

Strong SGA leadership plans activities for fall semester

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The WCC Student Government Association met 4 times in the fall semester 2002 to plan activities for students.

Officers for 2002 include President Robert McAllister, Vice President Matt Bartlett, Secretary Leah Heim, Special Populations Coritha Pickett, Local Interactions Jennifer Williams, Public Information Ericka Alexander, and Advisor/Treasurer Carl Brow.

At the first meeting held in Moffatt Auditorium on Thursday, Sept. 19, at 11 a.m., SGA officers shared activities the SGA will sponsor and heard concerns from the audience of approximately 40 students.

College Vice Presidents Dr. Dan Krautheim and Ken Ritt reported on the current enrollment of about 3,100 students, progress of construction on the day care center, and the dental department expansion.

They announced changes in computer lab hours resulting from budget cuts. Krautheim commended the Criminal Justice Club for its involvement in the community.

The college leaders encouraged student participation in the SGA of which every student is a member by virtue of paying the \$16 student activity fee for those students taking 6 or more hours.

Some benefits to students include health care checks, free meals, intramurals, free publications in the student newspaper and writers' and artists' magazine, and representation at SGA meetings.

The 2nd SGA meeting was held on October 22, 2002. Issues discussed.

The main concern was the foul odor in the Dental Hygiene Department. Students requested that air fresheners be put in the bathrooms. Students asked if surveillance cameras could be put in the parking lot for student safety.



SGA officer Jennifer Williams (left) and her helper serve pizza during SGA's Halloween celebration. PHOTO: TRUDI THOMAS

Ken Ritt assured the students he would discuss both problems with the proper officials.

Nursing asked the location of the existing defibrillator. The only issue with this was that it needed to be around people trained to use it.

A student spoke of the meeting time being inconvenient for many people and asked if the time would be changed for future meetings.

Wayne Parson said the SGA is trying to get a set time established with no classes so that every student could attend. Margaret Baddour, SGA co-advisor informed students of the upcoming play "Driving Miss Daisy."

At the end of the second meeting Mr. Wayne announced his resignation from the position of SGA advisor.

On Friday, October 25th, the SGA offered students of WCC a night of fun and excitement. Students could carve pumpkins and play laser tag games.

The SGA provided Domino's Pizza and sodas. Matt Bartlett, SGA vice president, said of the night, "We had a great time and are very impressed at the student turn out. We are just glad to help the students have fun and relax."

The Student Government Association held its 3rd meeting of November 21, 2002.

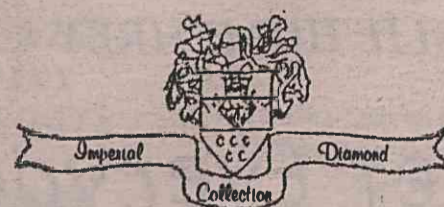
The SGA wants all clubs to participate in a SGA sponsored activity geared toward the community. This would give students extra-curricular activities to take part in while doing something constructive.

The SGA is also concerned with getting equipment to help the students with special needs. They want to help the needs of these students, so they can have a better learning environment.

Academic Skills also came up during the meeting. The issue with academic skills is that all subjects are not tutored. This is an inconvenience for some students.

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