



Minutes for the General Meeting of September 1, 2009

Call to order: 12:12 pm

Roll Call:

Karen Isenhour – Interim President/Membership Officer – **Present**

Kimberly Reavis – Secretary/Treasurer – **Present**

Jonathan Furnas – Parliamentarian – **Present**

Lyndsey McGonagle - Public Information Officer - South Campus – **Present**

Approval of Minutes: **Approved**

Officer Reports

Interim President – On August 26th, 2009, in a meeting with Dr. Spalding, they discussed the campus property between the new 400 building and the student center on North Campus. Dr. Spalding encouraged our thoughts about the area directly behind the student center. Ideas include a patio area, nature trail, also an amphitheatre. We do not have potential funds budgeted for this project but encourage all SGA members to go and see this area and give feedback about the use of space and if the SGA should assist the college with the project. When we get more information on the college's recommendations for the space, we will need input about the student body's involvement.

Dr. Spalding also discussed our Fall Fest plans. Fall Fest will be held on a Saturday and be joined with the college's open house to invite family and friends of students. Depending on its success, she has asked the student body to consider our Spring Fling being joined with the Grand Opening of our new 400 building. The new building is scheduled to be opened in April of 2010. After the evaluation of Fall Fest we will bring back this information to the student body.

Board of Trustees Meeting Highlight: Rowan Cabarrus CC was given the Duke Energy Community College Grant. Also those interested in the 2009 RCCC Foundation Golf Classic, and golf score is within required score, can attend a meeting on September 15th, 2009 in the Distance Learning room on both campuses. The actual event will be held on October 12th, at The Club at Irish Creek, in Kannapolis. Lastly the N4CSGA Central Division meeting will be held on September 12th, at Stanly Community College.

Secretary/Treasurer – She welcomed everyone to the first general business meeting of the year. She hopes classes are going well for everyone thus far. She asked that all club and officer reports be given to her after the meeting. She is looking forward to a great year.

Parliamentarian – He welcomed everyone back to the first meeting of the year and thanked everyone for attending. His job as parliamentarian is to ensure everyone has an equal opportunity to speak. Parliamentarian's Tip: One of the most important parts of Robert's Rules of Order is 'Point of Information'. Point of Information is when a member asks a question. The chair will also make time for discussion about any motions and agenda items to be brought forth. Also silence any electronic devices.

Membership Officer – The purpose for a membership drive is to encourage all members of the student body to become active with the SGA. When members attend our monthly meetings they have a chance to win a \$25 gas card. The officers and senators are exempt from these drawings, so we have implemented a membership drive that would allow them the opportunity to earn a \$50 gas card each semester. This is obtained by bringing in new members to the SGA general business meetings. There will be sign-in sheets at the entrance of each meeting room for everyone to sign in. This is where your new members can write their names, along with the officer/senator that has invited them to our meeting. The officer/senator that brings the highest number of new members to our meetings, with a minimum of 5 people, will win a \$50 gas card. Each semester we will reward a winner with the most new active members. This membership drive will start at our next meeting on October 6th, 2009. Thank you!

Public Information Officer (South) – Last weekend she had the opportunity to be apart of the AMP camp team in Asheboro, North Carolina. There we learned leadership skills and teambuilding strategies and communications. It is vital we take these skills back to our campus and use Student Empowerment to get students involved.

On September 15th and 16th there will be a film screening in the student center on Chicago 10. The event on the 15th will be at the South Campus and the one on the 16th will be on North Campus located in the Student Center. Food will be provided as well as with a panel of representatives to discuss the film. Flyers are currently being worked on and will hopefully be out by the end of the week.

Beginning this week she will be setting up a table during part of her office hours to inform students of upcoming events at both campuses. This will be a great way to inform students of SGA meetings and getting involved on the campuses. If you decide to do this, having candy and a big poster will be helpful in drawing students to your table.

Tobacco Coalition – Demonstrations and Bingo on Tobacco Educaiton will be held this month for tobacco education. We will be on South Campus on September 14th from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. October 5th we will do demonstrations on North Campus from 12:00 pm until 2:00 pm. Bingo winners will go into a drawing for a free YMCA Membership. The Great American Smoke Out will be held on November 19th from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm on both North and South Campuses.

Club Reports

Art Club: Katy Baines – Present: The Art Club is currently renovating and updating its member list. Their first meeting is expected to occur within two weeks. They will be voting for officers, a Senator, and their Campus/community projects. Welcome to a new year at RCCC.

Early Childhood: Jammie Wale – Present: The last meeting was held on March 17th, 2009. The next meeting will be held on September 8th, 2009. Next upcoming event will be The Civic Engagement on September 15th, 2009 (South Campus) from 10 am -1 pm.

M.I.S.T.E.R.: Alonzo Shropshire – Present: Nothing to report at this time.

