



Minutes for the General Meeting of November 4, 2008

The meeting was called to order at: 12:10pm.

Roll Call:

Jonathan Furnas - President - **Present**

Kimberly Phillips - Vice-President - **Present**

Kaine Aitken - Membership Officer - **Present**

Kimberly Reavis - Parliamentarian - **Present**

Michael Prothro - Entertainment Chairperson - **Present**

Rachel Ennis - Senator - **Present**

Officer's Reports:

President's Report:

Legislative Meeting

I attended a meeting with the senior leadership team and the board of trustees which talked about the state wide push for more funding from the state legislature. We spoke about the "Creating Success Initiative" What they are asking for is \$1,000 per student over 4 years. We are currently 3rd in funding in the education system, (including K-12th and the University System.)

Board of Trustee's Meeting

I also attended the board of trustees meeting held Oct. 27, directly following the Legislative Meeting. At this meeting, 18 student's were awarded the Woodson Scholarship Award. I personally would like to give a big congratulations to those award winners.

Conference

I, along with the rest of the Executive Board, attended the N4CSGA State Fall Conference. N4CSGA stands for the "North Carolina Comprehensive Community College Student Government Association" system, and is the state wide SGA. It was a wonderful opportunity for us to learn what is going at the state level, and see what other colleges are doing. I attended several workshops. One of which was Advocacy. It spoke about how to properly advocate for something, and went along with the "Creating Success Initiative" I spoke about a moment ago. I also attended a workshop entitled "Got Habits?". It spoke about the book "7 habits of highly effective people", by Stephen R. Covey. It spoke about the habits you must build if you wish to be truly effective in your life.

Meeting with Dr. Beymer

In response to the discussion about the building a ramp from the 300 building area to the 100 building area, I met with Dr. Beemer, who is in charge of all construction at the college. I informed him that while we have not officially committed to the construction of this ramp, we were interested in seeing what all was involved, and figuring out the first step. We spoke about current construction taking place here at the college, (renovations to the 1000 building at

South, construction of the 400 building at North, Construction at the Research Center). He said that the ramp had been brought up many times, and that the college administration understood the problem. Him and I discussed many ideas about how the ramp might be set up, who we would need to work with, the need for a arch. engineer to come to the campus and give up an estimate, etc. We will continue to investigate this matter further, and will give more information when it becomes available.

Other

Early Registration started yesterday. For any of who you remember late registration, you know what that this is so important to know. This is a perfect chance for you to sign up for classes without having to wait through the crowds. If you have any questions about what to do, go to the Advising Office, located in the 100 building.

Early College Meeting

Advisor Lipscomb and I met with the RCCC – Early College liaison and president of Early College Monday. They asked how the college students perceived the High School students. I spoke about the mixed feelings our students have about the early college students. I will be meeting with them again on Friday, 14th.

Vice-President's Report: There are now bus schedules available to students in the lobbies off CBTC, North campus, and South campus. Having schedules delivered regularly is being looked into. This was the first time I attended a NC4SGA conference and I'm glad I did attend. The chance to speak with and hear about what other community colleges are doing is an incredible opportunity. One of the committee meetings I attended was the Intercollegiate Athletics Committee. I was surprised to hear how many sporting events the community colleges have. There is everything from a flag football tournament to a pool and ping pong tournament this year. I highly suggest that everyone look into any future events on the N4CSGA website.

Membership Officer's Report: For those of you who do not know me, my name is Kaine Aitken; your recently elected Membership Officer. We've recently discussed ideas about a membership drive to encourage more people to attend our meetings and get more actively involved in the SGA, we will have more information on this by next month. Another project we have been discussing is an idea for bike racks around campus. This idea is currently being researched and will be for a short time. The bike racks we are currently looking at hold about Six (6) bikes per rack, are made of 16 - 18 gauge powder coated steel, and are priced at about \$75 per rack. Seeing as most other racks which hold only 8 - 10 bikes are priced around \$300 - \$500, this seems like the best deal. More information will be available at our January meeting. Aside from projects we've been working on, the major event the SGA has recently partaken in was the N4CSGA Fall Conference. I personally attended the committees discussing textbook ideas, electronic etiquette, and servant leadership. The textbook committee mainly discussed ideas on how to better price and manage the college's textbooks, I will be receiving more information via email from them soon. Electronic etiquette discussed proper behavior concerning phones, email, Ipods, and a host of other devices. And Finally, Servant Leadership discussed in detail about how to be a better leader that really connects with your followers. This concludes my report.

Parliamentarian's Report: This past weekend I attended the N4CSGA Fall conference in Greenville, NC to represent our college on a statewide level. I got a feel for what other schools were doing event and ideas how to publicize events better. I also attended a workshop on Electronic etiquette with a focus on how one should act in a business meeting setting. That being said I would like to remind everyone to remember to silence your electronic devices as random ringing is disrespectful to others. I also attended the textbook Committee and I heard a few ways some schools were working around the high cost of books, including putting extra

copies in the library so that people may use them while in the library. This experience was a privilege and I am happy to have gone, I met a lot of other SGA officers from various schools and had fun while representing our school. As always there are sheets available with the basics of Parliamentary Procedure that make good reference points throughout the meeting. Also I would like to add that I will be taking Club reports at the end of the meeting so if you would please have those ready I would greatly appreciate it. Thank you.

