****University of Baltimore Student Government Association**

**University of Baltimore**

**Learning Commons Town Hall**

**Composed by: Secretary King**

**October 23rd, 2019**

**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Absent:

* John Lucas
* Zainab Ali

**Approval of Agenda**

* Motion to amend the agenda to add the History Club Co-sponsorship Bill under New Business
* Motion was denied (VP claims all legislations must be sent 48 hours in advance, therefore the bill will not be added)
* Senators have the right to amend the agenda to include any legislation they want.
* Second motion to amend the agenda to add Senator Woods proposal.
* Proposal was sent on time but was rejected because it did not have five signatures (was not needed)
* The senators will not approve the agenda until the legislations are put on
* Legislations can not be voted on in Open Forum
* Senator Woods proposal will be discussed in Open Forum
* Constitutionally the senators have the right to amend the agenda, but it is courtesy to have it in 48 hours in advance.

\*10 minutes later\*

* Agenda is still not approved
* Motion to amend the agenda to have History Co-Sponsorship Bill added (urgent matter)

\*Another 10 minutes later\*

* Agenda is approved

**Approval of Minutes**

* Unanimously approved

**Executive Reports**

Treasurer Ali:

* Nothing to report

**Chief of Staff Bah:**

* SGA Giving Day should push for it
* Everything is updated in Campus Groups
* Thank you to committees for submitting their meeting minutes, keeping office clean, & doing office hours

**Secretary King:**

* Nothing to report

**Director Mthembu:**

* These meeting are being recorded, so review the link
* Any graduate students with issues please email sga@ubalt.edu

**Director Kahn:**

* Generate interest with the Hive & Barnes and Nobles for an art competition.
* Artists at UB can submit designs to put on an article of clothing to be sold at the Hive
* How proceeds would be directed

**Vice President Windear:**

* Need student representatives to fill University Wide Committees
* SGA rep. for Financial Student Advisory Board
* Undergrad rep. for General Education Council
* 2 Grad rep. for Graduate Council

**President Harper:**

* Satellite Location for gym
* Admissions needs SGA rep. to table (Nov. 10th)
* Dive deep into the data of the gym usage

**Speaker of the Senate Reports**

* Senate is going well
* Committee have met twice & all are working on something (legislations)
* Working on BPD
* Looking forward to having senate work on other items before semester finishes

**Committee Reports**

**Academics**

* Academics Policy Committee
* Student Complaint Policy is being looked at
* BPD (students want to know what SGA is doing)
* Reach out to Faculty Senate

**Campus Life**

* In the process of drafting a resolution for signage & recognition of gender-neutral bathrooms
* Discussed events to showcase student talent (Talent Show, Poetry Competition, etc.)
* Senator Lucas is in the process of planning a Chess Tournament in the spring
* Ideas/Proposals for BPD

**Finance**

* Continuation of Business Cards Pilot Program
* Awaiting a meeting with Career and Internship staff to see how the program will continue
* Adding line items from last year’s SGA to current budget (Regalia, BBC, etc.)
* History Club Co-Sponsorship Request
* Discussed why tuition reimbursement was delayed until 30 days after the start of the semester.

**Guest Speaker**

*Willow Goode & Carleen McLeod:*

Andrew Goodman Foundation

* Encourages voter registration and gets rid of obstacles preventing people from voting
* Focusing around voter suppression this year
* Trying to continue strengthening their presence on campus
* SGA representatives helped out with the Election Day Bash
* Rocking Rights Event in Nov. to inform people in Maryland about the upcoming elections
* Would like SGA’s help in getting the word out to other students
* Go to ubalt.edu/vote to check out page

**New Business**

BPD Education and Training Center at UB Resolution

* Resolution is the SGA’s release of our strategic plan regarding the BPD academy
* Advocates SGA to:

1. Release information relevant to the student body
2. Reliable medium to convey students concerns
3. Suggests that SGA negotiate with administration to advocate & accommodate student interest.

* Motion to vote on the legislation
* Unanimous vote the legislation passes (10-0)

***Senator Appointment***

Joseph Foley

* Motion to vote
* Unanimous vote
* Joseph Foley is now a senator

**History Club Co-Sponsorship Bill**

* Sponsor History Club with their trip to Philadelphia next semester
* Asking for $500
* Vice President Abraham:
* Trips have good feedback
* 2 days 1 overnight (3 museums & trips around Philadelphia)
* $500 will allow 2 more students come on the trip & hotels
* President wants History Club members to abstain from voting or having any input on the co-sponsorship bill
* Co-Sponsorship guidelines were sent to Finance committee 3 weeks ago & it was reviewed.
* President wants Speaker Norko to refrain from the financial side because it’s not fair
* President has not seen the co-sponsorship form (wants to know where it was sent)
* Motion to move bill to finance committee & it was seconded/approved
* President wants the bill to go somewhere else because the treasurer is in the History Club
* Eventually it will have to go to the Finance Committee

Motion to send bill to Academics committee

* Motion was approved

**Open Forum**

* Creating a Formal Process for Proposals
* Suggests a more interactive & effective form of communication between students, administration, & SGA
* Strengthen SGA’s presence on campus
* The idea is not meant to take away from the SGA email, but to offer ideas on how to enhance the process
* Students felt they weren’t apart of the decision-making process of the BPD, etc.
* More of an open web forum for students to share their ideas and talk to administrators.
* Creates a space where updated list of things that have changed or is currently being worked on around campus for students (lets students be apart of the decision process)
* Will reach students outside of campus
* President thinks it’s best to leverage what SGA has (Sga email)
* Creating a new email will only result in students not using that either
* Using Instagram, Twitter, etc. (notification on livestream, etc.)
* Once or twice a week have senators talk to people, etc.
* Students don’t know about office hours at all (members are sitting in a room for 3 hours with no students coming in)
* Creating a flyer
* Opening the suite door, so students could have access or having it somewhere else

**Advisor Comments**

* Good job on utilizing Roberts Rules
* Leadership Program

**Adjournment**