Office Pro/IAAP: Betty Eckel – Present: Nothing to report at this time.

Phi Beta Lambda: Erin Derr – Present: PBL will be having it's first meeting on Thursday, September 03, 2009 from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm in the Student Center. The club had their club represented with a table at both registration and the Welcome back Breakfast on North Campus. The RCCC Chapter of PBL will be hosting the fall kick-off for this region on September 24th 2009. More information will follow as far as times.

Phi Theta Kappa (PTK): Virginia Yost – Present: The first meeting of the school year will be held on September 2nd, 2009 at 12:30 pm in room 601 (North Campus). PTK will be doing a 'Cell Phones for Soldiers' campaign (September 14-18). Also on October 3rd, PTK will be doing a joint activity (Boys and Girls Club) with Phi Beta Lambda. PTK is supporting their honors topic "Paradox of Affluence" and pursuing a 5 star status. Their topic is Environment.

Practical Nursing: Not Present

Psi Beta: Matt Swertfager – Present: The Psi Beta Club attended the welcome back breakfast. They had a table set up for information. They also sent out a letter to those students who have received a 'B' grade or higher in all of their psychology classes and who also have a 3.0 or higher GPA. Their first meeting is September 14th at 2:30pm in room 205.

Radiography: Kimberly Raines – Present: Helped out with the Welcome Back Breakfast events on both North and South campuses. The club is currently working to completing the bulletin board on South Campus for September. The club is working to complete their campus project dealing with Swine Flu Vaccination Education and they collected school supplies for a local orphanage to fulfill their community service project requirement. The last meeting was held on August 18th, 2009.

Raised Voices: Robyn Vaughn – Present: This semester Raised Voices will be participating again in the (WAM) event on October 8th and the Great American Smoke Out on November 19th. They are organizing our membership drive and plan to meet Thursday for the first time this semester.

RC³ Electronics: Desmond Phillip – Present: Club held first meeting 8/19 in 2319. They had 14 new members in attendance, The Welcome Back Breakfast went well, it was their club's first event for this semester. Their club has three students considering the senator position: Mr. Stewart, Mr. Boston and Mr. Pope. They will select one senator and an alternate at their next club meeting which is scheduled for September 2nd at 10:30 in room 2319.

Rotaract: Garland Fulp (Advisor) – Present Nothing to report at this time.

SkillsUSA: Automotive: Not Present

SkillsUSA: Cosmetology: Not Present

Student Nursing Association (SNA): Krystal Allen – Present: Last meeting was on August 24th, 2009 (first meeting of the fall) and discussed a range of topics including: positions that need to be filled, lottery results, and budget/constitution. There was also talk of fundraising/project ideas, SNA convention, and introduced new students to what SNA is about. The next meeting will be held on September 28th, 2009 at 12:15pm until 12:45pm in the Nursing Lab on North Campus.

Warrior Racing: Stephen Jones – Present: Nothing to report at this time.

Welding: Michael McDonald – Present: Next meeting will be held on September 8th, 2009.

Unfinished Business

Called Executive Meeting – August 7th 2009 – read minutes from August 7th meeting.

New Business

Voting in new officers – Let us all congratulate our newest officers.

Vice President transitioned into Presidency: Elana Miles

33 For
0 against
0 abstained
Vice President: Jim Washer

33 For
0 against
0 abstained
Public Information Officer – North Campus: Vacant.

Proposal – Clothing Vouchers: The Clothing Closet that was on campus was forced to close due to lack of space so a ‘Professional Clothing Day’ is projected to happen in November '09 and April '10 (about one month prior to graduation times.) Goodwill has proposed a donation of 30 vouchers (\$10 each) with the understanding they will, in addition, match one for one. (Meaning they will donate one voucher for each one we purchase.) Eligible students must receive financial aide or unemployment benefits and must provide proper documentation when the voucher is received)

A motion made by Jonathan Furnas, seconded by Kimberly Reavis, that read that 300 dollars be spent for clothing vouchers with 30 vouchers costing 10 dollars each. Discussion took place thereafter and then a vote was called. 16 were in favor, 0 were against, and 2 abstained. The motion passed.

2009-2010 Budget Proposal (to be voted on October 6th meeting) – Copies of the proposed budget were handed out and it was asked that the attendees look it over, take it back to their clubs and be ready to vote on the proposal at our October 6th Meeting.

Announcements

Blood Drive

North – September 9th (9 am – 1:30 pm)

South – September 10th (11:30 am – 4 pm)

Civic Engagement/Get Involved (10 am – 1 pm)

North – September 16th

South – September 15th

Entertainment Meeting

September 9th 2009 1:30 pm in the North Campus SGA office.

Gas Card Drawing

North: Debby Lineberry

South: Brendon Pope

Adjournment: 12:57 pm