Entertainment Officer's Report: I, Michael Prothro, am reporting to the meeting a brief yet informative synopsis of the conference in Greenville, NC. There were workshops on Enhancing your Soft Skills, Effective Advocacy Techniques, and Essentials of Servant Leadership. I was thoroughly impressed with all of the key speakers. Out of 58 colleges represented 42 actually showed, which was still a good number. There even was a workshop on "Bad Habits". Robert's Rules were enforced throughout the conference getting out future leaders of tomorrow a taste of corporate etiquette. This was truly a learning experience, and most educational. the voting on motions, pushing amendments and putting the touches on unfinished business were 'teachable moments'. There were two contests: Pumpkin, who had the most creative which was broken down in separate categories; And, the costume contest. After the sessions the Advisors and delegates had a chance to sit down for a formal 3 course dinner. I am anticipating the next conference, and seeing some new faces to pass down the pertinent information that I was privileged to learn.

Club Reports:

Art Club/Drawing Club - (Present) - Considering a name change due to copyright issues with "AC/DC"

Culture Connection - (Not Present)

Early Childhood - (Present) – Our next meeting November 23rd, 2008 pm in Room 629 at North Campus. We are collecting non-perishable foods for the angel tree, Has begun and an additional 2 cases of canned food, 10 boxes of instant Mashed Potatoes has been collected and is to be stored in the SGA storage facility. Please check your donations for expiration dates. Boxed goods are welcome as well.

Practical Nursing Club - (Not Present)

NC State Nurses Association (SNA) - (Present) – Last meeting was October 10th, Raised over \$300 from the Salisbury Friday Night Out Bake Sale (also on October 10th). Next meeting will be November 10th.

Office Pro / CIAAP - (Present) – Nest Meeting November 11th. Also will be participating in the Clothing Closet with Sandy Daniel, it is still being approved.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) - (Present) – Meeting yesterday getting ready for Conference in April. Also getting ready for induction Ceremony in December.

Phi Beta Lambda - (Present) – Thursday November 12th Food Drive. Boxes are in student Center on North and South Campuses. Meeting Friday at 4pm. Halloween Treat for Early Childcare Completed.

Psi Beta Club - (Not Present)

Raised Voices - (Present) November 6th was our last meeting. We have decided to adopt the RCCC Achiever, which will be published November 17th. They are getting donations for CBand, which can be stored in room 3200. Planning a Pod cast Next semester.

RC^3 Electronics Club - (Present) – October 8th was our last meeting. Membership letters/cards welcomed new members. Sent shoe boxes with toiletries in them to Africa. Planning on making T-shirts for Officers. Next meeting is November 19th in room 2319.

RCCC & Racing - (Present) – Currently Preparing for a blood drive on November 12th from 9 am – 1:30 pm in the North Campus Student Center. Next meeting is Tomorrow November 5th.

Rotaract Club - (Present) – Next meeting will be on Tuesday the 11th 10 am. Collecting for Food Drive and meeting dues can be paid with food donation.

Skills USA - Automotive - (Present) – October 30th was their last meeting.

Skills USA - Cosmetology - (Present) - Next meeting is Tuesday November 11th.

Welding Club - (Present) Last meeting was October 22nd 2008, lasted 60 minutes and 13 members attended. We served hotdogs in welding lab for Open House, attended float committee meetings, a welding off campus project. Next meeting date has not been resolved.

Committee Reports:

Entertainment Committee - November 17th at 1:00pm on North Campus in the game room

Sub Committee: Parade Committee - The meeting was called to order at 12:08 pm on October 28th in the Distance Learning room. Of the clubs that showed interest in the float (Art Club, Rotaract, Early Childhood, Welding Club, Culture Connections, Office Pro / CIAAP, and Cosmetology) only three (3) clubs were present for the meeting. We ran into some difficulties on deciding upon a specific theme and without knowing the specifics on the trailer we had secured it was hard to tell what dimensions each club was allotted for their displays. The came the decision to rent a premade float plans were made to call and acquire a float. The meeting ended at 1:14 pm. Advisor Baumgardener made a call to Brenda Drye to see about obtaining a float; There were only two left to be rented. Also it was noted that nothing was allowed on the float except people. The original colors decided upon by the committee were Blue, White, and Silver; but the ones left were not those colors. We will meet up on the day of the Parade ready to get on our Green, Red, White and Gold Multi tiered float. The Parade Committee fulfilled its purpose and was then dissolved.

Old Business: No Old Business

New Business:

Sandy Daniel - RCCC Clothing Closet - Unable to attend.

Senator Nominations - Stan Smith, Crystal Barlow, and Leandra Salley were unanimously voted into the Senate. Congratulations.

Branches of Hope Financial Approval - Branches of Hope is program in which doves are placed on a tree, you take a dove and you are given an age range and some interests of the child. You then buy that child a gift between \$25 and \$35 in value. You may be asking how one gets on such a list, simply go to student services and sign up, those who have applied for financial aide are eligible and please note it is only if the child is yours and is claimed as a dependent on your application. The gifts should be returned to student services where they

will make their way to the child. A motion was entertained that \$1400 would be set aside to buy gifts for any doves that were not claimed so that every child would get something. The motion was voted on and passed.

Larry Davis - Information on Court One - Larry Davis is the advisor for RC³ as well as the Bowling team – in the Early 60's our school had sports available, Basketball/Baseball etc. There are trophy cases in the North Campus Student Center that reflect that. He would like to propose that a multi-purpose court be built on the side of the 3000 building on South Campus. There is a Softball/baseball Diamond on North Campus. The company is called Court One. This will not happen without the support of the students and faculty.

Announcements:

Branches of Hope - November 3rd - 14th are Nominations; December 14th is the deadline to return gifts

Club lottery for Spring will be on Nov. 14th at 2:00pm in the South Campus Student Center

Officer Positions at are currently unfilled can be applied to. Applications are due on November 12th. Interviews will be held the 16th and 17th on North and south campus respectively. Officers will be voted in on December 2nd. Please see any of the officers for an application and feel free to stop by the SGA office if you have questions.

Gas Card Winners: Margarita Gross - (North) and J R Tyner (South)

Adjourn: 1:07 pm