

Senate
November 4, 2008

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence

III. Attendance

IV. Special guest presentations

-Lexi Hutchins- Fast \$4 Food

-First Wednesday of each month we will fast here at JMU. Money will be collected on the Wednesday. Money will be donated to nonprofit organizations (Blue Ridge Area Food Bank and Mercy Corps). People can also donate non-perishable food items.

V. Reports

-Dave Barnes- Presentation of FEB. For a group to be FEB they have to be so important and have a far reaching impact and there has to be no formal funding from the university and no duplicate services can be provided from other groups on campus. They also must have student activities approved. The amount of money given to FEB groups does not change when you add a new FEB group. FEB also does not affect contingency.

-Larson- Round of applause to Candace for doing such a great job with purple out. Working on the next phase of the recycling review project, in the process of reviewing the surveys.

-Dan- 2 UCAC vacancies, if you are part of a green organization please let me know if you are interested in a "clean up JMU day".

-Candace- Thanks for everyone who helped out with Purple Out and homecoming. Make sure to join the SGA fan page. Marley Green and I are planning on another speak out for November 19th at 6 P.M.

-Seniors- We had our alumni event. Are in the process of ordering t-shirts and planning December senior night. We no longer have a treasurer so there is now an opening. If any seniors are interested please email one of the senior class officers.

-Juniors- Tree lighting ceremony will be on November 4th at 7 P.M. on the quad. It will be followed by ice skating on the commons and a late night breakfast.

-Sophomores- we have chosen our 8 ring premier committee members. Our first committee meeting is tomorrow night. Sophomore class tshirts are still available.

-Freshman- We will be holding a meeting on Thursday at 7 in Taylor 400. We will be choosing out t-shirt design. We have a common days on November 11 from 10-12. We will be putting boxes out to collect donations for the Mercy House.

-Dan for Andy- FEB retention hearings are starting on Thursday and Friday from 3-5 P.M. Program grants are due this Friday.

-Tommy- Committee chair meeting this Friday. Applications for the Ad Hoc committee are due Monday at noon in my box. Next week we will have a speaker from the GenEd council. December 2 we will have a speaker from facilities management.

-FADS- We are having SGA serves you night on Thursday the 20th. A signup sheet is going around.

-Community Affairs- Pen pal letters are here so please pick them up. They are due next Tuesday by Senate. Madison challenge is next week; we will be collecting cans all week in the SGA office, the commons, festival and carrier library. Can building challenge is next Friday. Next Sunday is the Turkey Trot. The turkey trot will be televised.

-Trisha-SGA apparel orders are being taken and the money is due by Friday at noon. The next staff meeting is next Thursday. Be sure to schedule your senator forums. You can now put the google calendar up on the side of your gmail.

-Chiquita- You can now find the SGA newsletter on the website. IF you have flyers that you are putting out please email them to me so that I can look over them.

VI. New Business

-E.A.R.T.H. FEB approval

-E.A.R.T.H. club- We have been an official organization on campus for 19 years. We have students participate who share a common goal of protecting the earth. We have done local clean ups, gone to spaghetti fest, participated in Blacks Run clean up. We try to make the environmental problem local. We have had Earth Week the past two years and we end it with Festival Fest. We put on passport events. We have participated in the trash sort on the commons and we have helped organize No Drive Day and the Green War. We are a campus wide organization. We work with the clean energy coalition. We petitioned JMU to go green. We attend state wide conferences to help us form connections with other campuses and other environmental groups. FEB status would allow us to continue to do Earth Week and festival fest. We put on a lot of events that we feel are really important in raising awareness for the environment. We fundraise a lot, but fundraising for everything would make it harder for us to do everything we want. A lot of what we do is to encourage people to step up.

-Senator Scott- Last Thursday the finance committee met and we discussed the criteria in the constitution. We decided that the criteria was met and every member voted in favor. We should approve them of FEB status, because their ideas of social revolution. I am fascinated with the way they run their club. Dr. Rose protects sustainability in the budget, but this year the state requested that it be cut. The members talked about how this is not a single advocacy. The university has endorsed this and all JMU students and faculty can help the green movement. This club makes an effort to affect the JMU community as well as the Harrisonburg community. Lets continue this state of the art program, so support this bill to let us show that we care to promote Earth club to FEB status.

-Senator Elgert- I am not downplaying the importance of the issues they are discussing, but I don't think this is the type of group that FEB is for. I wonder whether we should continue to add FEB groups.

-Senator Brougham- In your constitution there are 7 points listed to what an FEB group should be and Earth club meets all their criteria. They have put on many events just this semester. This group is highly active. In 2005 and 2006 they had only 8 people and now they are at 90.

-Senator Watson- If you look at all the FEB groups they work like a body. They all do separate things but they all come together for FEB. Earth club is different because it is for one cause, you can be any type of person and still feel the impact from them. Nowhere in the constitution does it say that FEB has to provide impact for a certain individual. FEB is for organizations that have a large reaching impact. Earth club deals with issues that are important to every individual equally and has a unifying cause. Earth is great for FEB because the people you normally see in the club are stereotyped, and with FEB status they could gain more awareness. FEB is for important groups and this group is extremely important. If the university is going to recognize this, who are we to not. I encourage everyone to vote for this.

-Senator Hutchins- If you are concerned about the funds we have for FEB status try not to consider that when deciding on this bill. Earth club is definitely needed on this campus.

-Senator Bebout- the reason behind no dues is an awesome idea. E.A.R.T.H is a great outreach program, and they do great things for the students on this campus. I urge you guys to vote for this bill.

-Senator Rose- This organization is a good organization, however with everything going on these days the budget is tough. We need to consider where we are going to get the funding from. This bill should not be passed because at this time money should be considered a factor, because it is not fair to take away money from other FEB groups.

-Senator Richards- we have a body that reviews the status of FEB groups and we have

the power to cut the money of other other groups. This is a great group to vote for.

-Senate Hollister- Every year their programs have been some of the best programs and have brought the most diverse range of students. AS the economy changes we all have to reallocate funds, and we need to reallocate with the needs of our students. This club is something that our students need.

-Motion to call the previous question

-Vote on Bill- Bill passes

VII. Announcements-

-Last floor hockey game is next Monday

-ASU annual culture show is this Saturday in Memorial.

-Kangaroo Report- given to Candace

-To get your lottery number for ASBs, the last day is tomorrow to put your name in.

-AKA won first place in the Step Show.

-T-Shirt money order is due this Friday.

-Theta Chi is doing their annual 12 day project to raise money for kids in Harrisonburg.

-UPB role models special preview tomorrow night.

-Sigma Kappa is having a turkey bowl, so let Macon know if SGA is interested in having a team.

VIII. Adjournment