

Miami University Hamilton
Student Government Association
April 6, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 P.M. by Matthew.

In attendance were: Matthew, Tyler, Chrisy, Henrietta, Brandon, Jordan, Harriet, Jose, Cameron, Lynnette, Dr. Bob, and Dr. Bob. Katie Helton, Daniel Carley, Justin Conrad, Jessica Santiago, Laura Flores, and Joseph Karanja were at the meeting representing the Ambassador Program. Allison Balsinger was a guest at the meeting. Not in attendance were: Ama, Kristina, Randy, and Katie. Ama called to say that she was not able to attend the meeting. The group had not heard from Kristina. Tyler moved to excuse Ama from the meeting; Brandon seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Tyler moved to unexcuse Kristina; Bailey seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. Tyler moved to excuse Henrietta, Harriet, and Ama from the March 30th meeting; Brandon seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Tyler welcomed Katie Helton and Student Ambassadors to the meeting. He invited the Student Ambassadors to consider joining the SGA. Tyler discussed that he and Katie had met to discuss how the two organization could work together to improve the campus. Tyler read aloud a comment form the suggestion box. The comment suggested that cell phone use in computer labs were causing disruptions. Tyler e-mailed Jim Lipnicky concerning the issue. Flyers will be hung in the computer labs indicating that cell phone use is restricted.

Brandon updated the group concerning the website. He informed the group that the website had been completely reformatted. Brandon will be meeting with Liz Miller next Friday to correct some information on the site. Brandon was complimented for his hard work on the website.

Bailey and Fatma updated the group on the CPI events. There was a good turnout at the Owls Sock Hop last Friday. Cameron, Bailey, Matt, Brandon, and Chrisy attended the event to sign in participants. The men's baseball game was held on Saturday. Chrisy, Cameron, and Katie attended the event and were able to sign up some CPI participants. Katie and Lynnette attended the women's softball game on April 3rd; they collected more pledge forms for the CPI. Chrisy, Brandon, and Bailey will be attending the tennis season opener on April 13th. Matthew and Tyler are attending as one of their pledged events to attend. Katie Helton asked if SGA could explain the CPI to the members of the Ambassador Program, and Bailey described the idea of the CPI.

Project Extreme Runway will take place on April 24th. Jose explained the event features students presenting their fashion designs, and presenting them on student models. There is discussion about adding this event on the list of CPI events. The conflict is the Talent Showcase is on the same day, but it was argued that it gave participants a choice of events to attend to achieve their five pledged events. The group decided to table the idea until the next meeting.

Chrisy addressed the group concerning progress of the Safety and Security Committee (SSC). She passed out the minutes from the last meeting, and she informed the group that there was discussion regarding the crosswalk on University Boulevard. There was also discussion concerning landscaping on campus, lighting issues, and construction concerns. There will be another meeting next Friday at 1:15 P.M.

Katie Helton discussed with the group the possibility of the Ambassador Program working in conjunction with SGA to sponsor Welcome Week Activities next fall. She distributed a handout outlining details. She believed incoming students being greeted by the smiling faces of student organizations would be a welcoming gesture. Dr. Bob informed the group that Campus Activity Committee (CAC) had requested funds for a first week activities. It was suggested that the three groups could work together to collaborate the first week of the fall semester. Tyler moved for the SGA to work with the Ambassador Program and CAC to plan Welcome Week Activities; Brandon seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning the CAC participation in the collaboration of the three groups in the Welcome Week Activities. It was agreed that each organization would have a Chairperson on the committee. The motion passed unanimously. There was also discussion on how to improve attendance at Student Orientation Day.

Dr. Hall e-mailed a member of the group to see if SGA would be interesting in volunteering at River Days that would be held the second week of September. Chrisy moved to volunteer at River Days pending an invitation to participate in the event and further details; Fatma seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion concerning the group volunteering time to help with the Head Start Program. Liz Miller spoke to Matthew concerning the opportunity. The group decided that we would discuss it again at a later time.

Dr. Bob discussed Share Fest with the group. An event held in Oxford on May 4th -6th where volunteers collect furniture donated by Miami students. The furniture will be collected by volunteers and transported to Hamilton. The furniture will benefit Sojourner, Metropolitan Housing, YMCA, and other community outreach programs. Tyler moved to support Share Fest and to volunteer SGA services for the event; Brandon seconded the motion. Brandon, Tyler, Cameron, and Chrisy offered to volunteer at the event. The motion passed unanimously. Corrine Carthell is coordinating the event.

Tyler updated the group concerning the Director of Marketing Search Committee. The letter to faculty is almost complete. Katie, Matthew, and Jordon are interested in the Director of marketing position. Tyler expressed that he would like the decision for a candidate for the Director of Marketing position to be a unanimous decision made by the group.

Tyler and Chrisy explained the possible fundraising the group could do before the end of the semester. Tyler described how the group could purchase cases of candy for

approximately \$20, sell the cases that contain 52 candy bars, and make an estimated \$30 per case. Chrisy added that the group could purchase the candy directly from GFS. Members would be required to sell one case of candy each. Tyler moved to sell candy bought from GFS; Bailey seconded the motion. There was discussion concerning how the SGA would be able to purchase the cases of candy. Matthew and Chrisy will contact Carol Stubblefield concerning possible payment options. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion concerning the need for a Chairperson to head the Election Committee (EC). Tyler addressed the members of the Ambassador Program to see if any member would like to help the SGA by becoming a Chairperson for the EC. Katie Helton agreed to discuss it further with the Ambassadors. Harriet and Jose agreed to Co-Chair the EC. Tyler moved to install Harriet and Jose as Co-Chairs of the Spring 2007 EC; Bailey seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. The group discussed possible dates for the SGA elections. It was agreed that the elections needed to be completed before the start of final exams. Tyler moved to have elections on April 24th and 25th from 10:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.; Chrisy seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously. The group will have to contact Brandon concerning the possibility of online voting for this election.

Spring Fling will be April 19th. The group discussed the possibility of having Hillbilly Golf as an activity, but the group does not have supplies for the activity. So there was discussion concerning other possible activities. Water balloon toss and a dunking booth were considered as alternatives. The group will discuss it further next week.

Tyler moved to adjourn the meeting; Fatma seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously.

Matthew adjourned the meeting at 3:29 P.M.