



**Minutes of Tri-Campus Student Government Association Meeting**  
Friday, March 18, 2016 at 11:00 a.m.  
Student Union, Wheeling Campus

**Attendance:**

Students: Courtney O. (Whg), James P. (NM), Sarah B. (Weir), Cassie U. (Whg), Rosemary K. (Whg), Sonny B. (Whg), Andrew C. (Whg.), Amy M. (Whg) and Said L. (Whg)

Staff: Ida Williams, Shannon Paton

Guest(s): CJ Farnsworth, Stephanie Smith and Dr. Vicki Riley

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order at 11:08 a.m. – Sarah Blankenship presided over the meeting.

**Guest Speakers:**

- **CJ Farnsworth & Stephanie Smith** – Provided information regarding the ASC and Tutoring.
  - **ASC** – provides numerous services: Tutoring, Advising, Early Retention Initiatives, Accessibility Service, Transfer counseling and general support. Our goal is to help all students be successful.
  - **Tutoring** – We try to find Tutors any way that we can – always looking for referrals. We ask Faculty to provide referrals regarding peer tutors, we even look to the Community. We also use online resources. In regard to a concern that was mentioned about the need for support in advanced level courses, CJ responded . . . with a 2 year Institution sometimes it is hard to find peer tutors that are available to assist with upper level / advanced courses, because many times they are graduating and moving on. We are fortunate to have such a high caliber of tutors though. We will work with you though and if support is needed for a more advanced course then we can also work with the instructor as well. Sometimes instructors will even partake in one-on-one tutoring. We are always open to suggestions. Perhaps you even have a relative who is a retired accountant that we can connect with . . . it is a paid position. Our tutors with a degree make more than minimal wage. Tutors can make between minimal wage up to \$12 per hour. It is a nice job for someone who may be looking for a part-time opportunity. We just need to find the right people. Again, we appreciate referrals. On a side note, sometime students can view tutoring as remedial or that it is bad. High School has tended to feed into that persona. Just remember that good students use good strategies. It is also important to be aware of what approach you need – are you needing a study buddy, a tutor to support content . . . We can help with all aspects, we just need you to be clear with us to what you need. CJ also mentioned Brainfuse – what it is and where you can find it. It is a button on the Portal and it is 24/7 Live Support. It is very easy to use.
- **Dr. Vicki Riley** – **Provided an up-date regarding concerns voiced at the February Meeting.**
  - Culinary Accreditation was taking place today and it seems to be going very well.
  - We are continuing to follow up on the concerns that were voiced.

- Next week the Board of Governors meets and the budget will be discussed. We are in a tough position because we still don't know what our State Appropriations are. If we get another budget cut, we will need to raise Tuition. Dr. Riley feels strongly that the Burden of Budget Cuts should not be fully put on the backs of students (Referring to Tuition increased) that as an institution, we are looking at other ways to absorb costs/cuts such as review positions as they become open, etc. So- as of right now, I will be proposing an increase on the low end of an increase of 4.9%, which is a little over \$6.00/credit hour.
- In response to a student's concern about an e-mail received that appeared suspicious from a random National Honor Society, Dr. Riley asked that she forward that suspicious e-mail to her and she would have it looked into to verify if it is a scam.
- JR shared that the New Martinsville Campus has noticed the improvements in regard to the IT Concerns voiced, so he thanked Dr. Riley for the action taken.
- It was also noted that the students were impressed and grateful that their idea was being implemented as a 'contact up-date' link now appears on the Portal.
- Dr. Riley also mentioned that she has been working with the president from West Liberty to up-date Articulation agreements and other opportunities for Transfer Students.

#### **The Office of Student Activities Up-dates:**

- Reminder for Returning Students (Fall 2016)
  - Must up-date SGA applications for general membership
  - SGA Senator Election- must complete Petitions and obtain
  - 3 Recommendation letters/forms
  - Deadline: March 28, 2016
- Must notify us if wishing to peruse the following elected positions:
  - Board of Governors Representative
  - State Advisory Council of Students Representative
- Elections: April 4-8 Electronic Ballot (Survey Monkey sent to all students)
- Reminder for Office Hours
  - NM & Weirton – must utilize the Office Space provided.
- WVNCC SGA Leadership Training (Tentative): August 9- All Day
- WVNCC Tri-Campus Open House: April 2 (Saturday) 9am -1pm
  - Volunteers needed for all three campuses
- On the Spot Game Show- Wheeling Campus Game Show this Tuesday

#### **Approval of Minutes: Approved**

#### **Reports of the Officers**

- A. President-** Nothing to report.
- B. Vice President-** Nothing to report.
- C. Financial Secretary-** Nothing to report.
- D. Recording Secretary-** Shared that some students have voiced concerns over the hours of the "As You Like It" Concession Stand. Shannon interjected that the Vendor set the hours based on the need. It has been helpful that the signs now indicate that they accept Credit

cards. The concern will be mentioned to the Vendor for the Fall, but again it will be up to them.

