David Eudy led the Student Government Association in an invocation.

1. Treasurer's Report/Approval of Minutes

Secretary/Treasurer Jess Downing gave the treasurer's report for a total budget of \$5,544.05. Minutes were approved as read.

2. President's Report

I hope you all had fun at retreat this past weekend. I enjoyed seeing you all learn and grow. We won't be meeting next week because of fall break, but we will be meeting the Monday after that. That Monday will be picture day! We are meeting at 4pm outside of the CLB to get a group picture and committee pictures. Also, the student forum is tomorrow, so we hope to have everyone there! Remember to hand out fliers at the caf and in java. Also, I want to welcome Dr. Bryant. He's in the back and he is a former SGA President, so we are happy to have him here to speak during advisor comments. Another thing, the prayer breakfast is October 11th, and we need at least 3-5 people to be there to work as ushers. The verse of the day is Matthew 20:26 "But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant." Thank you!

3. Student Forum

Held on October 3rd at 4pm in Ashby 204. Invite as many people as possible to come speak to the administration.

4. Commuter Cookout

The grill has been replaced. The commuter committee will be deciding on a new date for the cookout.

5. Prayer Breakfast

It is on October 11th. Three to five student ushers are needed to be there at 6:20.

6. Club drop in

It is on October 15th from 8:00am-8:45am. It is a good opportunity to show students what SGA is.

President Willard made a motion to suspend the rules and open the docket.

Chairman Banks seconded the motion.

President Willard made a motion to add voting for homecoming court to the docket.

PPT Addy seconded the motion.

Rules were reinstated and docket closed.

Vice President Logsdon: Now we have to pick either one guy or one girl to represent us for homecoming. We can only have one representative per club this year.

Point of Inquiry PPT Addy: Who do we partner with if we are only sending one person?

VP Logsdon: I do not believe we are doing couples this year period.

Point of Information President Willard: In the end, we will be paired with the person from the other group who wins. It's just another club.

Nominations were held.

Senator Worthy nominated Chairman Krogh. He accepted his nomination.

Parliamentarian Dominy nominated Senator Kyle Addy. He accepted his nomination.

Senator Kenny nominated Chairman Carter. He accepted his nomination.

PPT Corey nominated Senator McBride. He accepted his nomination.

Senator Brunson nominated PPT Addy. He rejected his nomination.

Secret ballot was casted and results would be given during questions, comments, concerns.

7. Homecoming Movie Night

Held on October 21st. It is a mandatory event which will be held in the evening. More details will be given at a later date. The movie is Monsters Inc.

Point of Inquiry Parliamentarian Dominy: Is it the original Monsters Inc. or the college version?

VP Logsdon: The original Monsters Inc., of course.

8. Approval of Physical Education Majors Club

Dr. Lineberger: Hey guys, I'm Dr. Lineberger. We are trying to present a more family oriented physical education and unity inside of our major. I came from University of South Carolina, and they had a physical education club, which was cool because they united through putting a team into every intramural sport. It was one way for us as USC students to come together at least once. It's fun to go out as a group outside of your classes. That's one reason why we want to organize a group or an organization for physical education students. We want to make old athletic training trailer a place for our students so that they have somewhere to go. We are trying to build stones to become more unified. This will help us greatly.

Parliamentarian Dominy made a motion to suspend the rules and open the docket to extend the period of question and answer.

Chairman Banks seconded the motion.

Chairman Banks: I like the idea, and I will support this; however, in the Constitution, there is one issue that I know you guys will need to organize. Under Elections article 6 section 2, you need to have a stipulation in there for if there is some sort of a tie or run off or something like that. The same thing applies to article 8 section 2.

Dr. Lineberger: I will have to take a look at that, thank you.

Parliamentarian Dominy: I have questions regarding a few things I saw in this Constitution. I noticed it can be amended with a 50% majority vote. From what I've seen, it's not typical. I was wondering if you were possibly thinking of making it lower. Maybe it should be 60 or 70% or higher than that. Also, there is a clause in article 4 section 3 that goes over basically fair treatment for different types of classes and there is an inclusion on sexual orientation. I am not entirely up to date on the student handbook, but I would imagine there would be interesting opinions on the inclusion of that in your Constitution.

Dr. Lineberger: Honestly, that is something we need to look at as well. I would be willing to look and possibly take that out.

Chairman Banks escorted Dr. Lineberger out.

Parliamentarian Dominy made a motion to reinstate the rules and close the docket.

PPT Addy seconded the motion.

Pro/Con Debate:

Chairman Banks rises in opposition: I like the idea, but there are just too many issues in the Constitution that need to be worked out before the club is approved. Alyssa also pointed out that there's no article 3 in there. Maybe he could come back with a fixed Constitution.

Senator Chandler rises in favor: As a physical education major, I think this is a really great idea. Obviously, some things need to be looked into, but I believe this would be really great for our major because we have nowhere to get together as a group outside of class, and unity is really important to us and to Dr. Lineberger.

Parliamentarian Dominy rises in opposition: Although this is a great idea, it is important to note that there are some issues in the Constitution that could potentially be problematic and that maybe administration should be taking a look at instead. I would love for them to come back to us with a different version of the Constitution.

Point of Inquiry PPT Addy: Doesn't the judiciary committee go through the Constitution on their own terms with the club, and today we only decide if we want this to be a club or not?

VP Logsdon: That is correct.

With a vote of 21 in favor, 0 in opposition, and 1 abstention, this club was passed.

