



**Richmond College Student Government Association**

**2019-2020**

***Meeting Minutes for Wednesday, October 9, 2019***

*"To create and ensure the highest quality of life for Richmond College."*

**I. Roll Call**

**II. Visitors**

- A. Contingency Request from the Outdoors Club
  - 1. Started at 20 emails in February, over 150 emails
  - 2. 52 members attended the first meeting of this semester
  - 3. 11 participants on the first trip this year, with 12 on the waiting list
  - 4. 15-20 regular members at meetings
  - 5. Fall Break trip to Great Smoky Mountains
    - a) Camping and day hikes
    - b) Initially allocated \$400 for the semester
    - c) Fall Break trip alone costs \$860
    - d) SOBAC cannot pay for food, so subtract that from the proposal
- B. Sam Jaeger - Free the Facts Social Security Policy Presentation
  - 1. Tuesday, October 29th, 6:30pm-7:30pm
  - 2. Requesting:
    - a) Assistance booking a room for 60-75+ people
    - b) RCSGA presence at the event
    - c) Publicity on social media, Free the Facts will provide graphics
    - d) Official RCSGA sponsorship
    - e) General word-of-mouth support promoting inclusivity and civic engagement

3. Nonpartisan policy presentation on Social Security from experts
  4. No cost!
  5. Free Chipotle!
- C. Senator Walker - University Innovativeness Fellows
1. Want to work on a campus-wide project, potentially creating a new class
  2. Let Senator Walker know if you have any questions or suggestions
- D. Eli from the Collegian
1. Article on the new sustainability plan
  2. Announced last year
  3. Four goals over three phases
    - a) Raise social awareness about sustainability initiatives on campus
      - (1) Rethink Waste
      - (2) Eco corridor
    - b) Goal of becoming carbon-neutral by 2050

### III. **President's Report**

- A. Meeting with Allison Keller
1. Working on putting up student-designed murals in THC
- B. Meeting with Dean Quinones of the Robins Business School
1. Working on inclusivity, diversifying student population
- C. Continuing to work on bias reporting form with Glyn Huges
- D. First-years
1. Project presentations for October 23
  2. Committee assignments incoming

### IV. **Vice Presidents' Reports**

- A. VP Ostrom - Admin
1. Committee meeting this past weekend at the Field Hockey game
  2. Meet Your Senator posters should be rolled out next week
  3. Sending members of RCSGA to WCGA meetings in the future
  4. Continuing to work on bylaws and constitutional edits

5. Group bonding event in the works
- B. VP Polcari - Finance
  1. SOBAC Committee Escape Room planned
- C. VP Anderson - Academics
  1. Nothing to report
- D. VP Ayers - Student Affairs
  1. Want to work with Spiderboard more in the future
  2. Talking about cosponsoring a vendor for Homecoming
  3. Looking at a new campus app
    - a) Met with Allison Keller
    - b) Will explore presence
- E. VP McGrinder - External Affairs
  1. Attending group meetings
  2. Senator Schoen attended the LGBTQ+ meeting
  3. Working on recognizing exemplary students and organizations
  4. Working with WC on a voter registration initiative

**V. Class Chair Reports**

- A. Chairman Sultan - Class of 2020
  1. Toga Social
    - a) October 17, 8:30pm-11:30pm in the Greek Theatre
    - b) Free pizza
    - c) Beer will be present at the event, \$3 per drink
    - d) Need to have cash, UR ID, and state-issued ID to purchase alcoholic beverage
  2. Cellar Wednesdays
- B. Chairman Montana - Class of 2022
  1. Planning to meet with WC counterpart to work on a joint initiative
- C. Chairman Engstrom - Class of 2023
  1. Met with WC counterpart

- a) Working on bringing more variety to Dean's Den
  - (1) Ensure parity between Dean's Den and ETC
  - (2) VP McGrinder wants to bring chocolate milk back to Dean's Den
- b) Want to improve race relations on campus with a panel event featuring professors, potentially students as well

#### VI. **Dean's Report**

- A. Wednesday, October 16 will be the first White Ribbon Shirt Day

#### VII. **Announcements**

- A. Speaker Maliyekkal - Joint meeting next Wednesday, October 16, at 6:00pm in the Gottwald Auditorium
- B. Senator Lawrence - Connecting Women of Color Conference on Friday, October 25th at 5:00pm in the Jepson Alumni Center
- C. Senator Lawrence - Freeman and Robins Hall are having an event with Dean Quinones and Chipotle on Thursday, October 10 at 6:00pm in the Whitehurst Living Room

#### VIII. **Open Floor**

- A. Meeting with Andy Gurka after Fall Break to discuss the orientation experience
  - 1. Content was good, but forced discussions at 10:00pm at night were unproductive
  - 2. Beneficial, but sexual assault and alcohol education portions were too much, along with the Wellness class
    - a) Work on effectiveness and efficiency of sexual assault and alcohol education portions of orientation
    - b) Make things more practical instead of just lectures and presentations
    - c) Hone in more on the resources on students should use
    - d) Potential for students to light of serious topics due to overexposure

- e) Anonymously connect with students who have had experience with these problems for feedback
  - f) Molecules presentation was engaging and well-presented
  - g) Too easy to click through Alcohol Edu, make it more interactive and practical
- 3. Make orientation more engaging
- 4. Focus on getting acquainted with the campus
  - a) Not preparing students for the college experience
  - b) Tours of campus, how to use everything in the library
- 5. Make some activities optional to ease busy schedule
- 6. Focusing more in microaggressions and diversity issues on campus
- 7. More social activities to meet more people on campus
- 8. Reduce schedule on the Sunday before classes start
- B. Senator Weiser - History Initiative
  - 1. October 22nd event will not be happening
  - 2. Dr. Lee and Dr. Maurantonio will be at the joint meeting on October 16

**IX. Closed Meeting**

- A. Vote on Contingency Request from the Outdoors Club
  - 1. Approved by voice vote
- B. Sponsorship Request from Free the Facts
  - 1. Approved by voice vote

**X. Adjournment**