- E. Board of Governors-** Absent – e-mailed report. Reiterated what Dr. Riley said about the potential for tuition increase at the next BOG meeting. Bought the Wesco Building – a lot of work to do in there and no timeline as to when it will be used for classes.
- F. State Advisory Councils of Students** – A bunch of schools participated at the Day at the Capital and voiced their concerns about budget cuts. The Gun Carry Bill was passed by a huge number and it is now on the Governor’s desk. There is a tiny note in the bill that states each Institution can write their own policy about weapons on campus. The HEPC are fighting to keep the Perkins Loan because right now it has been put on an extension and they are not sure if it will be available. If this loan is lost, it will affect a lot of students. The HEPC wants to pursue options as Open Source Text Books, because text book prices are so high and increasing that they want to make more options available to students. More will be known after March 25.

### **Campus Reports**

- **Weirton-** Over 30 members participated in the Black History Lunch & Learn. The Women’s History Lunch & Learn is scheduled for March 29. Dean’s BBQ April 27.
- **Wheeling-** Blood Drive Thursday 31 is now scheduled for Wheeling only. It was initially scheduled for all three campuses, but due to budget cuts they are forced to only collect from the campus that has collected the most units in the past. It is also open to the community. Health & Wellness Fair was very successful – probably one of our most successful with over 30 vendors. A Mediumship Gallery Reading is scheduled for Friday April 8 at 5:30. LAN Party tonight at 10pm to 6am at the Student Union. 3 on 3 Basket Ball on Mondays, there is a group who want to do it on Tuesdays. Carrier and Transfer Fair on April 06 10-2 in the B&O. Women’s History Munch & Learn scheduled for Monday, March 28. A lot of the events that are strictly offered on the Wheeling Campus are open to Weirton & NM Students to participate as well.
- **New Martinsville-** We are working on two new clubs: the Pool and Table club. Women’s History Month Lunch & Learn scheduled for March 30.

### **Committee Reports**

- A. Academic Appeals-** Nothing to report.
- B. Assessment-** Nothing to report.
- C. Curriculum-** There are several online 2+2 programs that not all the classes are available online so Kim Patterson has proposed a new curriculum for the specific programs.
- D. Enrollment Management Council-** Nothing to report.
- E. Financial Aid-** We have a meeting next week, although Sarah will not be able to attend. JR will be attending though.
- F. Institutional Technologies Committee-** Nothing to report.
- G. Library/LRC-** Nothing to report.
- H. Ad-Hoc Committee-** None

## **Club Reports**

- **SCARSI** - Officers for next year will be elected in April. Members assisted with the WVU Veterans workshop earlier this month. The March Bulletin Board theme is about Child Mental illness. Next month is Sexual Assault Awareness. Members will be working the Open House. On April 21, Ziegenfelder's will be donating popsicles to pass out to students. During event, SCARSI will be providing information on local resources.
- **Phi Theta Kappa:** The International Conference is located in DC on April 6-9. Called NerdNation. All members are welcome to go; however, registration for our chapter has been completed at a lower price. If any more members wish to attend, the registration price is over \$400. For more information, contact Mark Goldstein.
- **Radiography:** Sold pretzels, now have money but not much. Cassie won a Scholarship and the Vegas Conference Trip. They will also be selling Yankee Candle for a fundraiser.

## **Unfinished Business: None**

### **New Business:**

Reminder of the elections: All members need to fill out the membership applications. Any student wanting to run for any office needs to complete a Petition and obtain recommendation letters. The deadline for everything is March 28.

### **Announcements:**

**Next meeting: April 08, 2016 @ 11:00 am – Student Union**

### **Adjournment:**

Motion to adjourn made by James Powell. Seconded by Courtney Oconner.