

SGA Minutes

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The Student Government Association met on Monday, October 20th in the loft of Union Station. Their first item of business was to discuss National Alcohol Awareness Week.

Their contribution to the week is the promotion and running of "Fatal Vision". This was an activity, sponsored by the Police and Public Safety Department on Wednesday October 23rd from 11-1:30 in the Berns Student Center. Activities allowed students to go through various stations, obstacle courses, and field sobriety tests with goggles equivalent to having five drinks. Dean Blanc commented that 3,600 college students will be dead by May and 25 students are suspended per year at Methodist College due to the influence of alcohol.

SGA next had Coach Blake as a guest speaker to discuss concerns and issues brought to her attention by

representatives of the student body. Some concerns included SGA's reputation among students, detachments and obvious boundaries between students and athletes. Some students do not feel their voices can truly be heard by SGA. The Student Government Association would like to note that their meetings are always held on Monday evenings at 9:00 pm in Union Station and they are open to any member of the student body to come and voice opinions or concerns. They will be distributing a survey, not only to residential but to commuter and non-traditional students as well, to hopefully determine some opinions on how to make Methodist College a better place.

Elections were next held to establish internal SGA officers. Tabetta Foy received the position of President Pro-Tempore, Parliamentarian is now Becki Buck, and Christi Noble received the role of Clerk. These officers were then sworn in.

They next voted on ideas for phrases and designs for the official SGA long-sleeved t-shirt. Their slogan will be "Can WE fix it? Yes WE Can"

and they will be known as the Student Government Maintenance Crew. This will hopefully be something to help raise awareness of who the members of SGA are and whom students can come to if they have problems or ideas.

Danielle Smith was given ideas for her trip to Wrightsville Beach to meet with the Board of Trustees. Suggestions included upgrading residence halls, online classes, more lighting on campus, parking, and having the college provide a transit system to on-campus students without vehicles.

Homecoming representatives were next voted on and Danielle Smith and Johnathan Sherman will be SGA's candidates.

A follow up on the Jesse James Woodcutting Project noted that 10 truckloads of wood for the winter were distributed to 10 different families.

On October 27, the SGA met in Union Station at 9 p.m. President Danielle Smith discussed her trip where she spoke to the Trustees. Shauna Bunn represented the First Year Experience Program and Becki Buck also attended. The Trustees will be making

policies in the next five months that will be implemented at Methodist College for the next five years, so Dean Blanc stressed the importance of these girls' visits to Wrightsville.

The Student Government Association will be judging the Pumpkin Carving contest that Professor Truesdell is holding for faculty.

The next item of business was the voting on two new fraternities at Methodist College. Phi Alpha Theta is a History National Honor Society that was approved to be an accredited fraternity. Phi Alpha Gamma was tabled until further review of their constitution. There were disagreements with the statement that the fraternity will hold meetings off campus that have alcohol for those over 21. SGA will be typing and revising their own constitution as well.

Committee Updates: **Public Safety and Security**- Keva Wilson spoke with Lt. Douglas and others on getting the identification system of students changed from using their Social Security numbers to another numbering system. **Food and Beverage**- A group

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"Flavors of the World" will Return

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The international club entertains you with world's foods on 11/13 at Berns Students Center.

At this food event, you can taste the world dishes in buffet style. The club prepare foods from more than 10 countries-including Russia, Belarus, Bangladesh, Japan, Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Peru, and Mexico. Variety of foods will line up on the tables: chicken, beef, pork, rice, vegetables, and desserts. These food will taste as same as they cook at home.

Sunday Ajayi, member of international club, said, "For American and international students, this is the chance to share our cultures because the ways we cook are different from the way they cook in America. I encourage everybody to be there."

Ajayi will prepare fried rice and chicken, which is a normal lunch or dinner meal in Africa. Ajayi said, "It is a little bit spicy but it tastes really good."

When you come to the event, students dressed up with their traditional clothes will serve you their own country food.

There will be a unique music from various countries. Anastasiya Zavyalova, member of the international club, said, "We are planning to have the band."

Senior John Arnold attended "Flavor of the World" last fall. Arnold said, "I think it's great to have diversity at Methodist College. I really enjoyed the food, it was excellent. It was also fun to hang out with the professors. You don't usually get chance to do that. I really enjoyed myself. I thought five dollar was really reasonable. I will definitely go again."

This year the price is even cheaper, compared to last fall.

Anastasiya Zavyalova said, "This year, we are trying to attract more students."

The tickets will start selling on Thursday November 6th, at Berns Student Center until the event day. The price is \$3 for MC students, and

\$6 for others including faculty. The event starts at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday November 13.

For those who are interested in the event, you may contact Anastasiya Zavyalova at 482-5421 for questions about buying a ticket.

What Students Need to Know, But Weren't Told

Help the next generation of MC students by telling me what information you wish you were told before you arrived here. Nicolette Campos is putting together a pamphlet to be sent out to new students and she wants **YOUR INPUT!**

Bring you idea to the Academic Development Center, Leave a message at 7033, fax to 7407 or email to ncampos@methodist.edu Remember to include your name so credit can be given.