

## Minutes

### **I. Welcome- Jake**

- Welcome to the Town Hall!
- Recognizing events that our going on in Middle East
- Time for questions at the end of each committee presentation as well as open questions at the end

### **A. DEI&B**

- The committee focuses on representing all members of campus community, especially those with marginalized identities
- DEI&B is looking to create their own statement within SGA to promote inclusive identity and to recognize the needs of all members of our campus community; The statement is going to be public soon!
- November 12th they have Tens Across the Board coming up, as well as fashion show; They have two guest designers coming on campus, and anyone who is interested came audition for the fashion show
- The flyers for this event will be posted soon and tabling will be occurring in the near future
- Darain mentioned to PDAC that the committee is working on their diversity statement for SGA. PDAC is also looking at how the college can fairly address affirmative action as well.

- DEI&B is also looking to have a diversity dinner, once in the fall and another in the spring in an ability to bring all members of the community. The fall dinner will most likely be taking place towards the end of the summer.
- DEI&B is also doing a blurb in the muhlenberg weekly that has all the affinity and the information regarding the events that they are working on; The goal is for the weekly to be a centralized place

## **B. Standards**

- Standards is regularly responsible for recommending bylaws to the general assembly as well as amending those bylaws
- Some of the bylaw changes that Standards has been working on is making recording secretary a year long position
- Standards also works on an internal format called Disciplinary Reporting Form to address issues in which members of SGA may be in error. The goal of disciplinary proceedings is to not get people in trouble, but rather to hold members accountable for their work and ensuring that they are fulfilling all of their duties as a representative. We want to make sure all complaints are resolved in a timely manner, while emphasizing restorative practices. We want to make SGA better and ensure that we are working for the student body
- For the rest of this semester, one of the things that standards is working towards is making SGA work for all students. They are proposing a bylaw that will reserve two spots for first year students on SGA. This gives the opportunity for first years to run in a special election and ensure that their needs are heard

- Standards is also exploring the idea of giving permanent organizations a rep on SGA. Given that permanent organizations get an allocated amount of funds at the beginning of the year, we want to make sure their voices are being heard and valued.

### **C. Finance**

- The Finance Committee on SGA works to make recommendations to the rest of SGA regarding supporting clubs and services. After meeting with clubs who are requesting money(that is over 1000 dollars), the finance committee will bring it's proposal to GA
- The funds that SGA received come from the student activities fee, which each Muhlenberg student on campus pays per semester
- Rock climbing has requested 17 memberships for a nearby rock climbing gym so that members can enjoy a fun and engaging experience. We are excited to see rock climbing be an engaging activity for all students.
- Perkulators came to us requesting funding for new uniforms that allows them to be inclusive of people of all sizes. The goal of these uniforms is to be accessible for many years
- MTA requested money for the red door play festival which will be taking place in November, and it allows students to get involved in a theater role
- DCF requested funds for 17 students to attend the FALL DCF conference in Harrisburg, PA so that club members can build

relationships with other DCF students around the state of PA. Attendees of the conference will have gained valuable skills

- MALT has requested funds for shirts that will be given out at “Pack the Place.” The shirts are to emphasize athletic engagement and to encourage student attendance at sporting events.
- The finance committee has formalized a process for contingency votes.
- The finance committee is also collaborating with DEIB to work on updating our guiding principles. The new update will have principles that promote inclusivity while voting
- One of the main goals of finance is to have clubs think big about programming and requesting funds.
- Finance has had some time to talk about a big campus improvement project. They are still in the early phases of developing this process.

#### **D. Campus Engagement**

- CE plans events for student government, runs events, campus outreach projects, and more!
- Muhlenbonfire! Over 300 students engaged with lots of different groups represented. DJ Ginger SLAYED!!
- Udder Bar challenge - Teams of 2 eat a giant tub of ice cream together with 2 pounds of toppings. This is the 2nd event of the semester and 3rd year doing it. The event will also have free ice cream for those that don't want to participate. Will take place October 27th.

- Club approval structure - In the past, clubs could come at any time to request approval, which was difficult to track and help them connect to resources. We now do club approvals two times a semester: 9/27 and 11/8. On these dates, the entire meeting is dedicated to club approvals. HOSA, Berg women in business, chabad, challah for hunger, coloring on chew street, and planned parenthood have all been approved already!
- We've been working with Title IX, talking about the new title IX regulations, discussing student's concerns and unanswered questions. We invited Jenn Storm to speak with E-board to inform us better on Title IX processes so that we can educate ourselves and the community. Currently working to determine productive ways to give feedback to the Title IX office.
- Supporting clubs and organizations - met with a few clubs throughout the semester, including ATR. If you are a member of a club that wants support from SGA, please reach out!
- Campus outreach projects - last year did the more accessible muhlenberg project and worked on lots of different subprojects! Please reach out with ideas and questions.
- Social steering committee - Working on easing the transition between losing off-campus housing going into next year.

## **E. Communications**

- Director of Communications and Recording Secretary
  - Working to make sure students understand their work, strengthen student outreach, and making SGA more transparent.

- Over the summer, Margery designed a new merch logo that is a little Marti the Mule!
- New chip clips, stickers, and other merch coming soon through tabling and events.
- Worked on accessibility within graphics and post descriptions for instagram posts so that anyone with visual processing disorders is able to see and access all the information in a text-based format.
- We also want to work on putting a face to SGA, so coming up we will be making posts highlighting the members of SGA so that the student body can better recognize our members.
- We will also be tabling at fall fest this weekend!
- Ambassador Program - All SGA reps are assigned a handful of clubs and are able to reach out to SGA for anything they need.
- Voting Database - allows anyone to see how each SGA member is voting at meetings. The entire database is available online through the SGA website!
- Please let us know if you have more questions or thoughts to share with us!
- Follow us @bergstudentgov!

#### **F. AD-HOCs**

#### **G. President Report**

- We really want to make a strongly collaborative relationship with the administration and to continue to focus on having the nature of that relationship throughout the year

- We have made it a priority to connect with as many offices on campus as we can. We have met with dining, Title IX as well as HRL and collaborating with offices around campus
- In two weeks, Andrew and Jake will be attending the Board Of Trustees meeting, and the exec board is currently working on creating our statements to present to them
- There is a new student committee AdHoc chaired by Vivian Jaber and that is in order to ensure that commuter students have the resources and support that they need. They are working on looking at spaces in order to create a commuter lounge as well. Vivian was also named as the CA (Commuter Advisor) which functions similar to RAs in residence halls.
- We had a special election where Bernice Owusu was elected and she has been doing an amazing job so far!
- We have kicked off our town hall meetings, and this is the first time SGA has hosted one in a while
- One of our main priorities this year is increase transparency
- Jake is hosting a weekly president support group on Mondays from 1-2pm so president can receive support and campus
- September 30th, four members of exec attended a conference at Washington College where we got an incredible amount of feedback and are taking back lots of pieces of advice that we are incorporating throughout the year.
- The entire EBoard will be attending another conference of student governments of the Lehigh Valley and we look forward to attending that as a group in late November.

- Reminder: all committee meetings are open to the public so please come!
- The times are posted on the instagram but they are also, The times are as follows: DEI&B 4:30 on Mondays, Standards 7:15 pm on Mondays, Campus engagement Thursdays at 7:15pm and Finance meets
- Jake met with a student who is interested in piloting a carpool system and we are trying to think of ways to make them accessible

## **II. New Business**

### **A. Open discussion and questions**

- No comments

## **III. Adjournment**