9. Committee Reports

Chairman Krogh [Commuter]: We discussed the commuter cookout, which is now postponed. We also chose October 18th and November 15th for our constituency dates. We talked about keeping our eyes out for possible bill ideas to benefit commuters on campus and let them know they are cared about.

VP Logsdon: Chairman Krogh, the Student Affairs Committee has already elected October 18th as one of their constituency dates. If you guys could get back to us with a replacement date, that would be great.

Chairman Carter [Student Affairs]: We talked about constituency dates. We also talked about bill ideas and ideas for food and drinks at the concert.

Chairman Banks [Judiciary]: We talked over legislation ideas, went over the Constitution and realized that constituency date of October 10 is during fall break, so instead we will do October 17th. We still have no November date

10. BSO Report

Hannah Medford: We are still working on Homecoming with all the clubs. The name of representatives will be discussed at our meeting this thursday. We are trying to update club information on the school website and the first look club drop in.

Point of Information President Willard: Have we come up with an actual list of every club or are we still working on that?

Hannah Medford: Most of the clubs are on the list and will be updated on the website soon.

11. Advisor Report

Dean Carter: Sorry we couldn't be with you last week. The grill we thought was stolen has been found. The guy who owned it came back and got it, but we still got a new big grill anyway. The prayer breakfast a week from tuesday, and we will be leaving at 630. If you are in town and can be a part of it, you will be thankful that you did! About 1500 people from the Charleston area will be there. It's the who's who of people from the faith community including mayors and

people like that. Normally they bring in great speakers from the community, and your meals are paid for. We promised them 10 people. Make sure you sign up before you leave. Again, it is Tuesday, October 11th, and we will meet no later than 6:30 for orientation. As far as open house, Dr. Bryant will speak to this as well. When you first brought the resolution up, I was irritated. I did some homework and digging to see the different visitation policies; I found everything from strictly no visitation to having all the visitation in the world. Everything I told you about our policies are correct, but some documents are not updated or correct. Let's go over the old and new policy: old policy is Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday 7-midnight in lounges, and new policy is 8-11 in lounges. Thursdays are identical because we don't want people competing for elevate time. Friday visitation was 7-midnight, now it is 7-11. The Charleston room lounge will be opened October 31st, and SGA will be in control of that. There is new furniture, soft seating, hard seating, two giant TVs, vending machines, a drink machine, rapid charging station, and microwaves. It will be open 6am-3am. As far as other lounges, they will be open until 3am for the same sex, and the Russell West second floor computer lounge is open 24 hours as always. The reason we made some of these changes is because of some serious Title IX issues we were dealing with. We have no visitation in the Quads because of a structural issue- the cameras are no good. Shift change for security is midnight, so you have security coming in and changing shifts at the same time you are trying to shut down open house. That's one of the reasons open house was moved to 11. We are trying to respect the time of all students. Some don't like as much open house because it distracts them from their studies. Another problem is finances. Money runs out, and we have no people to watch the lounges. Im open to having more discussions. I'm not 100% sure why we couldn't do 7-11 instead of 8-11. Dr. Bryant will come share with you more about some of the things going on.

Dr. Bryant: Good afternoon- I'll try to be brief. I've met a number of you- some of you I have not met, but it's good to be here. I try to attend as many meetings as possible. I was a history major and music minor here from 91-95. I did SGA as well and got the opportunity to serve as a former president. What you are doing here is very important because you are representing students and making life better for them on campus. Serving others and solving problems are two important elements of being Christian leaders. If I can briefly answer any questions you have, please ask, and I will do my best to answer.

Parliamentarian Dominy: One of the things Dean Carter just mentioned is that he didn't know why there was a switch in lounge hours from 7-11. Do you know why that switch was made?

Dr. Bryant: Yeah, the main reason as far as why that was changed, as I can recall, is because it would give those who monitored open house time to get supper and set up. It was recommended by a number of RAs. There was also a number of Title IX issues as well, so it's never our intent to be difficult or punish students. It was just a decision that we had to make right away in order to try to keep students safe. We are open to changing policy or altering certain things. If there are

no further questions, I would like to give an open invitation for any time you guys would like to meet or shoot me an email to talk about anything at all. Thank you!

Dean carter: I sent out the Page of Possibilities a few moments ago. The football game has been moved to thursday night at 7pm. There will be tailgating at 5 and dinner served out there. It has been moved due to the storm; also, Elevate is cancelled this thursday.

12. Questions/Comments/Concerns

President Willard: By majority vote, Princeton McBride will be our homecoming representative!

Senator Petzel: What will Student Forum look like?

VP Logsdon: We will be accepting questions over Twitter using a hashtag. I will also put out my number, so people can text in any anonymous questions. We will let people bring those questions in, and the executives will sit up front to ask those questions to the senior officers.

President Willard: Just to let you guys know, the theme for this football game is super heroes.

PPT Addy: Can we partner with the marketing department to help decided what themes will be used during the games this year? I feel like it would make sense to get some student input.

President Willard: We have talked to Anna McSwain in athletics about it to see if we can do that. Also, we can do surveys during constituency to see what students would like to see at games.

VP Logsdon: As of right now, all of the themes are determined ahead of time, and they gave us a list of what they have picked and what the Big South requires as themes for games.

Parliamentarian Dominy made a motion to move into benediction and adjournment.

Chairman Banks seconded the motion.

13. Benediction/Adjournment

Chaplain David Eudy prayed us out.

With no further business, VP Logsdon adjourned the meeting at 5:29 PM.

These minutes are hereby submitted for approval of the Student Government Association.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jess Downing
Student Body Secretary Treasurer