

Helena College Student Government Association Minutes

Monday, November 17th, 2014

Roll Call **President:** Christian Arp **Vice President:** Leesa Estey **Business Manager:** Shawn Palmer
Staff Advisor: Ben Nickol
Quorum has been met. Meeting called to order at 12:05pm

Kellie Knapp motion to approve minutes as amended, Josh Mostad seconded. Motion carried.

Attendees (Senators in BOLD) – Josh Mostad, Lon Albers, Austin Steiner, Paul Kalgaard, Robert Yamamoto, Jim Crawford, Kellie Knapp

New Business

Senator Dismissal – Mike Soderholm missed three meetings with no reason as to why. Per SGA Constitution Article 6, Section 3e, after three missed meetings, privileges are revoked, but need a vote for removal. *Jim Crawford motioned for a vote of removal, Austin Steiner seconded. 10 – 0 – 0. Motion carried. **Mike Soderholm has officially been dismissed from the SGA Senate***

SGA Constitution – per the SGA Club Recognition Form, all club constitutions must include this statement: “Benefits of membership shall not be denied in any manner contrary to federal or state anti-discrimination laws. Organization members are entitled to the rights outlined in Title 49, Chapters One and Two, MCA.” SGA constitution is missing an anti-discriminatory clause; will add to article 3. *Kellie Knapp motioned to amend SGA constitution, Paul Kalgaard seconded. 10 – 0 – 0. Motion passed*

Pure Energy Society – vote for recognition. *Vote: 9 – 0 – 1. Motioned carried. **The Pure Energy Society is now an official SGA sanctioned club***

Clean Steel Fabrication Welding Club – Josh Mostad presenting. Primary expenditure of funds will be spent on field trips to view working application of the trade. No money requested/no cost to join. All welding students and a few faculty members will be in the club. Not just exclusive to welding students. Will fundraise by creating metal objects and selling them

MAS – conference call from Associated Students of Montana VP. \$615 per year to join. SGA executive council declined due to a poorly executed budget and little to no faculty representation overseeing MAS. SGA will be checking up with smaller colleges in MAS to view improvements in the organization

General Discussion

Machine Shop Students – charged \$100/student (17 total) for clothing—overalls—that they are not allowed to wear. Went to Doug Dumas for an answer, but was referred to SGA. Elizabeth Stearns-Sims would provide a better answer/solution as SGA has no control over tuition allocation

Announcements

SGA Budget – actual cash in fund account is at \$35,000 instead of \$17,000 (approximate) as previously stated; Shawn Palmer will fix the budget and present next senator meeting

Elizabeth Stearns-Sims' Budget – explanation of expenses from Elizabeth Stearns-Sims with SGA money. Overall have spent \$835.62 of the \$4500 provided. Current upcoming events planned before the end of the semester include No Shave November and Stress Free Zone. All college functions involving food must go through Sodexo first; we must help them succeed at Helena College. Leesa Estey has contacted Sodexo for Winter Social on November 12th

Josh Mostad motioned to adjourn, Kellie Knapp seconded. Motioned passed at 12:35pm

Next meeting at Donaldson Campus, Room 210 at noon