

Student Government Association
Meeting Minutes – Tuesday, September 15th, 2009

- Vice President Steinberg called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.
- The Roll Call was made with all present.

Guest Speaker(s):

President Caret:

Spoke to the Senate about the 5 Theme Plan for Towson, with the two most important being the Student Experience and Student Success. These two plans would work to increase residential population on campus, (there are some 5600 now); building Greek Housing, and focusing on getting the graduation rates up. President Caret explained to the senate that the SGA is the core of the student experience. During the question and answer period, Adam Jackson, President of the Brotherhood, asked President Caret his insight and feelings on how the University is handling the problems of Diversity on campus, and what services are the University offering to its non-white students? President Caret explained to Adam that they are making every effort to reach non-white students through the SAGE, CEEP, and Outreach options. Towson is also working with families in the Cherry Hill section of Baltimore to help further the student's education there. These are just some of the different ways in which Towson is trying to bridge the gap between white and non-white students here on campus.

Debbie Nolan-Head Librarian, Cook Library:

Ms. Nolan informed the Senate of some of the newest features that are being offered at the Library. They include the newly renovated 5th floor which is now home to the Archives and Special Collections, including articles from the Chinese Dynasty. The second floor now has an Absolute Quiet Study Room, which will be self-enforce by students using it. Some other new things will be that The TU Jazz ensemble will be performing in the library once a month, you will be able to now text a librarian with questions on x66746 ASKCOOK, they have a new mobile website, and they can also be reached on Twitter and Facebook. For more information on other features, email Ms. Nolan at dnolan@towson.edu.

Erin Ramaker – Tri Delta Sorority:

Erin reached out to the Senate and Audience for recruits to join Tri Delta. Erin will have a table set up in the Union until the end of the week, so if anyone knows anyone who would be interested, please send them to see her.

Committee Reports:

- Appropriations: No report.
- Government Operations:
Constitution 09-10 #2: Towson University Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta (FAV)
Resolution 09-10 #4: To approve Towson University Conservative's revision's to their constitution. FAV w/amendments
- Commuter Student Representative: Commuter Appreciation Day, Wednesday, September 16th, from 11am-1pm in the Susq. Terrace.
- Greek Life Representative: Panhellenic Bid Day ended on Sunday with approximately 108 girls receiving bids; IFC Formal Rush begins, IFC Step show, October 17th.

- Residence Student Representative: Elections Sept. 16 from 11am-2pm, and 4pm-7pm; Don't forget to come out for Wings N Things, Saturday, Sept 19th from 9am-1pm; the 1st general assembly meeting is September 29th.
- USMSC: The 1st meeting was held Saturday, Sept. 12th in Annapolis. Please refer to handout for topics that were discussed.
- MHEC: The next meeting is Saturday, September 19th, in Annapolis.

Opinion of the Court: None.

Unfinished Business:

- Senator Wolff motioned to approve Resolution 09-10 #4, with amendments. Motion received a vote of 20-0-0. The following amendments were made & approved by a vote of 20-0-0:
 - **ART I, 2nd sentence “we reserve the right to return to the title of Towson College Republicans if so desired.”** Organization is not allowed to hold onto the title of College Republicans.
 - **ART II, “Faculty, employees and alumni.”** They may be members, but are not allowed to vote. Also, adding “any fee paying undergrad”

Motion to pass resolution 09-10 received a vote of 20-0-0.

- Senator Kazanecki motioned, seconded by Senator Brown to pass Constitution 09-10 #2, The Towson University Chapter of Phi Alpha Delta, with no amendments, It received a vote of 20-0-0.

Public Participation: Benjamin Morgan, Treasurer-Brotherhood: Addressed the senate on the problems of racial discrimination on campus. The need for a bridge or an outlet where these concerns can be addressed is needed. It was suggested that the URG, SGA, and HRL together write a resolution to assist with these problems. Also forming a focus or interest group.

Student Concerns:

- Director Sikorski mentioned the need for better lighting in some areas on campus, that are extremely dark.

PRESIDENT GRAF: President Obama will be at UM College Park on Thursday, September 17th, Sarah Elfreth will be attending if anyone else would like to attend; The first Study Break with President Caret is Wednesday, October 6 @ 3:30pm in the SGA Resource Area; Constitution Week is Sept. 16th-18th.

TREASURER MURPHY: The Financial Policy is now on-line; FAC dates are as follows: Oct. 19th @11am-1pm UU 305, Oct. 20th @8pm-10pm in the Chesa. II, Oct. 22nd @ 4pm-6pm in the Chesa III, and Oct. 25th @ 12pm-2pm in Chesa.III.

ATTORNEY GENERAL KOLLER: Senators are to let their organizations know that PROVE-IT applications are available.

CHIEF OF STAFF FIELDS: Thanked everyone who attended the Open House, and also thanked the soon to be senators for attending the SGA meeting and staying the entire time; introduced Ed Retzbach as the new Sport Clubs Rep; a Diversity Rep is still needed.

DIR. ACADEMIC AFFAIRS: Will be meeting with Debbie Nolan, Head Librarian, Library to discuss the new additions.

DIR. ATHLETIC AFFAIRS: Don't forget to attend the opener with Carolina game this Saturday, September 19th, which will feature the Pom Squad, The Marching Band, and Fireworks. The next game is Sept. 26th.

DIR. OF CAMPUS ACTIVITIES: Open Mic Night, September 17th @ 7pm in PAWS; the trip to Six Flags is SOLD OUT!, if you are going, the buses will leave from Lot 11 @ 10am, the next General Meeting is September 25th @ 2:30pm in the Loch Raven Room.

DIR. OF COMMUNITY OUTREACH: Asked the SGA to think about forming a team for the American Cancer Society's walk this year. Last year approximately \$52,000 was raised. Volunteers are needed for Maggie's Run.

DIR. OF FINE ARTS: The TU Jazz band will be performing at the Cook Library on the 3rd Thursday of each month, from 12pm-1pm, while in the Library, make sure you check out the Asian Arts Gallery, which has artifacts from the Chinese Dynasty.

DIR. OF LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS: Met with Dr. Hall to try and settle on the date for TigerPride Day.

DIR. OF STUDENT GROUPS: The due date for organizational contacts has been extended until September 24th.

DIR. OF UNIVERSITY COMMUNICATIONS: look over the book of initiatives that is in the Senate Office.

CHAIR VP STEINBERG: The 3 new senators will be appointed at next week's meeting, look thru New Business for next week's meeting.

ADVISOR REMARKS: David Satterlee-Together with Dirron Allen, they are working on the new OSA Mobile Website, since there is no space in the Union to schedule programs, David spoke about moving events off campus to the Hippodrome, The rector, and Stoney's. Shuttles would provide the transportation to these locations.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dir. Henriquez: Senator Cordele will be performing at Open Mic.

Senator Cordele: Progressive Democrats meeting, September 16th in the Severn Lounge II @ 5pm-6pm.

Senator Cox: Don't forget to attend Noche Latina, Friday, September 18th @ 8pm in the Potomac Lounge.

Senator Brown: Allure Dance Troup try-outs September 15th.

Senator Menke: Invisible Children screening, Sept. 24th @ 6:30 in Chesa. I and Chesa II. There will be food and music.

Senator Moultrie: Volunteer opportunity with the Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Society.

ADJOURNMENT: Senator Bologun motioned /seconded by Senator O'Rourke to adjourn. 20.0.0