

Helena College Student Government Association Minutes

Monday March 9th, 2015

Roll Call: President: **Christian Arp**, Vice president **Leesa Estey**, Business Manager: **Josh Mostad**, Faculty Advisor: **Ben Nickol**, Secretary: **Kellie Knapp**.

Attendees: (Senators in bold) – Shawn Palmer, Lon Albers, Angela McArdle, Paul Kalgaard, Jamie Eastwood, Joshua Halcro, Sara Dennis, Darci Campbell

Quorum is met meeting called to order at 12:06pm

Budget: There is roughly \$11,300.00 in non committed funds but we could still be over budget if we approve all proposals today. Josh asks that any request for funding be reviewed for any possibility of cutting back to extend the budget a bit. We will either have to reduce proposal amounts or vote conservatively. Discussion is important here to ensure fair priority spending.

Welding club decreases request from \$1000.00 to \$800.00.

Capstone Spring event proposal: \$1500.00 is no longer needed for food; this part of event has been changed due to the high costs of catering.

Psych Club can drop their proposal total to \$500.00 instead of \$1000.00. There is also a possibility that money may be returned to SGA later.

Lon Albers asks if we have any money set aside for Spring Social and if there is any possibility of combining with the Capstone Spring fling? Leesa Estey responds that there is no money saved out, it is included in the \$11,300.00 and that combining events would not work out because they are two very different groups with different attendees, plans, and budgets. Their event is hosted for a class and the community. Spring social is for the student body.

- \$11,300.00 Available Balance
- \$800.00 Welding Club proposal
- \$885.00 HBIA Travel funds
- \$300.00 Capstone Career Closet Proposal
- \$500.00 Psych Club proposal for Autism Speaker
- \$500.00 Capstone Scholarship Proposal
- \$750.00 Capstone Spring family event
- \$500.00 Cords
- \$170.00 SGA Helena College Shirts
- \$5000.00 Spring Social Budget

Ideally we spend all funds each semester to benefit those who paid into those SGA funds.

New Business:

Review and revision of 3/2/15 minutes: Paul Kalgaard motions, Jamie Eastwood second's the motionchange minutes as revised in meeting.

Vote passes unanimously.

Angela McArdle informs the senate that Cara O'Donnell(past HBIA President) has stepped down and that Angela herself will be their new full time senator.

Jamie Eastwood is a voting senator.

Conversation about HBIA Neo-Con trip proposal: Pending fundraiser could bring in the needed \$885.00 but it is unknown. Karen Raphael-Conely would know more about locations, prices, and options to try to pinch pennies and analyze all angles to save money while in Chicago.

Capstone group presents for their proposal for \$750.00 to go toward supplies for fundraising event in which Capstone participants have teamed up with MT Youth Homes Organization. An entrance fee will be charged and food will be available for purchase by attendees of this family fun day. Attendees will be able to purchase tickets and participate in carnival games. The date is April 18th 2015 and may be held twice, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Advertising assistance is being offered by MT Youth Homes. Vote next meeting.

Christian Arp Motions to vote for HBIA \$885.00 proposal, Paul Kalgaard seconds the motion.

5 in favor 2 votes against 2 abstain

Motion passes

Josh Mostad motions to vote for Clean Fabricators proposal \$800.00, Shawn Palmer seconds motion,

Motion passes unanimously

Paul Kalgaard motions to pass Capstones Career Closet Proposal, Leesa seconds the motion.

7 in favor 2 abstain

Motion Passes

Lon Albers motions to approve Psych Club Autism speaker proposal \$500.00, Paul Kalgaard seconds the motion.

Motion passes unanimously

Shawn Palmer motions to approve the Spring Social budget of \$5000.00, Josh Mostad seconds the motion.

6 in favor 3 abstain

Motion passes

General Discussion:

The math department is holding a Pi/pie day event Monday March 16th and is looking to recruit an SGA member to judge the pies. Event will be in the Student Center.

Paul Kalgaard volunteers for pie judging.

Lon Albers suggests we address the involvement and benefit of groups of people as a whole when proposals are being presented and voted upon. Prepare good presentations and clarity of who the funding benefits and goes to.

Shawn Palmer motions to adjourn the meeting and Christian Arp seconds the motion,

Motion passes unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 12:58pm